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## CUS Board of Directors Minutes

January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012

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**Start Time: 5:03pm**

**Present: Johannes, Graham, Jackie (skype), DavidH, Dylan (proxy Enzo), Klazina, Mandy, Jacky, Armin, Emmet, Anna, Aldora**

**Late: -**

**Regrets: Enzo, Tim**

### **Call to order and adoption of the agenda**

**- Adoption of Agenda**

### **Elections Policy Changes, Jacky- see attachment**

- For the elections policy, we don't need a photo for candidates
- Maria has changed some things that seemed a bit vague initially
- Johannes: with regard to the photo, we're not requiring a photo?
  - Graham: no, it's being taken by the elections committee
- Johannes: I disagree with this
- Klazina: it makes the job of the committee much easier though, they can take their own photos for everything else
- Jacky: we have added the Voter's Guide change
- Johannes: how's this different from the 150 word submission? Why are we rewriting this?
- Jacky: I know we deleted the tie-breaking addition, no coin flip, just a revote
- Johannes: for the section 4 c)ii, the campaigner election writeup, I disagree with this, I don't know why we need a 150 word writeup
- Dylan: it's to make sure you're committed to the position
- Johannes: they have to write for the voter's guide anyway
- Dylan: then they should take the voter's guide policy out
- Jacky: I will take that as a friendly amendment, section 4 c) ii to up to 200 words
- Graham: so you submit a writeup when you want to run, that will be posted online and in the voter's guide, the expectation will be that you use the same writeup rather than two separate write-ups

- Graham: new Section 6 I ii), include an autobiography from each candidate as outlined in section 4c ii)
- Johannes: Section 6 I i), we should have a picture of each candidate
- Graham: remind Jacky to go through and change the parentheses around the written numbers to the numerical numbers

Motion: Johannes, Klazina

*BIRT the CUS Board of Directors approves the proposed changes to the CUS Elections Policy for the upcoming 2012 CUS elections and 2012/2013 year.*

Voting Phase

**For: Unanimous**

*Motion passes.*

**Proposed Referendum Changes- Johannes- see attached**

- Johannes: I have been talking to a lot of people, the issue of alumni to student ration was an issue (4:11), if a student were elected speaker, it's 4:10, not a huge deal but it's been brought up, it's a very representational body
- Another issue was what kind of candidates we could get for alumni, JDC requires high commitment but they are pretty flexible, it's hard to schedule around alumni when they're working full time, especially when the ones we want on the board are probably working overtime, etc. We need a flexible enough process so that we're not limiting ourselves to the pool of candidates that we can get. If a student wants to get involved for the first time, there may be a strain between the student and alumni voice, we don't want a supervisory barrier between student opinion. A bigger issue altogether is that it's a big risk to go into a constitutional change. If we screw up one little thing, the only way to change it is to do another referendum or wait a year to do another referendum with the other elections. I don't know if this is the best way to do this based on the fact that we're doing this based on a lot of hypothesis. There are a few alternatives, we should explore the idea of an alumni advisory council that's struck and modified by the board. They could meet up with 5-6 alums once every month or so and can give us perspective on things that actually matter. If we need to talk to them about big issues, but they don't have to hang around for student-related issues at meetings, this makes it more flexible. It seems like there's enough reason to wait before we write this change in stone. If this is the wrong move to be making right now, we might not know it, and then the next year's team has to deal with it. I motion to amend the referendum to remove the changes specific to the alumni board, the additions for the nominations committee, the addition for the alumni board, the addition of the clauses that affect honorary CUS memberships for alumni, and we leave some of the janitorial and grammatical checks to pass, and then the turnover clause as well as the elected speaker clause.

### Questions/ Discussion

- Dylan: can we create an alumni board without referendum?
  - Yes
- Johannes: what do alumni want out of this? To give back perhaps, we'd have to ask them
- Anna: I think they want to give input on things we don't necessarily know about, but I agree that they don't need to be at every meeting

### Motion: Johannes, Klazina

*BIRT the CUS Board of Directors removes the proposed CUS constitutional changes specific to the alumni board, the addition of the nominations committee, and the addition of the clauses that affect honorary CUS memberships for alumni that are to be brought to referendum during the 2012 elections cycle.*

### Voting Phase

**For: Unanimous**

*Motion passes.*

*Adjournment of meeting*

**Next Meeting: January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012 6pm**

**Adjournment**

*BIRT the meeting is adjourned*

**End time: 5:50pm**