

The regular meeting of the Federation of Students Students' Council was called to order at 12:42 PM on Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014 in SLC 1120/1121. The Speaker in the chair was Sean Hunt and Julia Meriel served as Secretary.

President Collins proposed a motion with the following wording:  
BIRT Council removes Academic Commissioners Report and Stakeholders Lab from the agenda.

Therefore, the meeting carried on according to the following agenda:

### **Approval of the Agenda**

1. That the agenda for this meeting be adopted.

Reading and Approval of the Minutes

2. **Minutes:** *Minutes of March meeting* ([attachment 01](#)).

Adoption of the Consent Agenda

3. **Reports**
  - a. **Executives**
    - i. **President**
      1. **Motion: Special Committees**
    - ii. **Vice-President, Operations** ([attachment 02](#))
  - b. **Representatives**
    - i. **Doug Turner** ([attachment 03](#))
  - c. **Officers of Council**
    - i. **Speaker**
      1. **Motion: Spring Term Dates**
  - d. **Standing Committees**
    - i. **Policy & Procedure Committee:**
      1. **Motion: Changes to VPIN Committees Requested by Council**
      2. **Motion: Consolidation of Committees to Procedure 10**

Reports

4. **Executives**
  - a. **President**
    - i. **Removal of Committee Members**
    - b. **Vice-President, Internal** ([attachment 05](#))
      - i. **Service Constitutions** ([attachment 19](#))
    - c. **Vice-President, Education**
5. **Representatives**
  - a. *Councillors to be called in order for reports.*
6. **Officers of Council**
  - a. **Speaker** ([attachment 06](#))
7. **Standing Committees**
  - a. **Policy & Procedure Committee** ([attachment 07](#))
    - i. **Motion: Amendments to Terms of Reference of EAC**
    - ii. **Motion: Amendments to Committee Procedure**

- iii. **Motion: Procedure re Review of Policy & Procedure**
- b. **Education Advisory Committee**
  - i. **Amendments to Terms of Reference ([attachment 09](#))**
  - ii. **Motion: Membership in the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations ([attachments 10](#) and [11](#))**
  - iii. **Motion: Grading Equity Policy**
  - iv. **Motion: English Language Proficiency Requirements Policy**
- c. **Elections Board (or Elections & Referenda Committee)**
- d. **Elections Appeals Board (or Elections & Referenda Appeals Committee)**
- 8. **Special Committees**
- 9. **Other**
  - a. **Academic Commissioner**
    - i. **Petitions Survey Update**

Special Orders

- 10. **1:15 PM: WaterlooWorks Project Update**
- 11. **2:00 PM: Federation of Students Long-Range Plan Stakeholder Lab**

Unfinished Business and General Orders

- 12. **Motion (Postponed from March meeting): Equity Policy**
- 13. **Motion (President Collins): Mental Health Policy**
- 14. **Motion (VPIN Drury): Service Procedures**
- 15. **Motion (VPIN Drury): International & Canadian Student Network**
- 16. **Discussion (President Collins): Sustainability Vision**

New Business

Announcements

Adjournment at 6:00 PM

Minutes starting at 12:48PM. Josh Amalraj acted as Secretary until the arrival of Julia Meriel.

Councillors Siddhartha, Gaphoor, Harrison (transition documents, meetings and keeping transparency in Science), and McFaul (process of picking VPF, OUSA review to VP Ed.) gave oral reports to Council.

A motion was proposed by President David Collins, seconded by VP Internal, Devin Drury, to combine motions 7ai, ii, iii. After a vote, the motion carried unanimously.

VP Education, Adam Garcia, motioned for item 7.b.ii., which has the following wording:

*Whereas*, Federation of Students has been reviewing membership with CASA since 2010;

*Whereas*, through the review process, a number of concerns have been identified including: policy development and advocacy priority selection processes, lack of Feds influence in policy development and advocacy priorities, CASA's approach to member autonomy;

*Whereas*, that costs associated with membership with CASA could be better allocated to serve, empower, and represent the undergraduate students of University of Waterloo; and

*Whereas*, the 2012-2013 Federation of Students' Council dropped to Associate Membership with CASA with the intention to withdraw in the 2013-2014 year; be it now therefore

*Resolved*, the Federation of Students terminates membership with CASA effective April 30, 2014; and

*Resolved*, Education Advisory Committee recommends that a federal advocacy strategy should be developed for approval by the 2014-2015 Federation of Students' Council and implementation as soon as possible.

VP Ed. Adam Garcia spoke to his motion. At 1:06PM, Jon Champagne from the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA) gave a presentation to Council arguing the difficulty it would bring for other universities (e.g., McMaster) if UWFEDS left CASA.

Due to the special order to have a WaterlooWorks presentation at 1:15PM, questions to Jon were directed, however, Council agreed that after a question period, the motion on CASA would be dealt with after the WaterlooWorks presentation.

At 1:39PM, Stephanie Tortorici started the WaterlooWorks presentation. The presentation was an explanation of the new WaterlooWorks Project and its implementation and incorporation into the UW Co-op program. Questions followed after the end of the presentation at 1:47PM. This ended at 1:54PM.

