

The regular meeting of the Federation of Students Students' Council was called to order at 12:38 PM on Sunday, December 1st 2013 in SLC 1120/1121. The Speaker was in the chair and Julia Meriel served as secretary and Josh Amalraj as Secretary's Assistant.

The following amendments were made to the agenda: 1) To postpone PPC to the January meeting and 2) to move item 12 to item 11.

The agenda was adopted as follows:

Preliminaries

Approval of the Agenda

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

Reading and Approval of the Minutes

Consent Agenda

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

Regular Agenda

Reports

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**
 - . **Service Review** (Vice-President, Internal)
5. **Executive Q&A Period**
6. **Councillor Reports**
7. **Officers of Council**
 - . **Speaker**
- i. **Motion: Winter dates of Council**
 - b. **Secretary**
- i. **Motion: Resignation of Councillor Botelho**
8. **Standing Committees**
 - a. **Policy & Procedure Committee**
 - b. **OUSA Review Committee**
9. **Special Committees**
 - Committee on Council Improvement**

Special Orders

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

General Orders

11. **Election of Elections Board, Elections Appeals Board, Internal Administration Committee**
12. **Discussion (Councillor McFaul): Student Safety Policy**
Motion (Councillor Hamade): Fall Reading Week
14. **Discussion (Councillor Gaffoor): Councillor Advertisement**

New Business

Additionally, Speaker, Sean Hunt, made it so that the meeting's adjournment, under any circumstance was at 6:00pm.

After his presentation on Service Reviews, a motion was presented by VP Drury regarding the Service Review. 21, 24, 25 service related procedures; the exact wording is as follows:

WHEREAS the CLAC has spent the past 8 months consulting and reviewing each service; and
WHEREAS service procedures are part of the Students' Council Procedures;
Therefore, *BIRT*, Students' Council approves the Service Constitutions to be added into the Students' Council Procedures;
and *BIFRT*, the VP Internal will make appropriate changes to Students' Council Procedures to incorporate the constitutions and have them ready for approval of the January meeting of council

- 1) *BIRT*, Students' Council approves the Service Constitutions to be added into the Students' Council Procedures; and
- 2) *BIFRT*, the VP Internal will make appropriate changes to Students' Council Procedures relating to the constitutions and have them ready for approval of the January meeting of council.

A motion to remove item 21, 24 25 from the motion was put forth by Councillor McGinnis which was agreed upon. A vote occurred, which resulted in the approval of the Services Review Motion.

The Speaker proposed a motion regarding the winter dates of Council; the exact wording is as follows:

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

Seconded by Councillor McGinnis, the motion was then agreed upon by the Council and therefore carries. The Secretary proposed a motion to accept the resignation of Matthew Botelho from Council, which passed unanimously; Matthew Botelho is therefore no longer a part of the Federation of Students Council.

A motion for a 5-minute recess was proposed by Councillor McGinnis, which was seconded by VP Drury. After discussion, the vote failed to move the proposed motion.

A motion on the removal of adoption of recommendation of report motion was made by Sean Hunt and seconded by Councillor McFaul. A motion to remove bullet number 5, which reads:

Councillors, other than executives, give primarily oral reports.

As well as to have it referred back to the Council Approval Committee. After the vote, the motion passes unanimously. A motion to amend bullet point number 3, which reads:

Discussions are limited to 10 minutes per subject.

Was put forth by Councillor Hamade and seconded by Councillor Ramdev. The discussion on the motion was put on hold to honor the Special Order for a presentation by Jonathan Champagne for the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA) at 1:15PM. The Q&A Period ended at 1:58PM.

A motion for a 10-minute recess was proposed by President Collins and seconded by Councillor Ramdev; it was voted down 7-8.

Continuation of discussion regarding the Council Improvement consisted of the withdrawal of Councillor Hamade's motion which resulted in the removal of the amendment.

Adopting recommendation of committee on council improvement: council passes it unanimously.

A motion for a 10-minute recess was proposed, which was seconded by President Collins; it was approved and it was agreed that council meeting will resume at 2:19PM.

A motion was put forth to suspend the rules, lay item on table, and deal with amendment in procedures out of normal order; seconded by McGinnis. Which made the motion a two-thirds, undebatable motion:

Motion to amend procedure 6, d, 2. i., which reads:

A member of the Federation of Students Executive, with the exception of the President, who shall chair the Committee unless they are a candidate in the election, in which case Students' Council shall nominate a replacement from the Executive who is not a candidate;

By striking the words, "with the exception of the President". The Council agrees to the amendment and therefore, President Collins is nominated to the PPC. The

at-large seats nominee is Councillor Shihabi, however, a motion to postpone the at-large seats to January meeting was proposed, and agreed upon unanimously by Council.

