

Fulcrum Publishing Society
Board of Directors
MINUTES

Monday, September 28th, 2020
Google Hangouts
Special Meeting of the Board

Present: Kate Murray, Justin Turcotte, Kalki Nagaratnam, David Champion-Smith

J. Turcotte opened the meeting at 5:05pm.

J. Turcotte motioned to approve the single item agenda, which is the language of the Fulcrum. K. Nagaratnam seconded the motion. All voted in favour and the motion passed.

D. Champion-Smith served as the Chair for the meeting.

J. Turcotte began by explaining why he called a special meeting of the Board. He explained that he saw a Fulcrum article posted on the Fulcrum's Instagram, and both the social media post and article were bilingual. J. Turcotte argued that publishing bilingual content opens up a can of worms. He stated that he looked into the Fulcrum's Bylaws and nowhere does it say that the Fulcrum only publishes in English. J. Turcotte continued, saying that "The Big Three" (the Fulcrum's Bylaws, Policy Manual, and Editorial Constitution) do all define what the Fulcrum is, "the University of Ottawa's English-language newspaper, which is published and owned by the Corporation."

J. Turcotte noted that the Human Resources committee discussed the situation and believes that it's not okay. He said that he prepared a motion regarding the Fulcrum's language of publication, which he proceeded to read aloud. J. Turcotte added that in preparing the motion, he consulted the Bylaws regarding Editorial content.

The Board talked about different scenarios regarding the article, and ultimately decided to do nothing about it.

J. Turcotte stated that the Board can pass the motion as a provisional bylaw amendment, and briefly explained the process for this. He added that he'll call Charley to explain the situation and the motion.

J. Turcotte motioned to approve the motion and provisional Bylaw amendment regarding the Fulcrum's language of publication. K. Murray seconded the motion. All voted in favour and the motion passed.

K. Nagaratnam wondered what would happen if two people were against it. J. Turcotte replied that it gets defeated and the Board will have to revisit at the 2021 Annual General Meeting.

J. Turcotte motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:35pm. All voted in favour and the motion passed.