



University of Waterloo Federation of Students
2012-2013

University of Waterloo - Waterloo Campus - SLC 2105

COUNCIL MINUTES

Dec. 2, 2012 12:30 PM

Speaker: Andre Magalhaes

Secretary: Elizabeth Bate

Attendees: Andrew Noble, Kumar Patel, Adam Garcia, Alexandra Russell, Samantha Estoesta, Robert Savoy, Elizabeth McFaul, Stephanie Niesner, Brandon Berlingieri, Nikki Domanski, Chanakya Ramdev, Nicolette Zaptses, Christina Romualdo, David Collins, Nickta Jowhari and Fangzhou Chen

1. CALL TO ORDER -

- a. Speaker calls council to order at 12:43 PM

2. MOTION -

- a. Motion to adjourn to SLC 2105B from the SLC Multi-purpose room for the purposes of this meeting
 - a. Moved by Fangzhou Chen
 - b. Seconded by Christina Romualdo
 - c. No objections, motion carries

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA -

- a. Motion to approve the agenda
 - a. Moved by Fangzhou Chen
 - b. Seconded by Robert Savoy
- b. Changes:
 - a. Change to the name to call it “council minute procedures”
 - a. No objections
 - b. Move to change item 7G to just a discussion issue from a motion issue by Andrew Noble
 - a. No objections
 - c. Move to move the “Early outreach conference item” to 7E by Adam Garcia
 - a. No objections
- c. No objections to the motion to approve the agenda, motion carries

4. MOTION -

- a. Motion from Andrew Noble to accept the resignation of Secretary Stephane Hamade and to accept Elizabeth Bate as the secretary for the purposes of this meeting
 - a. Seconded by Christina Romualdo
 - b. No objections, motion carries

5. MOTION -

- a. Motion to approve consent agenda
 - a. Moved by Fangzhou Chen
 - b. Seconded by Christina Romualdo
 - c. Discussion:
 - a. Removal of the minutes from the consent agenda by President Noble
 - b. Question regarding reports added after the consent agenda was sent from VP Patel
 - c. No objections, motion passes

6. MOTION -

- a. Motion to approve the minutes from the last council meeting
 - a. Moved by Fangzhou Chen
 - b. Seconded by Nicolette Zaptses
- b. Motion to table this motion until the Jan. 2 council meeting by President Noble
 - a. Seconded by Nicolette Zaptses
 - b. No objections, motion passes

7. DISCUSSION ON THE PRESIDENT'S REPORTS -

- a. Robert Savoy, RE: New Student building town hall
 - a. Found out about the town hall the day prior to it on Facebook, would have preferred more notice
 - b. Would like to know how much of what was said in the Imprint article regarding the town hall was true (article printed Nov. 30, 2012).
 - a. President Noble responded:
 - a. The town hall was on the radar of the promotions team for a week before the event, but it wasn't promoted as it should have been and there was a low turnout for the event
 - b. Almost all the statistics presented in the Imprint sidebar for the article in question were either not correct or were taken out of context
 - b. Robert Savoy would like an email sent to all councilors notifying them of an event like this the next time one happens

- c. Robert Savoy also mentioned that the Facebook page for the first-year commission uses wording that is not entirely correct, in that it says it “works with Feds” when they are really a part of Feds.

8. OLD BUSINESS -

a. REPORTS FROM VP EDUCATION

a. Tuition and flat fee billing structure

- a. BIRT the Education Advisory Committee is tasked with developing a policy on tuition and billing processes specific to the University of Waterloo

- a. Moved by VP Garcia

- b. Seconded by Chanakya Ramdev

- c. Discussion

- a. VP Garcia: The EAC was looking at more information on how the flat fee structure operated with respect to the University of Waterloo, there wasn't enough to investigate it entirely in regards to how it impacts the revenue of the university, as well as the costs that students have to pay, so they would like to continue to look into that further. As well, President Noble was contacted by the registrar's office, who is looking at changing deadlines for when fees are due, and were looking for some feedback from Feds. VP Garcia thinks it would be a good idea to come up with a policy specifically on billing processes at the University of Waterloo.

- b. Rob Savoy: Question - Is this a provincial decision, or can the university decide whether or not to use flat fee billing? Should we be advocating to the province regarding this?

- a. VP Garcia response: Feds would be able to use their policy when going to OUSA and helping to determine their advocacy position.

- d. Second reading of the motion

- e. Further discussion:

- a. Christina Romualdo proposes an amendment to the motion, such that the motion will read: BIRT the Education Advisory Committee is tasked with developing a policy on tuition billing processes specific to the University of Waterloo

- BIFRT EAC be tasked to bring this proposal to council at the March meeting

- a. Amendment seconded by Brandon Berlingieri

- b. No objection to amendment

- f. Motion passes 14-0

- b. Motion on tuition:

- a. Full motion read:

- WHEREAS the Ontario tuition framework is due for renewal at the end of the 2012-2013 academic year; and

WHEREAS the current Ontario tuition framework allows for increases to undergraduate tuition that outpace the rate of inflation; and

WHEREAS the Federation of Students believes that students should not pay more than 30 percent of the cost of their education; and

WHEREAS students at the University of Waterloo contribute more than 50 percent of the operating budget through tuition and fees; and

WHEREAS students believe that average student debt has exceeded an unsustainable limit, with nearly two-thirds of students reporting debt; and

WHEREAS the province of Ontario has the highest average tuition with the fastest growing rate of tuition increases in Canada; and

WHEREAS students believe that post-secondary education should have significant value proportional to their financial investment; and

WHEREAS students do not believe that the quality of their post-secondary education has increased equivalent to their increased contribution to the costs of providing education; and

WHEREAS students believe that increases to the costs of education must be kept in line with the ability of an individual and their family to pay,

BIRT the Federation of Students advocates that the new tuition framework should include a multi-year funded tuition freeze; and

BIFRT the Federation of Students' Council encourage the Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance to adopt a similar stance in its advocacy activities as Ontario moves towards a new tuition framework.

- b. Motion moved by Fangzhou Chen
- c. Seconded by Nicolette Zaptses
- d. Discussion:
 - a. Christina Romualdo - Suggested amendment to the last whereas statement to strike “and their family” from the motion because some students do not have family or outside support systems they can rely on. As well, students should be able to afford their education as individuals without having to factor in the support of family.
 - a. Seconder for the amendment VP Garcia
 - b. No objections; amendment passes
 - b. Further discussion
 - a. VP Garcia talks about the statistics of rising tuition and student debt
 - b. Question from Rob Savoy: Is there currently a tuition framework, and if so, when does it expire?
 - a. VP Garcia: There is, and it expires at the end of this year
 - c. President Noble would like to know what the likelihood is that the government would adopt a stance similar to this?
 - a. VP Garcia: It's tough to say, especially given the fact that we are currently looking for a new leader of the government in Ontario. It

is possible that they could adopt a stance similar to this. VP Garcia thinks the Liberal party especially should be looking for a win right now and this is a win.

