



MEETING MINUTES

ELECTION COMMITTEE

LOCATION: CAMPUS CLUB BOARDROOM, GORDON WILLEY BUILDING

DATE: FEBRUARY 7, 2013

TIME: 4:00

PRESENT:

Christopher Van Berkum, Chief Returning Officer
 Angelo Pineda, Deputy Returning Officer
 Jeremy Baarbe, Board of Director Representative
 Laetitia Ndong, Student Representative
 Rachel Calvelli, President
 Kyle Kellar, Board of Director Representative, Chair

REGRETS:

Rebecca Anne Bloom, Student Representative
 David Cook, General Manager
 Donna Judson, Office and Health Plan Coordinator

MINUTE TAKER:

Rachel Calvelli, President

OPENING:

Kyle Kellar, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:07pm and reported quorum was met with 3 students and 4 nonvoting staff present.

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEM/FOLLOW UP
ADDITIONS OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA	There were no additions to the agenda	
APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA	Moved by Laetitia Ndong; seconded by Jeremy Baarbe; That the agenda be approved as circulated. <p style="text-align: right;">Motion Carried</p>	
DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST	No conflict of interest was declared.	
APPROVAL CONSENT AGENDA	<u>Consent Agenda</u> Moved by Laetitia Ndong; seconded by Jeremy Baarbe; That the Consent Agenda be approved.	



	Motion Carried	
	The Consent Agenda included the meeting minutes from February 4, 2013. The approved meeting minutes will be posted on the Student Association website.	
DISCUSSION	<p><u>Infractions</u> Discussion was opened by Jeremy Baarbe;</p> <p>Concern was raised about the role of the committee in deciding infractions of candidates according to the Elections Policy and acting as some type of tribunal. Preference may be to be made aware of infractions rather than a decision making-body.</p> <p>CRO did bring a complaint to the elections committee in the beginning of the Election but the Chair of the Appeals Committee was concerned this breached the Appeals Committees role and so CRO stopped this process as per this concern.</p> <p>Jeremy Baarbe would like to be apprised of infractions when they come in to ensure that the committee's perception of overseeing Elections is maintained and in line with past precedent. Elections Committee should review how this process worked in the past.</p>	Action: Committee will send their information to Chris so that he can forward decision on infractions moving forward.
REPORTING	<p><u>CRO Update</u></p> <p>CRO updated on the fact that disciplinary actions has been taking up most of his time in the last few days as the campaign has heated up. Challenge is the 24-hour window that a decision must be made on the allegations and forums have slowed down the process. Three warnings have been given out thus far and are up in the CRO office for pre-campaigning prior to the elections period opening. Two infractions have been given out for poster misplacement by candidates. Complaints were given about two presidential candidates for misleading information about another candidate which the CRO is reviewing today. A blanket warning was given out to all candidates about poster placement due to so many candidates violating the same policy and confusion about where candidates can post. Another warning was given about two candidates having the intention to cross-campaign. CRO will recommend that 24-hours are not enough turnaround time for a decision to be made. Another factor is that there are many more candidates this year than there were last year resulting in more work for the CRO/DRO.</p> <p>The Durham College poster policy and changes to the policy has cost the CRO a lot of time as well as the</p>	



	<p>process for booking and approving things. The Elections Policy and the DC policy explain areas that cannot be posted and the restrictions are convoluted and difficult and they didn't receive these rules prior to the elections. CRO made the reasonable interpretation of the DC Policy to mean that 3 metres away from a bulletin board was fine, but the institutions said it was not. This caused issues and posters were taken down by the college. CRO would like to reimburse candidates for the posters being taken down if it is allowable in the budget.</p> <p>CRO discussed another issue from the institutions in that RISK said that candidates could not give out anything unless a space was booked from. Institutions are making it extremely difficult to allow for a robust election which allows for better voter participation. CRO updated that the North Campus Forum had many technical difficulties and poor scheduling which resulted in lower turnout. Whitby Campus was as good as last year. Downtown was the same as last year too but a different location there were no classes scheduled downtown.</p> <p>DRO recommended that the forums move back to 11 a.m. start time.</p> <p>Rachel Calvelli asked if any students submitted questions to the forums but there were none reported by the CRO.</p> <p>UOIT rejected all candidates' requests for digital signage because of brand standards. DC should be allowing the signage. CRO recommends that the SA open up our policies more for candidates and rely less on the institutions, we should allow candidates to campaign in our areas.</p>	<p>Action: The CRO will reimburse candidates up to 100% for DC Director and VP College Candidates and up to 50% for Presidential Candidates for poster costs and the costs won't be counted toward the Expense Reports.</p>
NEXT MEETING	The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 8 th , 2013 at 12:00 pm.	

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was terminated at 5:00 pm