

The regular meeting of the Federation of Students Students' Council was called to order at 12:34 PM on Sunday, November 17, 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 Council added Committee Seat Resignations and Amendments to Elections Procedures as item 15 on the agenda. After this amendment, the agenda was as follows:

### **Approval of the Agenda**

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

Consent Agenda

### **Reports**

1. **Councillor Reports**

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

### **Approval of the Minutes**

2. **Minutes:**

Regular Agenda

### **Reports**

3. **Executive Reports**

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

4. **Executive Presentations**

. **Service Review**

5. **Executive Q&A Period**

6. **Councillor Reports**

7. **Officers of Council**

. **Speaker**

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

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

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**

- g. **Nominating Committee**
- 9. **Other**
- . **OUSA General Meeting Delegation**
- a. **First-Year Advisory Council Coordinators**

### **Special Orders**

- 10. **At 1:15 PM: Presentation on WaterlooWorks**

### **General Orders**

- 11. **Motion (President): UW Strategic Plan:**

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

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

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

- 14. **Committee Seat Resignations and Amendments to Elections**

### **Procedures**

### **New Business**

After a motion to approve the consent agenda was proposed by Councillor McGinnis (seconded by VP Drury), the meeting proceeded with the following motions:

Councillor Patel motioned to remove both Councillor Abuseir of Science and Councillor Jowhari from Applied Health Sciences from Council, which was seconded by Councillor McFaul. After discussion, it was unanimously settled by Council that the Removal of Councillors would be separate for each Council member. There was a motion to remove Councillor Abuseir from Council, however, the motion was defeated 0-16, with an abstention from Councillor McGinnis. Following was a motion to remove Councillor Jowhari from her position on council. After discussion between Councillor Patel and Councillor McGinnis, the motion was tabled to give Councillor Jowhari an opportunity to speak, in consideration of transportation issues. After discussion, the motion passes unanimously and is moved as a discussion piece after the last item on the agenda.

Councillor McGinnis presented additions to assist in polling in high traffic areas. There were two additions for FEDS; 1) To recruit volunteers for polling stations at St. Jerome's University and 2) To provide materials for the polling stations; and one for St. Jerome's, which was to assist in the set-up and physically running the polling stations. A motion was made to add "Vice President and Administration Officer, St. Jerome's Student Union", and strike RPO signature line in the document. The memorandum was agreed upon alongside FEDS signing a copy and providing a copy of the memorandum to St. Jerome's University.

A presentation by Councillor McFaul and Councillor McGinnis as the Policy & Procedure Committee was delayed, however, this motion from Councillor McFaul was adopted.

*WHEREAS*, the General Meeting has mandated that the Federation of Students change to Instant-Run-Off (IRV) voting for single-seat elections, and BC Single Transferable Vote (STV) for multi-seat elections; now, therefore, be it

*RESOLVED*, Procedure 6.J.9 include a new subsection E:

"The votes will be tallied using the Instant Runoff Voting (IRV) counting system for executive candidates. Votes for the council candidates will be tallied using the Single Transferable Vote (STV) counting system."; and be it further

*RESOLVED*, Procedure 6.J.5 be removed, as this is duplicate wording about who is declared the winner.

Due to Special Orders of the agenda, Amy Woroch gave a presentation regarding WaterlooWorks from 1:15-1:35PM.

This followed by Nominations Committee putting forth a motion, stating that the Nomination Committee recommends appointing Chris Lolas to the President's Advisory Committee, with term to December 31, 2013. Chris Lolas was acclaimed to the Nomination Committee. Another motion was made stating that the Nomination Committee recommends amending its terms of reference by adding:

5. Terms of Membership

- a. The term of membership of the committee shall be until the end of the Council year.

The motion passed unanimously, and will be extended until the end of April 2014.

A presentation regarding the OUSA General Meeting Delegation was given from 2:08-2:25PM.

A motion by Speaker, Sean Hunt passed unanimously, for a 10 minute recess.

Following the recess was discussion of general orders where a motion was made by President Collins to approve the strategic plan, paired with a presentation. An amendment to the motion was requested which recommended the Federation of Students vote in favour of strategic plan at the senate meeting on November 18, 2013 (seconded by VP Garcia) –the motion was amended.

A motion to postpone the matter indefinitely was proposed. The Speaker explained that the subject of original motion was fully debatable on, and at the end, after a vote, if the motion is adopted, then the consideration of motion is ended. Councillor Patel moved to postpone the motion indefinitely, which was carried by a unanimous vote by the Council.

Item number 12 commenced with a motion by Councilor McFaul for the replacement for Policy 29 as follows:

*RESOLVE* that associated research should be included with background policy amend policy 29 as sent out in agenda, and that the above is included discussion

A motion to amend followed, stating to first add:

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

and

*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

To the existing policy 29.

Councillor McGinnis proposed that, instead of replacing policy 29 wholly, the amendment above will be included. A vote on the amendment occurred which defeated the amendment.

A motion by Councillor Patel to move the previous question and proceed with an immediate vote passes with 10-3 in votes. The motion to amend Policy 29 to what was set-up in the agenda and background information to be included in the agenda was adopted, therefore the policy was amended.

A motion for The Election Procedures Amendments was approved and are as follows:

Senate Nomination Numbers

*WHEREAS*, Students' Council does not set the number of required signatures for senate nominations; now, therefore, be it

*RESOLVED*, amend procedure 6, Elections Procedure, to strike section F.2.C.

Elect EB/EAB Seats

*RESOLVED*, for Election Board and Election Appeals Board, the nominations for Winter term shall be held December 1.

Adjust EB/EAB Seats

*WHEREAS*, the By-Laws, Policies, and Procedures Committee

(BP&P) no longer exists, and has been replaced by the Policies and Procedures Committee (PPC); and  
*WHEREAS*, there are seats that are open to anyone who has ever sat on BP&P; now, therefore, be it  
*RESOLVED*, that all references to BP&P in all elections procedures be amended to instead reference both PPC and BP&P.

There was a unanimous consent for the motion's adoption, and after a vote, the motion was carried and the procedure was amended.

The Nomination Committee was assigned to fill at-large seats; VP Garcia nominated Danielle Burt for a position and Councillor Birnbaum nominated Yuki Ji (the results follow shortly). A motion for the nominations for the Board of Directors on President's Advisory Committee was proposed so that the election seats were to be referred to the board for them to appoint, after debate, it was decided that the Board will recommend to council who should fill the vacancy.

A motion to remove Councillor Jowhari (Applied Health Sciences Faculty) from Council was put forth; Speaker, Sean Hunt, recited an e-mail message from Jowhari to the Council which gave reason for her absences from the meetings. It was decided that there would be a secret ballot for this motion.

The Nomination Committee voting resulted in the election of Danielle Burt for the at-large seat. A motion to destroy the ballots passed unanimously.

In New Business, Councillor McGinnis resigned from Elections Board along with Councillor McFaul, who also notified Council that she would like to resign from Elections Board.

The vote to remove Councillor Jowhari resulted in her removal from Student's Council. A motion also passed regarding consent to destroy ballots on Nickta Jowhari's removal.

The meeting adjourned at 4:21PM.