- d. Rob Savoy: How many other schools are also in line with this?
 - a. Vp Garcia: Tough to say. When the decision was made a steering committee the vote was 8-1 for the new policy.
- e. Christina Romualdo: How is OUSA dealing with the fact that the legislature isn't sitting right now?
 - a. VP Garcia: Again, it's tough to say. We cancelled lobby con, so that's one way that we're coping with it. OUSA is still meeting regularly with different people. We are being really proactive, and making sure the whomever the new premier is will have talked with us and hopefully what we've told them will help shape their platform in that race. We are still setting up meetings. Advocacy hasn't stopped. John Malloy has also said that the ministry was well on their way to creating a new frame work, whether or not it will be implemented will take time.
- f. Chanakya Ramdev would like to make an amendment to add "sponsorship" to the motion where "families" used to be because there are a lot of international students who can't pay their tuition with their co-op or the resources that they have, so they have to rely on sponsorship from outside sources and family.
 - a. VP Garcia: As amended it says that tuition should be kept in line with the ability of the individual to pay. This way, what we're saying is that if the student can't pay for the costs of education on their own, then it shouldn't be like that.
- g. No further discussion
- h. Vote 14-0; carried unanimously

b. REPORTS FROM VP INTERNAL

- a. Report on Feducation tabled from the February council meeting
 - a. Feducation hosted three sessions this term
 - a. A lot of the scheduled sessions were cancelled due to lack of participation
 - b. As well, sessions were affected because the Campus Life department and the marketing department were each down one full-time staff member this term
 - c. Discussion of report:
 - a. Chanakya Ramdev requests that VP Russell go through the report
 - a. The report consists of an introduction, followed by an assessment of processes that went well and processes that didn't, as well as recommendations for going forward

- b. Question from Nikki Domanski: As I recall, you were going to give surveys to the students at the end of the sessions to ask them how they liked it, did you do that?
 - a. VP Russell: No.
- c. Nikki Domanski: what were the three sessions that were conducted?
 - a. VP Russell: The three sessions conducted this term were bollywood, cheese tasting and Arabic calligraphy
- d. Question from Rob Savoy to VP Russell: What is your opinion of the program?
 - a. VP Russell: I think it has good potential. I think because of some of the reasons listed we had trouble getting it going this term. We can continue to run the program in the Winter term because the budget has already been allocated.
- e. Question from Rob Savoy: Can you go into detail as to how the service manager leaving impacted the program?
 - a. VP Russell: the services manager was the driving force behind the program, so it impacted it greatly. Three volunteers and the services manager were responsible for running the program this term.
- f. Question from Nikki Domanski: How much money was put into the program this term?
 - a. VP Russell: The actual totals are a little bit behind because the accounting department is short-staffed, however estimates are under \$1,000.
- g. Nikki Domanski: It feels like this could have been run as a club or could have been held in one large event. It makes more sense to allot more money to some clubs so they could run bigger scale events that would attract more students. Isn't sure it makes sense to put time into it when it could go elsewhere.
 - a. VP Russell: It was the original intention to give clubs this outlet to run the events weekly. I believe one or two of the events were run by clubs.
- h. Nikki Domanski: Maybe there should be a survey to see what sessions students would like to see
- i. Christina Romualdo: Motion - Would like the VP Internal to formulate a plan for Feducation with the new services manager to be brought back to council in Winter 2013
 - a. Secoded by VP Russell
 - b. Discussion on the motion
 - a. Chanakya Ramdev: Has this already been done?
 - b. Speaker: No, a previous motion had been made for a report to be presented

- c. Stephanie Niesner: Is this motion asking us to discontinue the service until there is a plan in place?
- d. Speaker: No, this motion is just asking for a plan
- e. Nikki Domanski: Would like to amend the motion to read that Feducation should be discontinued until this plan is brought forth and approved by council in April 2013
- f. Feducation could be implemented again at the end of Winter term or in Fall 2013
- g. Motion seconded by Nickta Jowhari
- h. Rob Savoy - Point of Order - can we tell the next council what to do?
- i. Pres. Noble: There is a precedent for it, last year's council tasked something to the president, which was transferred from Matt Colphon to Andrew Noble in May
- j. Chanakya Ramdev question for VP Russell: Would there be some benefit to not running it?
- k. VP Russell: It does take some full-time staff to run it and we are training the new full-time services manager when they start.
- l. David Collins: The student interest isn't there, and he would vote to strike down the motion and reevaluate how this is run.
- m. Christina Romualdo: Doesn't necessarily agree with councilor Collins. This program was to help clubs run events.
- c. Motion re-read: BIRT students council discontinues the Feducation service until the VP Internal can formulate a plan for Feducation with the new services manager and approved by council in April 2013.
- d. Vote: 14-1; motion carries.
- d. No further discussion on this report

9. NEW BUSINESS -

- a. Election voting procedure changes
 - a. BIRT Students' Council tasks BP&P with creating a more detailed procedure surrounding Instant Runoff Voting (IRV), for use in executive and elections, and Single Transferable Vote (STV) for use in council elections; and

BIFRT procedure 6.J.5 include a new subsection C with
 "The votes will be tallied using the Instant Runoff Voting (IRV) counting system for executive and senate candidates and the candidate with highest value will be declared the winner. Votes for the council candidates will be tallied using the Single Transferable Vote (STV) system"

BIFRT these changes occur only when the new voting system is ready for implementation.

- b. Moved by Fangzhou Chen
 - c. Seconded by Christina Romualdo
 - d. Motion from President Noble to table this motion until the March 2013 council meeting because there was not enough time to properly research this
 - a. Seconded by Chanakya Ramdev
 - b. No objections; motion carried
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- b. Student Safety Programs Committee
 - a. WHEREAS Students' Council approved the use of time and resources in the creation of a more detailed walk safe program proposal at the November 2012 meeting;

BIRT an ad hoc committee of Students' Council be created, to be named the Student Safety Programs Committee; and

BIFRT the committee will be comprised of:

- VPIN, who shall be the chair;
- Director, Campus Life;
- One (1) representative of the existing services; preferably from CRT, Glow, or the Women's Centre;
- One (1) representative of the current Shuttle Service appointed by the director of police services;
- One (1) member of Students' Council, to be elected by Students' Council;
- and
- Two (2) students-at-large, to be ratified by Students' Council at the recommendation of the VPIN; and

BIFRT the committee will be formed at the December 2012 meeting of Students' Council, and will exist until the end of the Winter 2013 term; and

BIFRT the committee will consult with students and research:

- The current state and effectiveness of students commuting to and from campus, including existing on- and off-campus shuttle programs;
- The current cost of the on- and off-campus shuttle programs;
- Different models for a walk safe program and how they would interact with a shuttle;
- The cost and feasibility of each model; and

BIFRT the committee will create a report which will include the committee's recommendation on a suitable student safety program model and details for implementation of that model.