The debate regarding the CASA continued.

A motion was put forth by Councillor Gaphoor, seconded by Councillor Turner, to have a secret ballot, which would need a majority vote, rather than 2/3rds . 6-4-0 motion is adopted. The vote will be taken by secret ballot.

Nicki, a member from the gallery, spoke regarding the CASA membership. Noting that changes are slow to come to life with CASA, diversity, and that there

could be other ways that are more effective methods to handle important topics and still be involved on a federal level.

Speaker, Sean Hunt, proposed the following amendments to the motion:

“And” before “CASA’s approach”,  
Deleting that and then adding “the” before, and  
Deleting ‘education advisory committee recommends’ in the last *Resolved* statement.

A motion by President Collins was put forth so that we define ‘CASA’, so that it is spelled out as Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA).

The motion being voted on has the following wording:

*Whereas*, Federation of Students has been reviewing membership with Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA) since 2010;

*Whereas*, through the review process, a number of concerns have been identified including: policy development and advocacy priority selection processes, lack of Feds influence in policy development and advocacy priorities, and CASA’s approach to member autonomy;

*Whereas*, costs associated with membership with CASA could be better allocated to serve, empower, and represent the undergraduate students of the University of Waterloo; and

*Whereas*, the 2012-2013 Federation of Students’ Council dropped to Associate Membership with CASA with the intention to withdraw in the 2013-2014 year; be it now therefore

*Resolved*, the Federation of Students terminates membership with CASA effective April 30, 2014; and

*Resolved*, that a federal advocacy strategy should be developed for approval by the 2014-2015 Federation of Students’ Council and implementation as soon as possible.

For clarification, a vote for the motion meant adopting the motion above and a vote against would be turning down the motion. For the motion to pass, a majority vote needed to take place (i.e., at least 7 votes on the for-side, given the number of councillors present). After the vote, the motion passed with a 9-3-0 vote.

VP Garcia moved that Council adopted the Grading Equity Policy. There was no debate and after the vote, the motion carried.

The question moved on to the motion of the English Language Proficiency Requirements Policy. Questions from Council followed.

Speaker, Sean Hunt, proposed to insert the word 'for' between charged and non-credit, with support from Councillor McFaul and VP Education, Adam Garcia.

The following paragraph is the motion on the English Language Proficiency Requirements Policy:

WHEREAS each Faculty at the University of Waterloo includes an English Language Proficiency Requirement; and

WHEREAS the Final Report of the Task Force on Support for English Language Competency Development at the University of Waterloo (the Final Report) was released in October 2012; and

WHEREAS the Final report provided the suggestion that the English Language Proficiency Examination (ELPE), as it is currently structured, be discontinued and the English Language Proficiency Requirement (ELPR) be re-visioned by each Faculty; and

WHEREAS the University plans to discontinue the ELPE as of Fall 2015; and

WHEREAS English admissions requirements may not be sufficient to prepare students for completion of their ELPR;

BIRT undergraduate students support the discontinuation of the ELPE as it is currently structured; and

BIFRT students support the English Language Proficiency Requirement as plan requirements providing discipline-specific English language development; and

BIFRT students support the use of a diagnostic examination or other evaluation mechanism to determine the suitable pathway for a student to complete their ELPR; and

BIFRT support for students should be provided for students to ensure successful completion of the ELPR; and

BIFRT the number of courses required to complete an existing degree should not be raised to include English Language Proficiency; and

BIFRT tuition should not be charged for non-credit-granted English language course requirements that may be beyond existing degree requirements and not mandatory for completion of the ELPR.

The motion was adopted after the vote.

The motion for the Federation of Students Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Access Policy was brought forward.

Debate was initiated by President Collins. After a vote, the motion carries.

Next, the Mental Health Policy motion was moved by President Collins, seconded by Councillor Harrison. After a vote, the motion was carried.

The Services Procedures item was put into motion by VP Internal, Devin Drury, seconded by Councillor Turner.

An amendment was made so that the 'GLOW' at the start of the heading in procedure 25, section ii. was removed so that the heading read, The Glow Centre For Sexual And Gender Diversity, seconded by Councillor Turner. After a vote, the motion was adopted.

Promptly, a motion regarding the International & Canadian Student Network was proposed by VP Internal, Devin Drury, seconded by President Collins. The motion had the following wording:

RESOLVED, Students' council approves ICSN to replace the International Student Connections as a service and begin operation in May 2014;

BIFRT, ICSN be added into council procedure 25 using the mission from the ICSN proposal;

BIFRT, the Campus Life Advisory Committee will ensure that all council procedure are updated to reflect changes to ICSN

After a vote, the motion carried.

In New Business, a motion to rescind the FYAC procedure was proposed by President Collins and seconded by Councillor Ramdev. Since it is New Business, it requires a 2/3rds vote: The vote is 6-4-0. So, Council will not consider it.

Meeting adjourned 2:44PM.