

Open Members Meeting
Thursday, December 10th, 2020
Via Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m. with Kaivalya Dahale as chairperson and Bonnie Williams as secretary.

1.1 It was:

MOVED by Cole Ayerst, SECONDED by Vishal Harikrishnan and CARRIED to approve the agenda.

A vote was held. The motion was passed by the Members.

FSU President's Welcome - Katyayini Thakur

Katyayini welcomed the Members to the Open Members Meeting and thanked them for their participation at the meeting. Katyayini noted the FSU Board of Directors (Student Administrative Council) approved the amendments of the FSU Bylaws on November 19th, 2020 in a Board Meeting and has now called an Open Members Meeting to seek ratification of the these amendments.

Katyayini explained some of the proposed Bylaw amendments were included to provide clarification in regards to the governance process and legal requirements, however, the amendments centre around two key items; revising the definition of an FSU Member and the role, responsibilities and accountability of the FSU President and the General Manager in relation to the Board.

New Business

a. Presentation of the Proposed Bylaw Amendments - Katyayini presented the proposed Bylaw amendments to the Members. All proposed amendments were discussed and explanations were provided to the Members. Katyayini explained that the proposed revision to the definition of an FSU Member would include those full-time students who are actively progressing within a program, for example; students on co-op or on an official break semester. Furthermore, Katyayini stated the role, responsibilities and accountability of the FSU President and the General Manager, in relation to the Board, were adapted to provide more clarity, accountability and transparency to each role.

It was explained that the Members will have the opportunity to ask questions and/or discuss the Bylaws. A concern was brought forward regarding the time commitment and the potential inability of a Member, who may be in a co-op semester, to fulfil the duties of a Director. It was explained that Board Meetings are scheduled around academic schedules and work schedules, however if it is found that the student is unable to fulfil the duties of the role, as per Bylaws, the steps of resignation would be followed by the student and/or the Board.

The voting process was explained to the Members. It was explained that the vote would be completed by a statement of objection to the motion which means if a Member is opposed to the motion, the Member would state the opposition in the chat feature of Zoom. If a Member does not state opposition and/or abstain from the vote, the Members vote would be counted in favour of the motion.

1.2 It was:

MOVED by Suman D'Sa, SECONDED by Stacyann Stanley and CARRIED to approve the proposed Bylaws Amendments, as presented.

A vote was held and the motion was passed by the Members. One Member, Cole Ayerst, abstained from the vote for personal reasons.

Other Business from Members:

There was no business brought forward by the Members.

Adjournment:

1.3 It was:

MOVED by Cole Ayerst, SECONDED by Vishal Harikrishnan and CARRIED to adjourn the meeting at 5:12 p.m.