

The regular meeting of the Federation of Students Students' Council was called to order at 12:31 PM on Sunday, March 2nd, 2014 in SLC 1120/1121. The Speaker in the chair was Sean Hunt and Julia Meriel served as Secretary and Josh Amalraj as Secretary Assistant.

The agenda was approved in the following format:

Approval of the Agenda

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

Reading and Approval of the Minutes

2. **Minutes:** *Minutes of January meeting* ([attachment 01](#)).
3. **Minutes:** *Minutes of February meeting* ([attachment 02](#)).

Consent Agenda

4. **Councillor Reports**
 - a. **Arts** ([attachment 03](#))
 - b. **Science** ([attachment 04](#))

Reports

5. **Executive Reports**
 - a. **President** ([attachment 05](#))
 - i. *Committee Updates*
 - b. **Vice-President, Operations and Finance**
 - c. **Vice-President, Internal** ([attachments 06](#) and [07](#))
 - i. *New Service Proposals* ([attachments 08](#), [09](#), and [10](#))
 - d. **Vice-President, Education** ([attachment 11](#))
 6. **Executive Presentations**
 - i. **President:** *Exit Survey Presentation*
 7. **Executive Q&A Period**
 8. **Councillor Reports**
 9. **Officers of Council**
 - i. **Speaker**
 - a. **Secretary**
 10. **Commissioners**
 - i. **Academic Commissioner**
 - i. *Academic Grievances and Petitions Survey*
 11. **Standing Committees**
 - i. **Policy & Procedure Committee:** *Bylaws Info Presentation*
 - a. **Budget Committee**
 - i. **Motion:** **Budget Committee Structure & Appointment**
 - c. **Education Advisory Committee** ([attachment 12](#))
 - i. **Motion:** **Exam Relief Policy**
 - ii. **Motion:** **Coursework Gradings & Return Policy**

Special Orders

12. **2:00 PM:** **First-Year Advisory Council Presentation** (*slides in [attachment 15](#)*)

Unfinished Business and General Orders

13. **Motion (Speaker Hunt): Council Procedure**
14. **Motion (VPIN Drury): Campus Watch Service**
15. **Motion (VPIN Drury): VPIN Committee Structure**
16. **Motion (President Collins): Equity Policy**
17. **Motion (President Collins): Sustainability Policy**

New Business

Adjournment by 5:30 PM

The first motion addressed was for the Budget Committee Structure & Appointment. The motion has the following wording:

BIRT the General Meeting in March select the Budget Committee.

BIFRT the composition of the Budget Committee, in the Committees of

Students' Council Procedure, be amended to read as follows:

- a) The VPOF and the VPOF-elect, as co-chairs;
- b) 2 Directors who are not Executives;
- c) 1 Councillor;
- d) 1 student at-large; and
- e) the General Manager as a resource member.

The conversation regarding the Education Advisory Committee on the UPASS referendum vote lasted longer than 10 minutes; Speaker Sean Hunt made it so that the discussion be taken offline.

VP Education, Adam Garcia, moved to approve the examinations relief policy. Councillor McGinnis motioned to amend the policy so that it is structured like Robert's Rules of Order. The council agreed unanimously upon this proposal.

Councillor Siddharta moved the first *BIRT* statement to have the following wording:

BIRT students believe that one examination per day, with at least one day off between each examination, is the preferred examination schedule, and no objections, adopted.

Councillor Birnbaum proposed a motion to strike the last *BIFRT* statement and to add at a later date after having done more consultation; this motion was seconded by VP, Internal, Devin Drury. Councillor McIntosh called this motion to question, with a unanimous vote right away; the question was on the adoption of the Exam Relief Policy as seen in document. After the vote, all were in favour, for the motion to carry.

Councillor Hamade moved to strike section E.1. of item 11. a. for the Budget Committee Structure and Appointment to amend procedure 26, b. under Authority, so that the council is able to add another body and so that the author is

able to accept committee members. Councillor McGinnis seconded this motion. The following changes occurred:

BIRT, the procedure committees of Students' Council be amended by striking section E.1.