- b. Moved by VP Russell

- c. Seconded by VP Patel
- d. Discussion
 - a. Chanakya Ramdev would like the VP of education to speak to this because he believes security is part of his portfolio
 - a. VP Garcia: This is not part of the education portfolio
 - b. Brandon Berlingieri: Are co-op students allowed on the committee?
 - a. VP Russell: As long as the student is able to call in or Skype into meetings, they will be allowed
 - c. Rob Savoy: When will the committee be selected?
 - a. VP Russell: The January meeting of council
 - d. Gallery: How will people be selected?
 - a. VP Russell: The two students at large and the student councilor will be elected by student council
 - e. Gallery: The opinions of current off-campus who deal with students walking back to the dorms would be valuable, but they are not listed as part of the committee
 - a. VP Russell: Off-campus dons could be one of the service representatives. As well, just because a don isn't on the committee doesn't mean that they couldn't be consulted.
 - f. Gallery: Off-campus dons more widely deal with mental health issues and should be strongly considered
 - g. David Collins: Motion for an amendment to the second last BIRT; I think it would be more effective for the scope of the research if it was changed to "the current state and effectiveness of commuting to and from campus" just so we can expand out what we are looking in to. I just think it closes off and bookends research that we may or may not include.
 - a. Christina Romualdo: Can we have this as a separate point? because the shuttle and commuting should be separate points.
 - b. David Collins: maybe just add "including on and off-campus."
 - c. Seconded by Brandon Berlingieri
 - d. Discussion
 - a. David Collins: The word "the" should be changed to the word "existing"
 - e. No objections; amendment carries
- e. Further discussion on the motion as a whole:
 - a. David Collins: I think on campus dons would have some really great feedback as well, especially when you consider UWP is pretty far distances from campus or respective classrooms or activities, so I don't know if council would see it as friendly, but possibly putting them in as a position on the committee.
 - a. Speaker: would you like to make a motion or continue further discussion?
 - b. David Collins: I would like to have further discussion
 - b. Chanakya Ramdev: The on-campus shuttle programs are meant to serve people living in residence, so it would be good to have a don as a representative. Also, could you clarify what is meant by appointment of one person from shuttle services

- a. VP Russell: One person from the current shuttle service would be appointed by the director of police services
- b. David Collins: Why would they be elected from their own body?
- c. VP Russell: They are employees and this is a university service
- c. Brandon Berlingieri: adding one don, either on campus or off campus would be effective
 - a. Speaker: Would you like to make a motion to add another representative?
 - b. Brandon Berlingieri: Just more discussion first
- d. Elizabeth McFaul: mover to add one on-campus don and one off-campus don as representatives to the committee
 - a. Seconded by Chanakya Ramdev
 - b. Discussion:
 - a. VP Russell speaking against the motion: There are a lot of people who will have good opinions and it will be the job of the committee to solicit those opinions. This would make the committee 9 people, and a large committee may make it hard to get work done.
 - b. Samantha Estoesta speaking against the motion: Would like to have FDAs instead of dons because they are usually the first response when students can't connect with a duty don. It may be a more effective measure.
 - c. Christina Romualdo speaking against the motion: agrees that the FDAs have a lot of information to add, but is speaking against the motion because the dons will be consulted by the committee anyway
 - d. Nicolette Zaptses: Point of information - Could people drop in, or would someone have to be a member to attend the committee meetings?
 - a. VP Russell: It would be an open committee, so anyone could come in and state their opinions
 - e. David Collins: Would like to change his opinion and would like the positions marked for students at large to make for a more robust committee.
 - f. Gallery: The jobs of the dons are to talk to students. If there aren't positions there that can get direct information to the students, she would like to know how the information will get to students.
 - a. Christina Romualdo: That's the committee's job to communicate to students. If they aren't doing that job, that's something that needs to be reevaluated.
 - g. Gallery: Several issues with the motion. Effectiveness hasn't been defined in the motion. The people that have been selected appear arbitrary because the motion doesn't say how effectiveness is defined. The size of a group doesn't make a difference if the choices of the people are effective. He would like effectiveness defined first and then the people should be chosen.
 - h. Elizabeth McFaul: It seems like there are a lot of people who are interested in this committee, especially from on campus dons, so it might

be beneficial to take on one or two more members and have a really effective and involved committee instead of not putting them on and then needing them later.

- i. Chanakya Ramdev speaking against the motion: would disagree with adding members because anyone can attend any of the meetings and request information
 - j. David Collins: Calling the question for the amendment
 - a. No objection to calling the question
 - k. Vote on the amendment: 3-9; amendment fails
- f. Further discussion on the motion as a whole:
- a. President Noble moves to amends motion and add a BIFRT, however the amendment is withdrawn by President Noble because it is already in the motion.
 - b. Stephanie Niesner: Would we be ok with taking people off so that we could add more people but not have the committee get too big?
 - c. VP Patel: There are two students at large on the committee, he encourages councilors to encourage dons and off-campus dons to run for these positions
 - d. David Collins: Moves to amend the motion to strike all the positions except the shuttle service representative and change the positions to six students at large.
 - a. Seconder Fangzhou Chen
 - b. Discussion on amendment:
 - a. David Collins: I think this addresses what the gallery is talking about and addresses the issue that we're not including the right people, so if the right people come forward, you can pick them out and from there we can let their credentials speak for themselves, as opposed to dictating who we want to be talking to.
 - b. VP Patel: Recommends keeping the on student councilor because s/he would know how and what student council was looking for and would be able to answer questions.
 - a. Gallery: It might be a conflict of interest if you have a councilor on there, and the representative from police should be one that is closer to students and the students that use this service.
 - c. Elizabeth McFaul: This motion takes out distinct seats and makes the seats chosen by council and we may not get the right members by secret ballot
 - a. Christina Romualdo agrees with Elizabeth McFaul and also thinks that maybe there should be one more seat added to the original motion for another student at large instead of striking all six positions in favour of six students at large.
 - d. VP Russell speaking against the amendment: The services represented will have a lot of insight into the logistics of what goes into the administrative side of providing the service and will provide a lot of valuable input and as well, the kind of stakeholders those particular groups represent are stakeholders who will be very interested in this discussion. I feel this is a good balance of students at large and specified students.

