
General Meeting Minutes

Room LB 322, 11:40 a.m. – 12:50 p.m., Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Chaired by John Wilson, President.

A. Agenda Approval

Moved by Towser Jones and seconded by Mark Battersby

To approve the agenda as circulated via email.

Carried.

B. Approval of Minutes for March 2, 2010

Moved by Melanie Fahlman-Reid and seconded by Daniel Frankel

That the minutes of March 2, 2010, be approved as circulated via email.

Carried.

C. Announcements

1. Costing Committee Support Group

The chair reminded people about the support group and asked interested members to send an email to the CFA office.

In response to questions from the floor, he said volunteering for the support group would involve only this round of bargaining. The CFA would like to have a broader group of members with an understanding of the costing aspects of the Collective Agreement. The group would have access to all the financial information made available as part of the bargaining process.

2. Community Forum Sponsored by Human Rights Committee

The chair reminded members about the upcoming lunch forum being sponsored by the North Shore Welcoming Action committee on Tuesday, March 30, 2010. Interested people should contact Richard Brand or the CFA office.

3. Upcoming General Meetings

The chair said Executive elections would take place on April 6, 2010, if the relevant constitutional changes were passed. There will be no general meeting on April 20. Stewards and coordinators training is scheduled for May 3, and the CFA AGM is May 4. Lou, in the CFA office, will need committee reports by April 22, 2010.



D. Vote - Constitutional Changes

The Chair noted that these proposed changes had been discussed at the March 2, 2010, meeting. The Chair indicated that unless the membership would rather consider the amendments individually a motion to approve as a whole would be sought.

Moved by Towser Jones and seconded by Denis Dubord

That the constitutional amendments be approved as circulated.

Before the changes were voted on, questions from the floor were answered: past practices were explained; voting via video may be a future option.

A member expressed reluctance of allowing the president to reallocate duties that come from positions that have significant release time. The president said the re-assignment of duties that include section release would have to come back to the membership for endorsement. The 1st vice president said that the occasional re-assignment of tasks helps with succession planning and can expand and preserve the knowledge base.

The motion was voted on and carried unanimously.

In light of the new constitutional changes, the chair said Executive nomination forms would be sent out by email today. He said they should be filled in and returned to the CFA office by March 30, so that a list of candidates can be sent to the membership before the elections on April 6. Faculty must be CFA members to run and nominate. (If unsure about your membership status contact the CFA office and Lou will check.) There will be no incumbents running for secretary and 2nd vice president.

E. Bargaining Update

The meeting moved in camera.

The meeting came out of in camera.

F. Adjournment

Nanci Lucas and Towser Jones moved
that the meeting be adjourned at 12:27.

Carried.