



NOMINATING COMMITTEE MINUTES

2014 – 2015

Date: July 15th 2014

Time: 5.37 pm

In Attendance:

MARINA BANISTER (Chair)

ROGER CROUTZE

KATHRYN ORYDZUK

NAVNEET KHINDA

AIMAN ZEINEDDINE

Excused Absence:

INSUNG PEAK

BRITTANY BRYCE

Others in Attendance:

SACHITHA KUSALADHARMA

1. CALL TO ORDER: *BANISTER moved to call the meeting to order.
The motion was seconded by CROUTZE.
CARRIED*

The meeting was called to order by BANISTER at 5.37 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA *Friendly.*

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES *Friendly.*

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS BANISTER: Let me give a short introduction on what we are discussing today. We want to see whether our Standing Orders make sense. We'll do this at the end.

President Lau asked me to give three names to fill a board which still hasn't been named for the University of Alberta Mental Health Campaign. Vice-

president Diaz asked for three members to fill the Health & Dental Committee. Vice-president Orydzuk asked for seven members for the Student Library Advisory Committee, and members for the United Way Campus Campaign.

5. OLD BUSINESS

Reviewing Standing Orders

BANISTER: We should go through our Standing Orders to see if they make sense. One Councilor told me that part E of Section 3 can be interpreted as the Nominating Committee having authority over all other committees regarding attendance.

CROUTZE: Maybe you can add the word “Nominating Committee” to 3 E.

ORYDZUK: Well these are the Standing Orders of the Nominating Committee!

KHINDA: This is about the membership of the Nominating Committee. It’s implicit.

BANISTER: So does the committee think it is worth to change the wording?

The committee agreed not to change the wording.

6. NEW BUSINESS

University of Alberta Mental health Campaign

BANISTER: We are actually nominating three people for this. But, only one person will be picked. President Lau said he wanted to have a backup if the nominees quit. That’s why we are sending him three names. SO, if one or two quit, there will still be someone to take up the position. We are actually shortlisting candidates.

Anyway, this is not a Students’ Union (SU) thing. There’s no idea what the commitment is either.

Nobody here has been on the Nominating Committee before. This is our first real case! I wish I had brought Discover Governance (DG) in. Let’s brainstorm how we are going to do this. The best thing to use for advertising would be *Jobkin*.

KHINDA: We can use our individual facebook pages to advertise.

ORYDZUK: We can also use volunteer pages.

BANISTER: Don’t you see the dilemma of posting Nominating Committee stuff on our personal facebook pages. The viewership would only be those who are friends with us.

KHINDA: We can put it on *Jobkin*, and then share the *Jobkin* advertisement on our facebook pages.

ORYDZUK: Yes. It would be more problematic if it was done only via our

facebook pages.

CROUTZE: So what does this position entail?

BANISTER: It's a volunteer position. Not a job.

ORYDZUK: We can use SUTV, but it costs money.

CROUTZE: We can also use posters.

BANISTER: Do we want to reach Faculty Associations?

ORYDZUK: Only if it is really faculty specific.

BANISTER: If we leave it at *Jobkin* and facebook, I think it will be sufficient.

KHINDA: Yes. Councillors can also inform their friends.

BANISTER: For President Lau's request, there is no time to post on *Jobkin*. We'll have to post on our facebook pages, and on facebook groups.

Would you like to have a "Nominating Committee" group where you can post on "Overheard at the University of Alberta"?

CROUTZE: That is better than posting myself. But, if we post it in a group like "Overheard at the University of Alberta", they may delete it if they think it is spam.

ORYDZUK: Let's have a trial run and see how it works.

BANISTER: Hypothetically, if we get say 17 applications, how do we move forward?

ORYDZUK: We can go through them in our next meeting.

BANISTER: President Lau asked for the names by July 17. I think there's no time now. We'll just not fill it. We don't have to fill everything. I know it's not the most transparent thing where President Lau selects the members, but there's simply no time now. Also this is not a SU thing. So, is the committee okay with not filling this?

The committee agreed.

BANISTER: There may be last minute things which may come up. However, this is not an example of such.

United Way Campus Campaign

ORYDZUK: I can potentially appoint a councillor or we can use the Nominating Committee.

KHINDA: You can also ask student staff members.

ORYDZUK: It's usually tough to fill the committees. If no one is interested, I'll turn to the Nominating Committee.

Health and Dental Committee

BANISTER: The next one is the Health and Dental Committee. This needs

three people by August. They talk about the Health and Dental Plan. Let's discuss the timeline for this.

August 26 would be our last day to finalize the members we nominate. We will decide on the call on July 29, and I will put it out on July 30.

ORYDZUK: Why not put out the call this week.

BANISTER: Yes. Let's put out the call on July 16.

KHINDA: We can have the deadline set at August 5.

BANISTER: But, we will be reviewing them on our August 12 meeting. Why not have the deadline then?

ORYDZUK: We need a week before the meeting to go over the applications.

BANISTER: Okay. Let's use *Jobkin* and facebook as we decided.

ZEINEDDINE: Can we use CAPS?

KHINDA: I think CAPS is more oriented towards jobs.

ORYDZUK: Vice-president Diaz should give you the description for the position. The person requiring seats to be filled should usually provide it.

CROUTZE: I wouldn't mind seeing it.

BANISTER: Okay.

There's no email for the Nominating Committee. It's better to have one instead of requests coming to the personal email of the Chair.

KHINDA: You can talk to Craig about it.

BANISTER: On the July 29th meeting, let's decide on the selection criteria.

ORYDZUK: Wouldn't you need the criteria before you post?

KHINDA: It would depend on the description. You can ask Vice-president Diaz for that.

BANISTER: Would we give preference to a person who was there before? There is no better relevant experience! But, on the other hand, shouldn't we give the chance to qualified new people to be on the committee? I'm personally a bit iffy about it.

ORYDZUK: It's very common to have people who were there before.

CROUTZE: It's not cool to not allow new people. But, it's not good to bar a student just because he/she was there before. If they have done well, why not have them again?

BANISTER: Okay. Let's do this on a case by case basis then.

Library Advisory Committee

ORYDZUK: Seven students are needed for this. They have been talking about this for a really long time. This is a really important committee. There is still no specific timeline. I don't have further information about this. I will ask them.

BANISTER: My preference is to give several different committee calls at the same time. But, if you guys want to have them separate, I'm fine with it.

KHINDA: Do you mean that a student would send 1 CV for both calls? For example, for this and the Health and Dental Committee.

BANISTER: I'm comfortable with that as long as the applicant touches why he/she is applying for the particular committees.

KHINDA: It's not a big deal.

BANISTER: Let's say if a student applies for the Health and Dental Committee. Shall we ask him/her whether he would like to hear about further openings, and keep his/her contacts? We can create a list of such contacts, and email them about openings.

CROUTZE: It's good as long as you ask for permission.

BANISTER: Yes. It's okay if we ask them.

Do you (ORYDZUK) know when they would need the positions filled? I don't want to get a description at the last moment.

ORYDZUK: I don't have further information. They want to conduct a proper consultation before they proceed.

7. CLOSED SESSION *NIL*

8. NEXT MEETING *July 29, 2014 at 5.30 pm.*

9. ADJOURNMENT ***BANISTER moved to adjourn the meeting.***
Vote 5/0/0
CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned by BANISTER at 6.14 pm.