- c. Vote 0-15; amendment fails
 - g. Further discussion of the motion as a whole:
 - a. Rob Savoy: For the student at large positions, would VP Russell bring forth two names and have them voted on?
 - a. VP Russell: That was the intention, but if council would like to elect them directly, that's fine
 - b. Gallery: If it's someone who is selected by the VP Internal to be voted on by council, then again, that's a form of interference. I would strongly urge council to look at that and also to remember that there has been no real complete measure for what is an effective size, it's just been speculation so far on what's good and what's bad. Multiple stakeholders have not been considered and if they have been considered it's been in an arbitrary fashion and in each motion there seems to be an attempt to put a position of power into an independent committee.
 - h. VP Garcia calling the motion into question
 - a. No objections to calling to question
 - i. Vote: 14-0-0; motion carries unanimously
- c. Update on UWaterloo strategic plan from President Noble
- a. Three priorities were identified last year
 - b. Over the summer there was a new provost and new legislation which led to three more priority areas being identified, as well.
 - c. There are five task forces:
 - a. The life cycle of a student
 - b. The life cycle of staff
 - c. The life cycle of faculty
 - d. Graduate work programs
 - e. Experiential learning
 - a. Each of these five task forces has a dean that is championing them
 - b. These task forces are key and are available online
 - d. Discussion:
 - a. Rob Savoy: Is there a completion date yet?
 - a. President Noble: They are hoping to complete it around Spring 2013, some will extend into Fall 2013
 - b. Chanakya Ramdev: Are you a part of any of the committees and how do you feel the student representation is?
 - a. President Noble: I am not specifically a part of any committee and the student representation on experiential learning seems good.
 - c. Chanakya Ramdev: Will you be doing a formal presentation at the next meeting going into more detail?
 - a. President Noble: If you'd like me to, I can.
- d. Update on the CASA deliverables framework from VP Garcia

- a. The Education Advisory Committee is looking at this more in depth and we are going to be making out recommendation to council next Wed.
- b. In the areas of research, policy and capacity, one of our recommendations is to improve capacity to develop new policy and engage in more primary research. CASA has hired another policy and research officer, so capacity has increased greatly, and all of the policy committee members have noted that it's been helpful to have both of those.
- c. In terms of targets that were there, to produce at least one research based report, as well as to develop a plan for primary research driven initiatives, my understanding is that neither of those two thing have happened.
- d. The second recommendation - build stronger connections between policy and advocacy priorities, the target was that all advocacy priorities would be supported by CASA policy, by the development of the lobby document. That didn't happen this year.
- e. The third recommendation identified new and innovative solutions to policy areas that have not been addressed and targets CASA through the development of at least one new policy on a topic not already addressed. It didn't really happen directly, but we did approve the development of a policy on areas that haven't existed before while at the plenary of the national advocacy week, we did repeal he policy that would convert tax credits to upfront grants. This will require us to be very new and innovative when it comes to that, because there is much division within the CASA plenary about whether we should advocate for tax credits to be converted to upfront grants. I'm satisfied with the outcome of that discussion.
- f. The fourth recommendation to engage relevant partners and stakeholders to build a consensus on policy priorities to the targets to have at least contact with out relevant sector partners and then also to have support from or be in support of sector partners through it's advocacy priorities. We're working with the national educational association of disabled students. I haven't heard any updates that they're working with other specific sector partners. I know that they are working very closely with provincial organizations and they've been working very closely with some Ontario groups to form a graduate student alliance for Ontario.
- g. Finally, provide opportunities for members to help shape the organization's advocacy strategy, so CASA members will review the lobby document and provide feedback prior to distribution and CASA will facilitate a two-way dialogue with members.
- h. Recommendations to develop a communications strategy to raise awareness of CASA in the Canadian PSE sector. We did develop a communication guide. EAC was not particularly satisfied with that document, but they have been working with Impact Public Affairs, which is an external communications and public affairs group and it was really good to see them in action during national advocacy week. I think they did a pretty good job of raising the media profile of CASA during that week.
 - a. Samantha Estoesta: Just to clarify, I contacted the chair, and there was 47 interviews done with outside news sources that week

- i. The one recommendation seems to be to engage in strategic planning exercises and cyclical reviews. The target was to have a strategic plan and that has been done and to provide an annual action plan based on the objectives of the strategic plan. The action plan was distributed. EAC was not particularly satisfied with the document because it didn't really actually set any targets or benchmarks for the goals of CASA.
 - a. Samantha Estoesta: With the strategic planning committee, they found it to be very arbitrary. Personally I would press for more metrics.
 - j. Really what it comes down to, it that they have no way of setting targets and benchmarks. Personally I feel like home office should have been able to help them set those, but CASA operates very differently in that home office doesn't like to make decisions at all, they like everything to be extremely member driven.
 - k. On measurement and value the recommendation was to develop a system to measure progress on policy objectives and advocacy priorities and integrate this knowledge into future policy development. That's something that the strategic planning committee is working on right now and we anticipate a report at the AGM, so we won't be able to find that out in time for the vote.
 - l. And finally the last recommendation to develop a system to communicate value to students by reporting on progress toward policy objectives and advocacy parties. The target is to create a report outlining the progress for the year and make that report available for all of their students and member associations. Again, that won't happen.
 - m. If anyone has any questions on CASA, please let me know now. I also would encourage you to discuss with the members of EAC and get some feedback from them in terms of the conversations that we've had and see if they have any opinions on things. This has been going on for three years, and you need to keep that in mind when making your decision, so whatever we do, let's try to come up with something permanent for them and for us because it's a stretch of resources to be reviewing the organization every four years. It's not worth it in my opinion.
- e. Election committee appointment
 - a. BIRT _____ be ratified as the BP&P member of the elections committee for the Winter 2013 term.
 - a. Moved by Rob Savoy
 - b. Seconded by VP Patel
 - a. Rob Savoy nominates president Nobel, who declines, because he's on the elections appeals committee.
 - b. Chanakya Ramdev nominates David Collins who declines.
 - c. No other nominations
 - d. President Noble moves to table the motion until the January meeting of council.
 - a. Seconder Nikki Domanski
 - b. No objections; motion carries.
- f. VP Russell motions for a recess of 10 minutes

- a. Seconded by Chanakya Ramdev
- b. No objections; motion carries.

10. 10 MINUTE RECESS AT 2:27 P.M.

