

Students' Council Agenda

12:30 PM February 2, 2014

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.

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. **St. Jerome's** ([attachment 01](#))

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** ([attachment 02](#))
 - b. **Vice-President, Operations and Finance**
 - c. **Vice-President, Internal** ([attachments 03, 04, 05, and 06](#))
 - d. **Vice-President, Education**
4. **Executive Presentations**
5. **Executive Q&A Period**
6. **Councillor Reports**
7. **Officers of Council**
 - a. **Speaker**
 - i. **Removal of Councillor:** *Councillor Birnbaum has accumulated 4 excused absences. Consequently, any councillor may now move to declare his seat vacant.*
 - b. **Secretary**
 - i. **Motion:** *BIRT Council accept the resignations of Brandon Berlingieri from Council, Adam Garcia from the Elections Appeals Board, and Roland Fung from the Campus Life Advisory Committee.*
8. **Standing Committees**
 - a. **Policy & Procedure Committee:** *Policy Presentation Part 2* ([attachment 07](#))

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.

(none)

Unfinished Business and General Orders

Unfinished business is business carried on to a meeting from the previous meeting. 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.

9. **Elections Not Completed at January Meeting:**
 - a. **Leadership Awards Committee (1 Councillor, 1 Director, 1 former recipient)**
See Council Procedure 19
 - b. **Honourary Lifetime Membership Committee (1 Director, 2 Councillors, 1 at-large)**
See Council Procedure 20
10. **Elections Postponed from Special Meeting:**
 - a. **Special Committee on Campus Space Allocation (2+ at-large)**
 - b. **Special Committee on Campus Food Options (2+ at-large)**
 - c. **Special Committee on School Spirit (2+ at-large)**
11. **Elections to fill Vacancies:**

- a. **Elections Appeals Board (1 at-large)**
- b. **Campus Life Advisory Committee (1 at-large)**

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 by 3:30 PM