



# Staff Council Standing Committee Minutes

**Committee Name:** Rules and Elections

**Meeting Date and Place:** Wednesday, January 25, 2023, 10AM-11AM @ via Zoom

**Members Present:** Angela Beauchamp, Sierra Cushing, Mark Fischer, Bryn McCabe-Kelley, Nancy Shane

**Excused Absent:**

**Members Absent:**

**Guests Present:** Amy Hawkins, Adam Hathaway, Joseph Lane

**Minutes Submitted by:** Mark Fischer

	Subject	Item	Notes
1.	Call to Order	Mark Fischer	Meeting started at 10:03AM
2.	Indigenous Peoples' Land and Territory Acknowledgement		Read by Sierra Cushing
3.	Approval of Agenda		Approved
4.	Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes		Approved
5.	Unfinished Business		None
6.	New Business	<p>a. <b>Review of Staff Council Grade Elections calendar.</b> Mark reviewed the calendar with the committee. Identified dates requiring committee meetings for conducting business according to the SC Election Code. Amy Hawkins provided information on processes she is responsible for in the process.</p> <p>b. <b>Review of the Grade Councilor constituent distribution for 2023 election.</b> Mark shared the breakdown for 30 Grade Councilor positions. Discussion within committee regarding grouping G5 and G6 versus keeping G5-7 grouped. Decision was made to maintain G5-7 group. Discussion on grouping G8 and G9. Decision was to keep them grouped. Discussion on grouping G16-G19. Decision to keep the grouped. Committee voted that this will be what we present to the full Staff council at the February 2023 business meeting for approval</p> <p>c. <b>Discussion on language for Grade Election Staff communication.</b> The committee reviewed the communication</p>	

		<p>verbiage from the 2021 Grade Elections. The committee decided that the verbiage needs to be updated with current dates. Updated links will be added by the SC Administrator for Opinio when available. Bryn recommended adding language that new nominees will have support from current councilors. Will work on draft language for next meeting. Committee members agreed to review for changes and this will be finalized at next meeting for the SC Administrator to submit to Opinio by required timeline.</p> <p>d. Discussion on consideration of a Standing Rule for process of appointment of Staff councilors to vacancies outside of the election.</p> <p>The committee began discussion of creating a Standing Rule to assist the SC Speaker in the process of soliciting and appointing staff to vacant Councilor seats outside the elections. The SC Administrator and the SC Parliamentarian provided historical comments to the committee members to provide context on how this process played out differently in the past depending on the current SC Speaker. The committee decided that we would continue this conversation and solicit ideas from the SC Speaker on any process we develop in the future. This will be an ongoing task.</p>	
7.	<b>Announcements</b>		
8.	<b>Adjournment</b>	Next meeting Wednesday February 8, 2023 from 10AM-11AM @ Zoom	Meeting adjourned at 11:17AM