11. MEETING RESUMED AT 2:39 P.M.

12. PRESENTATIONS TO COUNCIL -

- a. Presentation by President Noble on the proposed new student building
 - a. Presentation on some of the findings from the student consultations on the new student building including what students want in their study space.
 - b. All the reports are online at feds.ca
 - c. Discussion
 - a. Question from Chanakya Ramdev: Why are there just six floors in the proposed building?
 - a. President Noble: It would cost more money. As well, the building can't be built that high right next to the Dana Porter Library, as that is widely considered to be the flagship building for the University of Waterloo.
 - b. Chanakya Ramdev: So, they are judging looks over usability?
 - a. President Noble: Yes.
 - c. President Noble: The building is going west of RCH, but not on the Grad House green. There will be pillars so students can walk around outside and there is discussion about underground space under the Grad House green.
 - d. How much will it cost and for how long?
 - a. President Noble: The cost will be about \$60 million.
 - b. President Hamdullahpur would really like this building. There was a similar building that would have cost the students \$50 per term for 50 years. Now we're looking at \$30 per student per term for 25 years.
 - e. What's going in the building?
 - a. There will be about 30,000 square feet for services, social and study space, and food services.
 - a. The SLC is about 130,000 square feet
 - b. Half of the total square feet is assignable space. You can't assign all the space, because you need the extra space for hallways and stairways, etc.
 - c. We're hopeful that this building will be big enough for future years, but it won't double. It just won't.
 - f. Next steps:
 - a. We are looking to get an agreement with the university. It's been drafted and is being looked at.

- b. Feds agreed that we will not go to referendum until the business surrounding Fed Hall is cleared up. That takes time, but we will not be going to referendum until that happens. We're very hopefully that will happen soon.
- g. Question from Rob Savoy:
 - a. Seeing that the Fed Hall thing is being wrapped up soon, do you see them prioritizing this and it coming to referendum in February?
 - a. President Noble: This is advocacy, right. I'm trying to assess it relationally wise. I don't feel comfortable going into a ton of information. I will say there is some disagreement within the bureaucracy. The board of governors like this, they think it's great, especially when you pull up the numbers and the lack of study space on campus. There's different levels [of agreement] and I don't want to go into it publicly because I do have those good relationships.
 - b. Rob Savoy: is there a hold up over money?
 - a. President Noble: It is over money. Everyone agrees the building should exist, but there are disagreements at different levels over how much money. It's just a matter of everyone agreeing. I feel like that will happen.
 - c. Nikki Domanski: When do you see FED hall being wrapped up?
 - a. President Noble: That will be an on-going thing, but it will likely be wrapped up in the next couple of weeks and will become public in the January council meeting.
 - d. Chanakya Ramdev: Who will have control of the building?
 - a. President Noble: What we've put forward to the university is that the Federation of Students would have control over space allocation and would oversee the 30,000 feet of social and food and the study space, that would be overseen by students. In terms of overseeing the services, we're a little bit more flexible about that, however, no matter what the university would own the building and they would have the authorities given as landlord of the building.
 - e. Rob Savoy: Why did you bring up those four things (items regarding services in the space) originally?
 - a. There were thoughts that we should take a stance on what services go into the building, but I don't see a need for us to take an advocacy stance on this. Council is willing to do that, but I didn't see it as as important.
 - f. VP Garcia: If council doesn't give you direction as to what kind of services they'd like to see in the new building, who jurisdiction is that then to advocate for them and will they be advocating for them?
 - a. President Noble: So, it would be the jurisdiction of the new student building negotiating team that was created over the summer term that includes myself, Jesse McGinnis and Christina Romualdo. So, both Christina Romualdo and Jesse sit on the projects committee that have a roll in determining that. There's a representative of the university that's supposed to determine what services are going into the building and it's

taking some time, but it will be in that jurisdiction and it is based on the consultations that happened over the summer. Those consultations said that there should be very student-focused services. There should not be offices in the building that aren't necessary. The offices should only be in place if they are used to meet with students, they shouldn't have a bunch of accounting offices in the building. So, that's what we've agreed to in the new building.

- g. Chanakya Ramdev: The student success office and Tathem centre are close to this building so wouldn't putting success coaches and career services in this new building be redundant?
 - a. President Noble: Every service on campus is looking for more space right now. And the Success Office is hidden in SCH.
- h. Nikki Domanski: Fed hall was supposed to be wrapped up in August, but we turned it down. Sci ball ran last week and it wasn't a disaster, but the DJ had to bring all the lights and lasers, there was randomly no lights in the building, like at washrooms and doorways because apparently got auctioned off. The coat check wasn't run by Fed hall and it was over a 45 minute wait for the coats, there was no support for the volunteers from fed hall. There was no water for the non-19+ bar downstairs.

I would like to make a motion to task President Noble with a report of the progress of Fed hall by next council meeting.

- a. Seconded by Nickta Jowhari
- b. Nickta Jowhari: Can we amend it to read "a detailed report."
- c. Discussion:
 - a. David Collins: I really like your motion, but I think it could be slightly adjusted to get more at the heart of what you're looking for, which is a solution and not having this happen again. So maybe have it say: BIRT student's council tasks the president with a detailed report on the progress of Fed hall negotiations and recommendations to avoid...
 - a. Speaker, so what is the motion?
 - b. David Collins: May I have help?
 - c. President Noble: how future events will be affected and how Feds will act in creating future events.
 - d. Elizabeth McFaul: and recommendations for how FEDS can support future events in the space.
 - e. Speaker reads the full motion: BIFRT the report include recommendations on how Feds can support student activities in the space
 - f. Moved by David Collins
 - g. Seconded by Chanakya Ramdev
 - h. Further discussion on the amendment:
 - a. VP Russell: I'm going to put a few things out here that are kind of going on with this at the moment and see if we can try to

work it into what we're doing. Right now, we used the space this term and there were a few events, that's done. In the Winter term we're likely not going to be using the space at all because they're going to be starting renovations. Right now the university has also asked us to talk to students and provide some recommendations on how they can renovate the space to hold student events there and then simultaneously my department and I are working to set up agreements with external to hold events there. It's a joint effort.

