

Students' Council Agenda

12:30 PM December 1, 2013

SLC 1120/1121 (Multi-Purpose Room)

I have tried to use a consistent formatting throughout the agenda. Underlined items denote items of significance, usually that a decision will be required of Council. Upright text is the text of an actual decision to be submitted to Council for consideration, rather than a reference to an attachment. Large italic text is descriptive but important text, and small italic text is commentary.

Some of the commentary, especially relating to the rules regarding bringing up new business, is based on my personal interpretations of the procedures of Council in conjunction with Robert's Rules of Order. Council, however, is the master of its own rules, and is the body ultimately responsible for deciding how to interpret them. Accordingly, if any Councillor disagrees with my interpretation, then I encourage them to appeal to Council to allow Council to discuss and decide the issue.

Preliminaries

Approval of the Agenda

An agenda is not a comprehensive list of everything that might come up at the meeting, but instead it is a list of what subjects will be considered and in what order. The adoption of the agenda cements the relative priority of each item of business. Adding items to the agenda requires a two-thirds vote, although new items of business can still be raised without needing that vote once the entire agenda is complete.

1. **Motion:** *BIRT* Council approves the agenda for this meeting.

Reading and Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of a meeting are the official record of what happened at that meeting, and contain the authoritative versions of the actions taken at the meeting. No motion or vote is required to adopt the minutes, once corrections are made. If there are significant reservations about the minutes, the approval may be dispensed with, and the minutes will be returned at the subsequent meeting for approval.

Minutes to be distributed to the Council mailing list.

Consent Agenda

Per Council Procedure 9, items on the consent agenda will be considered in gross, without debate or amendment. Items will be moved from the consent agenda to the regular agenda upon the request of any member. The purpose of the consent agenda is not to suppress debate but to allow Council to quickly consider and approve uncontroversial items. bate but to allow Council to quickly consider and approve uncontroversial items.

2. Councillor Reports

- a. **Math** ([attachment 01](#))
- b. **Science** ([attachment 02](#))

Regular Agenda

Reports

Reports are submitted to Council by various officers and committees of Feds and of Council. Motions arising directly

out a report, including to adopt recommendations in the report, may be considered immediately after the report without having to wait until later in the meeting. No action is required to receive a report. If Council decides to adopt or accept a report, then it is endorsing the entire report and not just the recommendations.

3. Executive Reports

- a. President
- b. Vice-President, Operations and Finance
- c. Vice-President, Internal ([attachment 03](#))
- d. Vice-President, Education ([attachment 04](#))

4. Executive Presentations

- a. Service Review (Vice-President, Internal)

5. Executive Q&A Period

6. Councillor Reports

7. Officers of Council

a. Speaker

i. Motion: Winter dates of Council

Resolved, that the Winter meetings of Council shall be held at 12:30 PM on January 12, February 2, March 2, and April 6

b. Secretary

i. Motion: Resignation of Councillor Botelho

Councillor Matthew Botelho, Science, submitted the following letter:

In light of what was said at the last meeting about the issues with Councillors not fulfilling their duties, I do not feel I am as invested in Council as I could be. This school term has been a lot more stressful than I had anticipated and I no longer think I am able to adequately represent the Science undergraduate community on Council. My priorities right now are my academics, job, and personal life. Also, based on my experiences at the last few Council meetings, I have to honestly admit that I am not as interested in Council as I thought I would be. That being said, I wish to resign from my position.

I wish Council all the best with their future endeavors.

Resolved, that Council accepts the resignation of Councillor Matthew Botelho from Council.

8. Standing Committees

- a. Policy & Procedure Committee
- b. OUSA Review Committee

9. Special Committees

- a. Committee on Council Improvement

Special Orders

A special order is an item which will take precedence over all business pending at the time set for the special order. Council will interrupt whatever it is doing at the time to deal with to the special order. As it suspends the normal rule that one item must be disposed of before another can be brought up, setting a special order (or ignoring one already set) requires a two-thirds vote unless done as part of the agenda.

10. **At 1:15 PM: Presentation on CASA**

Representatives of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations, the federal student lobby group of which Feds is a member, will deliver a presentation about their organization.

General Orders

A general order is an item of business that is ordered to be taken up at a meeting. The most important thing that the agenda does is set general orders and their relative ordering. Time limits to discussions indicate the point at which the Speaker will end the discussion unless Council directs otherwise.

11. **Election of Elections Board, Elections Appeals Board, Internal Administration Committee**

12. **Discussion (Councillor McFaul): Student Safety Policy**

Councillor McFaul will ask questions relating to a potential student safety policy; an early draft is in [attachment 05](#).

13. **Motion (Councillor Hamade): Fall Reading Week**

*Whereas mental health is a worsening problem and a great concern to students,
Whereas students are requesting a fall reading break, and
Whereas the University is considering working on a fall reading break,*

*BIRT Feds should work with the university towards implementing a Fall reading break,
and*

14. **Discussion (Councillor Gaffoor): Councillor Advertisement**

New Business

Any Councillor may raise any item of concern during New Business. Generally, long discussions without a specific motion before Council should be avoided, and are technically against the rules of procedure. If a Councillor has any questions about the procedure, form, or content, they should ask the Speaker or another experienced Councillor.

Adjournment at 6:00 PM