

Gateway Student Journalism Society

Meeting Minutes
November 16 2022

Opening

The regular meeting of the Gateway Student Journalism Society was called to order at 6:04 via Google Meets by Mitchell PAWLUK.

Present

PAWLUK, Mitchell
MACATANGAY, Arthur
WILLIAMS, Emily
KOSAK, Dan
BROOKS, Sam
KERR, Lochlann
TEELING, Katie

Absent:

VILLOSO, Julia
TYAGI, Aishwarya
DAUM, Evan
AVILA, Rebeca
CRAIG, Lee

Special motion

PAWLUK suggests the discussion of the unpublishing policy be special ordered to be discussed after the minutes.

Moved by WILLIAMS

Seconded by KOSAK

The motion passes unanimously.

Approval of the Agenda:

Moved by WILLIAMS

Seconded by KOSAK

There are no votes in opposition.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by WILLIAMS

Seconded by BROOKS

There are no votes in opposition.

For discussion:

WILLIAMS presents the unpublishing policy.

WILLIAMS presents The Gateway Unpublishing Policy, pointing out that an appeal can be made to the Chair of the Board, which is PAWLUK, which will be overseen by the OMBUDS and the chair. WILLIAMS doesn't think this should be the policy, and wonders who the OMBUDS person should be.

BROOKS says that he likes it, but the OMBUDS person and role should be explained, and what their authority is. BROOKS also says that there should be something that references the correction policy.

KERR asks WILLIAMS why she wants to put this in bylaw, as opposed to operating policy.

WILLIAMS says maybe it doesn't make sense, and should be put into operating policy instead, which would be way easier. WILLIAMS also says that there isn't a lot of information on the OMBUDS person on the site, and that currently, it is the chair of the board, which she disagrees with. WILLIAMS continues by saying that the OMNIBUDS person shouldn't be a person currently on staff, or someone on staff last year.

BROOKS says that he doesn't know the origin of the OMNIBUDS person. He says that bylaw needs to be repealed before operating policy can go into effect, since bylaw is higher than operating policy. He continues by saying that it doesn't really matter whether the society, bylaw, or operating policy holds this policy. But, having the unpublishing policy in bylaw will make it more strict and seem more serious. BROOKS recommends that whoever is chosen for the

OMNIBUDS person should have editorial experience. It should be a grown-up in the industry, and who brings authority to the position.

KERR says that this is a policy that will change. He says that maybe a policy relying on bringing in new people won't be entirely realistic. Instead, KERR says this policy should be entrusted to people who are already clearly dedicated, like the board.

PAWLUK says that he agrees, and that the OMNIBUDS should be conceptualized more clearly.

KOSAK says that he is more in favour of it being a policy, as it makes it more nimble and allows for more flexibility.

KERR says that if bylaw is the route the board wants to go, there might not be enough time before the SGM on November 28th, 2022.

WILLIAMS says that bylaw changes have more authority and tend to last longer, so she wouldn't want to rush this. However, the appointment could be a whole new conversation at a different board meeting. She continues by saying the board should write this into policy, then write a bylaw for the end of the year.

PAWLUK says that he agrees, and that this should be moved for later discussion.

KERR suggests that he presents the bylaw changes ahead of the SGM.

WILLIAMS motions.

KOSAK seconds the motion.

The motion passes unanimously.

KERR starts by saying that he wants to amend one of the bylaws that would allow volunteers who have written three articles in the previous 365 days to vote at general meetings, as opposed to the previous five. KERR hopes that this will allow us to increase membership. KERR also wants to amend the Society's bylaws by striking out "he or she" from Article 4.2.4, from both instances in Article 4.9.2, and from Article 9.2.2 and inserting "they" instead.

WILLIAMS motions to approve these bylaw changes ahead of the SGM.

KOSAK seconds the motion.

The motion passes unanimously.

Reports to the Board

WILLIAMS presents the Editor-in-Chief report.

WILLIAMS says that there isn't a ton, and that the report is very short. She says that they're planning another print edition in January, which she hopes the new Deputy Editors can be involved in. WILLIAMS says she's training them on Friday. She also says that the audit is well underway. She continues by saying that Emma Jones has accessed the Alumni Association, which holds the emails to many alumni. WILLIAMS also says that The Gateway has started a podcast, which she is very excited about, since it hasn't been done in several years.

BROOKS asks if WILLIAMS wants any kind of a board presence at the SGM.

WILLIAMS says that she doesn't think she'll need them, but that they're more than welcome if they want to. She points out that the SGM is at 4:00 p.m. on a Monday, which can be hard for those who have jobs. But, WILLIAMS says that everyone will be moving to Dewey's after if board members want to go to that.

BROOKS says that it might be useful for a seasoned board member to explain bylaws and policies to those present, and maybe executives would like to have backup.

WILLIAMS says that for this one, since the bylaw changes aren't too contentious this round, they should be good for the SGM.

KERR presents the Executive Director report.

KERR says that they're wrapping up the audit, which is the main thing he's dealing with. KERR also mentions that the lease has still not been given by the Students' Union, and that they've asked for another extension. KERR mentions that the SU said that they don't know how much the rent and fees will increase. KERR also mentions that they're paying the September rate, not a raised one. KERR continues by saying that the website that stole The Gateway's articles never responded to his two cease and desist letters, but that they have stopped posting his articles.

PAWLUK says that he is going to bring this up to VILLOSO, since it isn't sustainable to operate without a lease. After three months of extensions, it's ridiculous to not know what the rent increase will be, he says. PAWLUK mentions that KERR should reach out to someone near the top.

BROOKS raises a point of order, mentioning that the board is about to lose quorum since KOSAK has to leave at 7:00 p.m.. He also mentions that the board should move in-camera if there is going to be continued discussion on the lease and operating policies.

BROOKS motions to move in camera.

WILLIAMS seconds.

There is no opposition.

The board moves in camera at 6:54 p.m..

WILLIAMS motions to move out of camera.

KOSAK seconds.

The board moves out of camera at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

WILLIAMS motions to adjourn.

KOSAK seconds the motion.

The board unanimously votes to adjourn.

The meeting is adjourned at 7:00 p.m..

Minutes submitted by: Katie Teeing