- b. Vote on the amendment: 11-0-1; amendment carries. VP Patel abstained and would like to be noted for the record.
- d. Further discussion on the motion as a whole:
 - a. President Noble: I just want to clear up some misinformation that's going around and provide a brief history. May 1, 2011, Feds was given written notice by the university that they were going to take over the management of Fed Hall and not renew the agreement that we had with them. Then Feds worked at that time. My predecessors, in order to work to some agreement, and that happened last year. I stepped into my roll and continued their work. Then we made that motion over the summer to say we were not going to support a new student building referendum until this is wrapped up. However a lot of the information is confidential, so we've been working through it with our board of governors. We are comfortable with a very important part that we've been working on for the last year and a half. However there is this public information that everyone should be aware of and discussing and open and it should not be held confidential at all. About how effectively the university is supporting student events in there. We shouldn't feel the need to not speak on that publicly. I just want to give you a little freedom to discuss that. Maybe post on Feds connect about what are some issues you're having and what are ways to make it better and recommendations for us on how to do renovations. I will note that there is a very crazy thing going on here. The university, on the premise of taking over Fed hall, when they publicly defended why they're taking over Fed hall they said it could be done better by them. I just want to remind you all of that. That's a big thing last year that Feds fought against. Matt Colphon wrote a letter to Imprint saying why it's ridiculous that they are saying that they can run events better because they've presented no evidence on how they can do this. So, I just want to let you all know that, that they said they could do it better and here we are, right. Not to say 'I told you so', but we did tell them so and here we are today. What we're doing, Alex and I, is trying to say 'hey, what's best for students?'. And what's best for students is that we get some good event facilitation going on. So, we're trying to help them. We know in their renovations that they're looking to improve their catering operations, they're looking at making some

money off their catering services. That's part of their renovations is to expand the coat check and change the coat check to make a bigger kitchen. That's what's going on, you guys should all be aware of that, that that is probably one of the main reasons - not publicly - why they took it over, was to expand their catering operations and their discussions in renovating it are one of the things against it. I want you all to know the information and background of this because it's very important.

I speak in favour of this motion and I support it.

b. Full motion reads:

BIRT Students' Council task the President with a detailed report on the progress of the fed hall contract for the January 2013 meeting of students council.

BIFRT the report include recommendations on how Feds can support student activities in the space

c. Vote 15-0-0; motion carries unanimously.

13. NEW BUSINESS -

a. IAC, IFC, and PAC Members

a. BIRT _____ and _____ are ratified as Students' Council members of the Internal Funding Committee for the Winter 2013 Term, and

BIRFT _____ and _____ are ratified as Students' Council members of the Internal Administration Committee for the Winter 2013 term, and

BIFRT _____ and _____ are ratified as Students' Council members of the President's Advisory Committee for the Winter 2013 term, and

BIFRT _____ is ratified as _____ member of the President's Advisory Committee for the Winter 2013 term.

b. Mover Nikki Domanski

c. Secunder Rob Savoy

d. Nikki Domanski moves to split the question

a. Secunder Rob Savoy

b. No objections

e. Statement from Andrew Fisher read by the speaker:

I have a few concerns with having the PAC, IFC and IAC elections at the meeting this Sunday. At this point it is a little unreasonable to have this announced only three days prior to the meeting. I already made arrangements to be absent from the meeting and made plans accordingly. I would have liked to be on one or two of these committees in the Winter term and now am unable to do so because of poor timing. Had I known earlier, I would have scheduled around the meeting. A good number of those who would be applying to these positions who would be around in the Winter term are

- currently on co-op and can't make the meeting. Would it not make more sense to have this at the January meeting to ensure the best pool of applicants. I'm pretty sure the committees won't be meeting over exams, the Christmas break or the first few weeks of classes, so I feel this is a reasonable request. While I understand we can still apply to these positions by sending in a letter for you to read, based on my experience those that are present at the meeting get the votes. It is always a disadvantage to apply in print and forcing that on people is not the best practice.
- f. Chanakya Ramdev moves to table all these appointments to January
 - a. Secunder Nicolette Zaptses
 - b. Discussion:
 - a. VP Russell: Moving to January makes it very hard on the start of term because there are a lot of clubs that seek to be recognized at that time
 - b. VP Garcia: If a councilor make arrangements to be absent and isn't present at the meeting, than they are consenting to not be a part of the elections that are held.
 - c. Rob Savoy speaking against the motion: because these types of elections have always been conducted in this manner in the past.
 - d. President Noble speaking against the motion: We want to schedule these meetings so we can meet at the beginning of term when students are less busy. The first meetings of the term are generally the best attended.
 - e. Stephanie Niesner: Did he give a reason for not attending?
 - a. Speaker: He is on co-op in Markham.
 - f. Nicolette Zaptses: I worry about filling the positions without all of council, because we are missing a few people.
 - g. Elizabeth McFaul calls the motion to question
 - h. Vote: 0-14-0; motion fails unanimously.
- b. IFC
 - a. BIRT _____ and _____ are ratified as Students' Council members of the Internal Funding Committee for the Winter 2013 Term
 - b. Discussion and nominations:
 - a. VP Russell: IFC manages two funds and meets about once a week
 - b. VP Patel nominates VP Garcia
 - a. VP Garcia declines
 - c. Nickta Jowhari nominates Brandon Berlingieri
 - a. Brandon Berlingieri declines
 - d. Nicolette Zaptses is nominated
 - a. Nicolette Zaptses declines
 - e. Nickta Jowhari nominated
 - a. Nickta Jowhari respectfully declines
 - f. VP Patel nominates Fangzhou Chen
 - a. Fangzhou Chen respectfully declines
 - g. Chanakya Ramdev nominates David Collins
 - a. David Collins declines
 - h. Brandon Berlingieri asks for clarification on what the members of the IFC do

- a. VP Russell: IFC vets student funding requests. VP Russell would like would like to combine the IFC and the IAC to approve funding requests, but unfortunately with the way the AGM went they are still listed as separate committees.
- i. Chanakya Ramdev nominates himself
 - a. Seconded by VP Garcia
- j. Nickta Jowhari nominates herself
 - a. Seconded by Christina Romualdo
- k. Nickta Jowhari nominates Elizabeth McFaul
 - a. Elizabeth accepts
- l. Nickta Jowhari respectfully withdraws
- c. Speaker reads the full motion again:
 - a. BIRT Elizabeth McFaul and Chanakya Ramdev are ratified as Students' Council members of the Internal Funding Committee for the Winter 2013 Term
- d. Vote : 13-1-0; motion carries.
- c. IAC
 - a. BIRT _____ and _____ are ratified as Students' Council members of the Internal Administration Committee for the Winter 2013 term
 - a. Moved by VP Garcia
 - b. Seconded by Nicolette Zaptses
 - c. Discussion:
 - a. Nicolette Zaptses nominates Nickta Jowhari
 - a. Nickta Jowhari accepts
 - b. Chanakya Ramdev nominates Brandon Berlingieri
 - a. Brandon Berlingieri accepts. He is on co-op for Winter term, but can Skype in to meetings
 - b. BIRT Nickta Jowhari and Brandon Berlingieri are ratified as Students' Council members of the Internal Administration Committee for the Winter 2013 term
 - c. Motion carries unanimously.
- d. PAC
 - a. BIRT _____ and _____ are ratified as Students' Council members of the President's Advisory Committee for the Winter 2013 term
 - a. Moved by President Noble
 - b. Seconded by VP Patel
 - c. Discussion and nominations:
 - a. Jesse McGinnis submitted an application for a position on this council either as the board member or student councilor member
 - b. Elizabeth McFaul nominates Christina Romualdo
 - a. Christina Romualdo accepts
 - c. Chanakya Ramdev nominates himself
 - a. Christina Romualdo seconds
 - b. BIRT Christina Romualdo and Chanakya Ramdev are ratified as Students' Council members of the President's Advisory Committee for the Winter 2013 term
 - a. Vote: 12-0-2; Christina Romualdo and Chanakya Ramdev noted as abstainers.

