

Students' Council Agenda

12:30 PM November 17, 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.

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.

Reports

1. **Councillor Reports**
 - a. **Science** ([attachment 01](#))

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.

2. **Minutes:** The minutes of the October 6 meeting ([attachment 02](#)) are to be approved.

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. **Vice-President, Internal** ([attachment 03](#))
- b. **Vice-President, Operations and Finance**
- c. **President**

4. **Executive Presentations**

- a. **Service Review**

5. **Executive Q&A Period**

6. **Councillor Reports**

7. **Officers of Council**

- a. **Speaker**

- i. **Removal of Councillor: Haneen Abuseir (Science)**

- Councillor Abuseir has missed two meetings of Council without being excused.*

- ii. **Removal of Councillor: Nickta Jowhari (Applied Health Sciences)**

- Councillor Jowhari has missed one meeting of Council and one general meeting without being excused.*

8. **Standing Committees**

- a. **Elections Board**

- i. **Motion:** *Changes to election procedure to reflect preferential ballot, adopted at the October general meeting.*

- ii. **Motion:** *Approval of a memorandum of understanding with the St. Jerome's University Student Union to allow the SJUSU to run the elections for St. Jerome's Councillors. The memorandum can be found in [attachment 06](#).*

- b. **Presentation (Policy & Procedure Committee): Policies & Procedures**

- c. **Campus Life Advisory Committee**

- d. **Internal Affairs Committee**

- e. **Education Advisory Committee**

- f. **President's Advisory Committee**

9. **Other**

- a. **OUSA General Meeting Delegation**

- b. **First-Year Advisory Council Coordinators**

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 WaterlooWorks**

Amy Woroch, Business Analyst, Co-operative Education & Career Action will give an update regarding the new WaterlooWorks job searching system currently slated to replace JobMine. Her presentation will include the implementation timeline for WaterlooWorks as well as information about consultation with students. Slides are in [attachment 05](#).

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. Motion (President): UW Strategic Plan:

The strategic plan can be found in [attachment 04](#).

Feds Council approves of the University's Strategic Plan.

12. Motion (Councillor McFaul): Replacement for Policy 29

Background can be found in [attachment 07](#).

Resolved, that Policy 29 be amended to the following:

WHEREAS, student space is defined as space in which most students can comfortably: study, either independently or collaboratively; socialize; run and attend events unrelated to academics; play games; engage in physical activity; or enjoy a coffee or other snack; and

WHEREAS, students have expressed a need for increased social and study space; and

WHEREAS, student space on our campus has been in a continued decline since 1977; and

WHEREAS, the University of Waterloo has less athletics, recreation, and study space than most other similarly sized Ontario Universities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the University of Waterloo should increase the total square metres of study space to 12.0% of the actual inventory of space; and be it further

RESOLVED, students should only be charged for the cost of building student space once it is completed to ensure that students are only paying for space they can use; and be it further

RESOLVED, students should not pay for space that is primarily academic, service-oriented, administrative, or not directly usable by students; and be it further

RESOLVED, that at minimum, the University should fund 50% of all study space; and be it further

RESOLVED, the University should fund any space allocated for use by the University in its administrative activities, academic activities, or service activities; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Federation of Students should seek to offset the cost of managing student space through external means and commercial operations; and be it further

RESOLVED, any new fee charged to students for student space must pass through referendum; and be it further

RESOLVED, students and student representatives should be consistently involved with the development of the plans for all student space; and be it further

RESOLVED, students should either comprise the majority of a decision-making body, or hold a percentage proportional to their financial contribution to the project budget, whichever is higher, in student space oversight.

RESOLVED, the consultation and negotiation process regarding all student space should strive to achieve the highest level of transparency and accountability, through constant communication with the student body; and be it further

RESOLVED, students should have full management control of student space; and be it further

RESOLVED, student space should strive to accommodate students' technology needs.

13. **Discussion** (Vice-President, Operations) [15 min]: *Conduct of Councillors*

14. **Discussion** (Councillor Gaffoor) [10 min]: *Council Advertisement in January*

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.