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From the office of the…

Bylaws and Procedures Commissioner

TO:	Student Representative Assembly
FROM:	Carter McInnis – Bylaws and Procedure Commissioner
SUBJECT:	Bylaw 10 Revisions
DATE:	November 11, 2015

Dear Assembly,

I believe that the moved amendments to Bylaw 10 – Elections should not be approved as written and circulated at the upcoming SRA 15J. Although the amendments were approved by a quorate vote of the Bylaws and Procedures Committee at our meeting held on Thursday October 29th, 2015, there are a number of circumstances that must be taken into consideration when reviewing this motion.

This motion was voted upon with only 3 voting members of the B&P Committee after two other voting members had to leave in the last few minutes of the meeting due to other commitments. It was brought forward with approximately 5 minutes left of our scheduled meeting, and there was no discussion with respect to the revisions, other than referencing the concerns that were raised at SRA 15G. Upon seeing the proposed revisions, I communicated to the committee that the Elections Department as well as the VP (Finance) should be consulted prior to these revisions, as these revisions directly impact the operations of the Elections department.

Due to the time restrictions between this meeting and submitting the appropriate documentation, appropriate consultation was not possible, and I was only able to briefly alert Priya and Helen (CRO and DRO) of the revisions. Although the revisions were approved by the B&P Committee at quorum, a number of the members who voted in favour of the revisions may have done so assuming that appropriate consultation would be possible for submitting them to the SRA.

As a result, I believe that the SRA should not approve the Bylaw 10 revisions as circulated at SRA 15J. This will allow time for appropriate consultation and

discussions within the B&P Committee as these revisions directly impact the operations and budget of the Elections Department.

Please do not hesitate to send me an email if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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