- e. BIRT _____ is ratified as Board member of the President's Advisory Committee for the Winter 2013 term.
 - a. Moved by President Noble
 - b. Seconded by Christina Romualdo
 - c. Discussion and nominations:
 - a. President Noble nominates Jesse McGinnis
 - d. BIRT Jesse McGinnis is ratified as Board member of the President's Advisory Committee for the Winter 2013 term.
 - a. Vote: 14-0-0; motion carries unanimously.

- f. Council minute procedures
 - a. BIRT Students' Council tasks BP&P with the creation of a procedure to outline the correct format of minutes of council meetings, as well as the timeline in which to release those minutes.

BIFRT BP&P complete this procedure for presentation at the March meeting of Students' Council.

BIFRT that for the remainder of the 2012-2013 session of Students' Council that watermarked council minutes are sent out on the mailing list by the speaker no later than one week after a council meeting.

- a. Moved by Rob Savoy
- b. Seconded by President Noble
- c. Discussion
 - a. Rob Savoy: The precedent for minutes have just been that they are released a week before the next meeting, and I haven't found that really helpful. I feel it's more useful to have them quicker, like within the week so they can be reviewed while things are still fresh in people's minds and it's also easier for the speaker to know what's going on for the next meeting. We should do that with a watermarking so it's clear they are approved. As for the format, there should be a procedure in place so that the format of the minutes is consistent.
 - b. Christina Romualdo: I like this motion, the only thing I'm concerned about is the timeline. It took me awhile to do these minutes and one week given school work and other things, I think it would be hard to get done.
 - c. President Noble: Just speaking against what Christina said, I think that we should make this a procedure and try to put this scenario in place so that it's not a student volunteer who's only getting an honorarium for the council meeting. I think we should move toward a work study position that would be the secretary of council and that would be probably a better way, that they were paid minimum wage in order to keep track of the minutes of council and then they could get other hours taking minutes in various committees of council. I think that would be a much better way to go about this and wouldn't cost much at all. That's what we are doing for this meeting because I didn't know if anyone else would run and I wanted to make sure we had someone. There has been a lot of inconsistency with minutes in the past, so this is the

direction I'm going. I really like this procedure because it will force us to have really good minute taking, minute taking is very important and I can't stress that enough, especially in a politically oriented organization such as we are. Everything we say amongst council can be read by people outside council and then constituents can keep you accountable for what you say in council. These are all good, important things and right now we don't have this in place, so let's pass this motion and then put the things in place in order to make our minutes great.

- d. Vote 14-0-0; motion carries unanimously.

- g. David Collins introduces a motion:
 - a. Whereas Feds does not have an environmental sustainability policy or strategy integrated in the day to day running of the organization,

BIRT Council tasks VP Patel and President Noble to create an environmental sustainability policy and strategy for the federation of students.

I'd like to leave this open for discussion at this point.

- a. Seconded by Chanakya Ramdev
- b. Discussion:
 - a. David Collins: The constituents of Rob and myself, the students from the faculty of environment, have been pushing for us to do something about this. We've been hitting a stalemate inside these meetings, so I think it's smarter for us to go to this level. The motion is designed to focus on Feds as opposed to the university, so we can improve our operations as an organization, as opposed to doing an outward push towards the university, since they already have numerous things and I don't really think we have our stuff together yet to really even talk about it to them. The one question I do have though is for the VP Internal, the environment commissioner position, who's filling that presently and is this cutting into their jurisdiction?
 - a. VP Russell: I would say yes, in theory, it is kind of cutting into what the environment commission should be doing. The environment commission hasn't been very active over the past two terms, but I would suggest maybe just trying to make that more active.
 - b. David Collins: Who is it?
 - c. VP Russell: His name is Steven Bell and I think he's graduating this term (Fall 2012).
 - b. Elizabeth McFaul: Would you perhaps like to add, 'in conjunction with the environment commissioner'? So that if that person is available and is willing to work on it, they can, but if not it still falls to the President and VP AF.
 - a. David Collins: I think that's a good idea
 - c. Elizabeth McFaul: I'll make an amendment to add 'in conjunction with the environment commissioner' after 'and President Noble'.
 - a. Seconded by Nikki Domanski
 - b. Discussion on the amendment:

- a. VP Garcia: Question for the VP Internal, given that you have to hire someone new for this position, do you think they are going to be able to walk into it and provide a lot of content?
 - a. VP Russell: It really depends on the person and the background that they have. If we can find someone who had a background in writing policy and sustainability stuff, then yes. But otherwise it might be tough.
- b. Speaker: Is there any opposition to this amendment?
- c. Vote: 12-0-0; amendment carries
- c. Discussion on the motion as a whole:
 - a. VP Patel: Two things: we do have a current sustainability policy. It's policy number 25, so if you do refer to that there is some sort of guideline in respect to the environment and trees and sustainability and all that kind of stuff. Secondly, I honestly right now don't have much time to take on a project of this size. If we want to do it, I think we should do it right. Andrew Noble, with a few of the big projects he's got rolling with the new building and stuff, we're kind of really tight on time. The other thing is that we're not really experts on sustainability, so we really don't know what to look for or what's acceptable in terms of research and all that stuff, so what I recommend is putting this on hold and maybe getting an outside company or something to do it for us. We recycle. All our stuff's recyclable. I don't know if there is more that we can do. I'm not an expert.
 - b. Chanakya Ramdev: This is an initiative that maybe we should include ESS or UWSP, because they address this and they know what they're doing.
 - a. David Collins: I didn't want to focus it on one group or another, and also, because how this motion is designed at the moment is that we are trying to fix the day to day operations of the organization. So I think having two people spear-head it and then pick who best to consult with afterwards I think would be the best way to go about it.
 - c. VP Garcia: Maybe a question for a member of BP&P committee, but what is the policy cycles? Is it four years?
 - a. President Noble: Three years. Sorry, no five years. Five years.
 - b. Speaker: I thought it was three years.
 - c. VP Garcia: I think it's four, but I could be wrong. Regardless, if it's four, than policy 25 is up for renewal this year/ will expire if we don't renew it. If it's three years, it has expired. If it's five, than it just needs to be updated, so I'm supportive of the spirit of this, but recognize that people don't have time and I might suggest that we utilize support staff, if possible. I know that in particular there is a support staff that cares a lot about the environment.

