

## **UNIVERSITY OF REGINA STUDENTS' UNION**

### **ELECTORAL REFORM COMMITTEE**

#### **LIST OF MEMBERS' SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS RESULTING FROM THE MEETING HELD: TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2011, 5:30PM**

##### **SLATES**

- URSU continue to allow candidates run as a slate, but better outline rules and implications (KA);
- Investigate how funds can be used inter-slate (SS);
- Limit slates to executive positions (CRO).

##### **SPENDING**

- Increase spending limit (KA);
- Public funding (through reimbursement of receipts) of URSU election candidates (KP).

##### **CHIEF RETURNING OFFICER**

- Review the manner in which the Chief Returning Officer is appointed (SS);
- Process of disqualifying a candidate, and if the CRO should have the final say (SS);
- Mandate CRO to make recommendations as part of contract (MB).

##### **CAMPAIGN POLICY (PROCEDURE, PENALTIES, ETC)**

- Board position be elected by only the students they represent – self-declaration in the case of interest-based board seats (MB);
- Should candidate be able to run for both executive positions and senate positions? (KA);
- Allow campaigning on voting days (KA);
- Should candidates be able to run for board and senate positions? (SG);
- Pictures accompanying names on the electronic ballot (SS);
- Mandatory meeting with CRO prior to seeking nomination (KP);
- Verbal/physical abuse or intimidation of the CRO be considered an election offense (CRO);
- Candidate withdrawal be changed to seven days prior to the first day of voting (CRO);
- Include terms for candidate disqualification in Offenses and Penalties (CRO);
- Add guidelines for vote garnishing in the event of a serious election offense that does not warrant disqualification (CRO);
- If a candidate fails to flag problems with the ballot during the inspection period, the ballot shall remain as presented (CRO);
- Clearly outline what actions will be taken in the event of spending violations (CRO).

##### **OTHER**

- Review board structure – are there unrepresented groups? (MB);
- Mandate student senators work with the board (MB);
- Look into a code of conduct for the Carillon during URSU elections (JP);
- Candidates sign contract with nomination in the event they are elected (MB);
- Seek formal agreement with U of R for use of UR Self Serve for electronic voting (CRO);
- URSU purchase privacy screens for computers to protect secrecy of the ballots;
- Mandatory board vote on CRO recommendations;
- Correct by-laws to note which faculties appoint their representative (CRO);
- URSU hired a skilled person dedicated to election promotions (CRO).

### **LEGEND**

- *KP indicates Kent Peterson;*
- *MB indicates Mike Burton;*
- *KA indicates Kyle Addison;*
- *SG indicates Shayna Glass;*
- *JP indicates Jordan Palmer;*
- *SS indicates Sonia Stanger;*
- *CRO indicates Chief Returning Officer.*