The Internal Admin Committee nominated Councillor Turner and Ramdev for the Council seats and nominated Sam Ho, Maz Yasin (can be considered as service coordinator), and Chris Lolas for the at-large seats. Councillors Turner and Ramdev are appointed to the committee and a vote occurred on the remaining at-large seats (which were agreed to occur through a ranked voting system).

A short break was taken at 2:48PM to allow for the counting of votes.

Sam Ho elected to the Internal Administration Committee with the vote results as Sam 9-Chris 5-Maaz 5, which resulted in a second round of voting to break the tie between Chris Lolas and Maaz. Chris Lolas is appointed to Council with the vote result being Chris 10-Maaz 8.

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 believes that a fall reading break would be beneficial for students and *BIFRT* the Feds President and Vice President Education should work with the university towards implementing a fall reading break

Amendment: Federation of Students Student's Council thinks it would be beneficial for students; and BIFRT "work towards investigating the possibility of implementing a fall reading week"

Replacing,

BIRT Feds believes that a fall reading break would be beneficial for students and

BIFRT the Feds President and Vice President Education should work with the university towards implementing a fall reading break

With:

BIRT Federation of Students Student's Council believes that a fall reading break would be beneficial for students and

BIFRT the Feds President and Vice President Education should work towards investigating the possibility of implementing a fall reading break.

After the vote, the motion for the amendment carries.

Another motion proposed by Councillor Ramdev was proposed to strike “would” and insert “could” into the BIRT statement (Seconded by Councillor McFaul). After a vote, the motion carries.

A motion to make an amendment to add a third resolved was put forth by Councillor McGinnis, which states:

BIFRT the Federation of Students shall conduct cross-faculty consultations on the interest in fall readings days and what students would be willing to give up to get them.

After the vote was conducted, the motion on the amendment carries.

Amendment to *BIFRT* to add “undergraduate” in *BIRT* Federation of Students Student’s Council believes that a fall reading break would be beneficial for students and

Addition of “starting in 2015” in the following manner:

BIFRT the Feds President and Vice President Education should work towards investigating the possibility of implementing a fall reading break starting in 2015

Formatting changes were also added to have the motion read:

Replacing 2nd statement with “Expressed interest in a fall reading break” – amendment carries.

Motion to replace all instances of word “break” with the word “days” –motion carries.

Motion amend to capitalize each occurrence of the word “fall”

Motion to striking third preamble – Whereas the university is considering working on Fall Reading days; be it hereby

Motion to amend the third
Whereas the university of waterloo 2011 report on mental health recommend to look into Fall Reading Days

Vote: striking the original version of 3rd with edit by Prez; motion adopted.

Question on deleting 3rd Whereas statement: vote: motion carries –statement is deleted

Motion to amend: first Whereas statement with “Whereas mental health is a growing issue at the University of Waterloo”

Vote on wholly edited motion (which is below) motion carries

Whereas mental health is a growing issue at the University of Waterloo and
Whereas there are students who have expressed interest in Fall Reading Days;
be it hereby

Resolved, that the Federation of Students Students' Council believes that Fall Reading Days could be beneficial for undergraduate students;
Resolved, that the Federation of Students President and Vice President Education should work towards investigating the possibility of implementing Fall Reading Days starting in 2015; and
Resolved, that the Federation of Students shall conduct cross-faculty consultations on the interest in Fall Reading Days and what students would be willing to give up to get them.

The motion from Councillor Gaphoor was discussed as on the agenda; it read:

To have the research and policy officer coordinate councilors advertising available positions for the 2014-2015 students council during the week of January 6, 2014 through a booth set up in the following buildings:

§ St. Jeromes, - St. J

§ Renison – Renison

§ SLC - Everyone

§ SCH – Everyone

§ EV3 – Environment

§ CPH - ENG

§ EIT - Science

§ DC - MATH

§ BMH - AHS

§ AL – Arts

Amend to strike Research and Policies Officer and insert “The Electoral Officer”;
no objection therefore amendment is made:

To have the electoral officer coordinate councilors advertising available positions for the 2014-2015 students council during the week of January 6, 2014 through a

booth set up in the following buildings:

§ St. Jeromes, - St. J

§ Renison – Renison

§ SLC - Everyone

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After a vote, the motion carries.

The meeting adjourned at 3:56PM.