- d. President Noble: Although I appreciate this, the way that it is right now, I can't vote in favour of it, so I'll vote against it. We do already have a policy and yes we need to review it, but as Kumar said it will take time. I could task it to that person, and that's fine, but that's not what the... we should take out the first whereas statement then. Resources are resources, and I have an understanding of where some resources should go and I was of the understanding that it's five years, but I'll have to follow up on that and report that to council for the next meeting. But, I would be more comfortable with doing an external review and doing it right and doing a more robust assessment. Even if we're smart and try to contact some profs. on campus who would be more well-versed in it, or things like that. There are good options for it, but it's not something that see as necessary given that we already have a policy on it.
- e. Chanakya Ramdev: Can I make an amendment to task councilor Collins to this and strike VP Patel and President Noble from it? You're the one that seems the most interested in this.
 - a. Secunder Fangzhou Chen
 - b. David Collins: I don't think that Feds is actually adhering to it's own policy at the moment and I think that we can do better and I don't think we are, as it says, conducting a continuing review of its operations and practices and making improvements as needed. Again, I don't think this is anything against the federation, I think it's just more of a watch-dog thing and I think we should be going ahead with it. I think that it should be considered to be important, not because it's a bottom line issue, it's an issue that other students find important. It's an issue future students will find important. So even if it is a four or five year policy, the date ends April 6, 2013 if it is a five year policy, so maybe instead of tasking me with it, tasking the President and VP AF to allocate...
 - a. Speaker: So, you're speaking against the amendment?
 - b. David Collins: I don't think that's the summary of it. I would be in favour of joining it, or being joined into the amendment and, I'll leave it at that.
 - c. Christina Romualdo: Can I ask why VP AF?
 - a. David Collins: Because in the day to day running of things, that's his portfolio.
 - d. Vote 0-14-0; amendment fails.
- f. Discussion on the motion as a whole:
 - a. Chanakya Ramdev: Amendment to include David Collins along with VP AF and President Noble.
 - a. Seconded by David Collins
 - b. No objections, amendment carries carries.

- g. Discussion on the motion as a whole:
 - a. David Collins: Amendment to strike 'create an environmental' and replace it with 're-examine the'.
 - a. Seconded by Chanakya Ramdev
 - b. No objections; amendment passes.
- h. Discussion on the motion as whole:
 - a. VP Garcia: Can I motion to strike in the first whereas statement 'an environmental sustainability policy or'. It should probably read 'does not have a sustainability strategy'.
 - a. Seconded by David Collins
 - b. No objections; amendment passes
- i. Discussion of the motion as a whole:
 - a. Stephanie Niesner: Does councilor Collins want to put a timeline on it?
 - a. David Collins: Yes. I think that myself, president Nobel and VP Patel should provide and update at each council meeting until April 2013.
 - b. Speaker: Amendment - BIFRT updates will be provided at each council meeting until April 2013.
 - c. Seconder Chanakya Ramdev
 - d. President Noble: Would like to amend it to 'BIFRT that group will provide a report at the April 2013 council meeting' rather than at every meeting.
 - e. Seconder Nikki Domanski
 - f. Discussion on the amendment to the amendment:
 - g. David Collins: I would speak against this and readjust the motion to still read to provide an update at every council meeting and a report at the April 2013 council meeting. It doesn't have to be a written report, just some sort of update on the status.
 - h. Speaker: Unfortunately you can't make an amendment to an amendment to an amendment, that's too many amendments. We're going to have to vote this one down first.
 - i. Nikki Domanski: I'm speaking in favour of it because I think it would be fine if you just gave a report at the end of the term and if there has been a lot of progress made or something really big, you could always make that in the general announcements, but I think you already have a lot on your plate and if you just bring back a report in April, I would personally be fine with that.
 - j. David Collins: The reason I would like to return it to having an update at every council meeting is to provide more transparency to my constituents. Again, I don't think it has to

be a written report for every council meeting, even just a verbal update from us I think would be a much better accountability mechanism on this issue.

- k. President Noble: I think what you desire, in terms of transparency, doesn't need to be included in the way that we report this. My fear is that we will work every month to create a report, to just figure out what we should say publicly, when we should just be working on it and then when people are interested, nothing is going to be confidential when we're working on it. We're going to be transparent about it no matter who wants an update on it. If council asks about it, I'll include it as one of my points with what I'm working on, so I'll include it in that, but I don't think a separate report makes any sense. So, I'll speak in favour of this motion.
- l. Vote: 14-0-0; amendment to the amendment carries unanimously.
- m. Amendment now reading BIFRT a report be presented to council at the April 2013 meeting.
- n. No objections to the amendment; amendment passes.
- j. Discussion on the motion as a whole:
 - a. David Collins: Instead of stating 'to re-evaluate the sustainability policy and/or strategy for the federation of students' to include 'to re-evaluate the sustainability policy and/or strategy for the federation of students and its applicability to its day to day operations.' Just something to focus it more on the organization.
 - a. No objections; amendment carries.
- k. Speaker re-reads the motion as a whole:
 - a. Whereas Feds does not have a sustainability strategy integrated within the day to day operations of the organization

BIRT Feds Students' Council tasks the VPAF and President and Director Collins in conjunction with the environmental commissioner to reevaluate the sustainability policy and/or strategy for the federation of students and the applicability to its day to day operations

BIFRT a report be presented to council at the April 2013 meeting

- b. Vote: 13-1-0; motion carries.

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS -

- a. Chanakya Ramdev would like to apologize to council for being late for the second consecutive meeting.

- b. President Noble would like to announce that anyone who wishes to come is invited to Front Row after the meeting.
- c. Rob Savoy would like to encourage councilors to encourage students to buy their books at the Feds used book store.
- d. VP Garcia: Would like councilors to know that the EAC seats are being redesigned and to please ask if you're interested.
- e. VP Russell would like to wish every good luck on exams and wishes everyone a nice holiday.
- f. Chanakya Ramdev would like to know how many days in advance of the meeting the reports are due out?
 - a. They are typically due out the Tuesday before the meeting.

15. **MOTION** - to adjourn the meeting at 4:19p.m.

- a. Motioned by Nikki Domanski
- b. Seconded by Nicolette Zaptses
- c. No objections; motion carries.