Minutes for the Constitutional Approval meeting held on July 30th, 2004

Attendance (name/e-mail/affiliation)

Shaun Webb
Sara Iwaasa
Xiaodi Sun
George Leung
Eugene Chan
Jeff Sipko
Dany Ayvazov

Tim Kim
Dominic Lau
Morgan Kowalski
John Boxall
Jen Fernquist
Angelica Lim

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somewhere in the future

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guaranteed placement

undeclared

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Meeting called to order at 16:42

Agenda:

Open Floor

Eugene Chin

Constitutional Approval

Open floor

Noah motions for up to and including \$1000 of CSSS funds to fund frosh activities
Dany seconds
Motion passes

Noah motions to request the SFSS grant us up to and including \$1000 to fund frosh activities

George seconds

Motion passes

Constitutional Approval

Main differences from current constitution and new constitution:

-less spelling mistakes

-VPO - chair all meetings or delgate said task, PR for CSSS, assume duties of president if president cannot carry them out, have signing authority, write continuity report, provide communications between grads & alumni and CSSS

-Exec at large - share responisbility of CSSS and resources, be available to work, designed to introduce people to the executive

-President, Vice-Presidents, and Treasurer must be 1 year terms, Secretary and Exec at large will be one semester terms, one year terms are designed in order to keep better relations with society & department

-need written nominations 24 hours before elections to the President, if unfilled position, do it at next general meeting

-unfortunately, it's not lemon scented like Morgan would have hoped, but Noah's working on lilac scenting

Amendments:

-bylaws & policies of the CSSS should be consistent with SFSS (discussion yields an amendment to just bylaws, since policies are too easy to change)

-add preamble to officer section so you don't have to read further into constitution to get the gist of it

-change "CSSS run" to "CSSS sponsored" in activities section

-under Secretary's duties: Secretary shall post minutes near CSCR and post electronically to mail list (which is currently being done anyways, this is just to formalize it)

-"student untion field worker" is changed to "student union organizer" because that's the title now

-forum rep: "as directed by membership" was added

-no proxy voting including electronic ballots (made explicit)

-"nominations can accepted in writing to the President" instead of just "nominations accepted in writing"

-if a person cannot do his duties after one month, he can ask for leave and appoint an interim until he comes back

-standing orders will be appended to constitution (ie stuff like not needing voting in general meetings to pay for Coke deliveries/Friday pizza orders)

-amendments to be made will be posted in common room and electronic lists

-if the society dissolves, its assets will be put into trust for 2 years, so if some new CSSS starts up, they get the stuff instead of the SFSS getting the stuff

Hattie also suggests we shorten our amendment notice from 6 weeks. There's good & bad about it, small amendments take too long to accomplish but large ones that may be radical wouldn't provide enough notice if we shorten it too much.

Other student unions are about 2-3 weeks. We have it 6 weeks because we want to be serious about the changes.

Eligibility requirements for President, Treasurer: must be declared major/minor/honours in cmpt. This means not every member can run for these positions.

There's pros and cons; it means the Society is sort of tiered in membership, but it is desirable that the people in these positions have a stake in the school and some kind of investment in the university.

However, if someone qualified doesn't run, a member run if unopposed in the meeting.

Forum rep can be any member now instead of requiring needing to be a major. We don't have control over this anyways.

Noah motions we adopt proposed amendments with the changes agreed in this meeting, to the constitution added to the minutes of this meeting. Mike seconds
Motion passes

Noah motions we adopt the constitution Yang seconds Motion passes

Motion to adjourn, none opposed Motion adjoured at 17:30