BIFRT, the procedure be amended by adding "unless specified in the committee's procedure" after "committee membership terms shall not last more than one year."

BIFRT, the procedure be amended by adding a new item to section K11 reading "the term of office of the committee shall be from one March General meeting to the next."

BIFRT, the gen. meeting in March select the budget committee

BIFRT, the composition of the budget committee, in the procedure, be amended to read as follows:

- a) VPOF and the VPOF-elect, as co-chairs
- b) 2 directors for the fiscal year of the committee's term who are not Executives:
- c) 1 councillor for the fiscal year of the committee's term;
- d) 1 student at-large; and
- e) the General Manager as a resource member

After a vote, the motion was adopted and the Chair of the Board will ensure that this will be put on the Board's agenda.

At this point, Speaker Sean Hunt called for a 5-minute break. Council meeting paused at 1:55pm and resumed at 2:03pm.

Upon arriving at number 11, item c, Coursework Gradings and Return Policy, there was a debate on the *BIFRT* statement:

"*BIFRT*, graded coursework should be returned to students in a timely fashion; and..."

It was then understood that "timely" means "within reason" depending on the type of coursework assigned. The question was then on the adoption of the policy; after a vote, the policy was adopted unanimously.

In the Unfinished Business and General Orders, the motion was handled by paragraph. Item B, I. had a motion from VP Internal, Devin Drury, seconded by President Collins, to amend number 3 to have the wording,

"to have any full members of the corporation"

After a vote, the motion passed.

An amendment was made to that the word "regular" was added to meeting in number 4. A motion was put forth by Councillor McGinnis, seconded by VP Internal, Devin Drury to amend that a motion shall be automatically presented for a 10 minute recess which resulted in the change noted in red:

If more than two hours have passed since the call to order or since the last recess, then **Council will recess for 10 minutes** the next time there is no business pending, the Speaker shall assume a privileged motion to recess for 10 minutes.

After a vote, the motion passed.

With item F. I. 1., there was an amendment to 1., where “but not including a recommendation to the Board of Directors regarding internal operations” was added at the end. This was considered friendly with the Council.

A motion to amend to a 3-year time frame was proposed by VP Education, Adam Garcia, and seconded by Councillor Nelson. After a vote, the motion passed.

In II. Renewal of Policies, a motion was proposed by Sean Hunt and seconded by Councillor McGinnis so that the amendment is not only a rule, but a recommendation to the Board of Directors governing an internal aspect of the Federation of Students, including Council itself, its committees, elections, clubs, and services. After a vote, the motion passes.

Item G. I. received a motion to amend from VP education, Adam Garcia, so that “the councillors of each representative constituency” are changed to “each councillor is”. After a 13-0-0 vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Item I. 1. was amended so that the scheduled adjournment time was in the distributed agenda. This was friendly to Council.

With II. 2., “And after every further unexcused absence” was added. With III. 1., “and after every unexcused absence” was added as well.

Changes were also to be made to Procedure 9, a *proviso* that no policy already adopted will expire sooner as a result of this procedure was put in motion by Councillor McGinnis and seconded by Councillor Birnbaum. The motion passed unanimously. A motion for the whole document was put to vote and the motion passed unanimously.

The motion on the agenda for the Campus Watch Service was presented by Vp Internal, Devin Drury and seconded by Councillor McGinnis. After a vote, the motion carried.

A motion to task the PPC to integrate, propose structure for internal committees for the VPIN committees into the procedures for the April meeting was proposed by VP Internal, Devin Drury, which was seconded by Councillor McIntosh. After a vote, the motion carried.

A motion was presented by Councillor Hamade to adopt equity diversion and inclusion access policy. VP Education, Adam Garcia, put forth a motion to strike “

“ideas, perspectives, and values” from attributes included in diversity and amend to “language and physical appearance”. After a debate, Councillor McIntosh called this to question and the motion was defeated after the vote.

The question on main motion on adoption of Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Access Policy was next and Councillor McIntosh put forth a motion to table until the next scheduled meeting of the Council and was seconded by VP Ed. Devin Drury. The motion carried, and the policy will be addressed at the next meeting.

The meeting of the Students’ Council adjourned at 3:56PM.