

FEDS Council Meeting Minutes
Date: Sunday, September 15, 2013
Start time: 12:41PM

1 Motion: BIRT Council approves the agenda for this meeting

David Collins

- Welcoming to the Gallery
- Notes that discussions be kept to a minimum because of fairly long agenda today

Update:

- Since Sean Hunt is deciding on by-laws, David will be the speaker instead

Approval of Agenda

Motion: McIntosh and Kuno

Voting: 18-0-0

Ratification of coordinators

Motion: 1,2,3

VP Drury: Each service has one returning coordinator

Hamade: no

Collins: Consent agenda so we don't discuss any agenda...Sean Hunt is responsible for this

- No concerns with approval of meeting

Consent Agenda

Voting: 20-0-0

Dr. of Environment – sent out yesterday

-No comments

VP Education, Adam Garcia: Report

- Add co-op council –somehow they weren't on mailing list
- There will be a meeting on Tuesday, however, he won't be able to attend since there is a hiring for Lusa (which he is very excited about!)
- Last meeting: reports to commissioners –goal: going through them together and good format for *public viewing*

Hamade: Report on drive wasn't loading

Solution suggested by other council members: scroll down/be cautious of updated posting

Question (Q) on who is the secretary

Answer (A): running trials right now

VP Internal, Devin Drury: Report

- Food bank collaboration w/ athletics: The idea is that they'll show up to a bunch of games, make donations
- Previously 106 pounds of food was collected, and \$190 of food
- Pretty successful
- Although they have not seen final attendance numbers
- Sex toy bingo, overwhelming at the Bomber
- The concert, well over 3000 students, potentially closer to 4k with people watching on the field (**applause from some members**)

Councilor McIntosh

- The students enjoyed WW
- Good job and good work to everyone who contributed

Councilor Ramdev:

- His first concert he ever attended and he really liked it

Councilor Izelf:

- Comments on awesome week!
- Ups and down because of weather
- Gives the advice to the Executives that since we turned away a lot of grad students (a couple 100), for next year, we can approach the grad students
- It comes with no extra cost since we have enough field space
- They can contribute to the concert next year as well

LEADS Website Update:

-Diversity education team –new

VP Internal Drury:

- Similar to one Waterloo events
- A volunteer team
- Will arrange diversity/educational events (e.g., mental health and wellness)

VP Operations & Finance, Natasha Pozega, not here today, sends her regrets; if you have any requests/comments, send to vpof@feds.ca

President David Collins, Report:

External Representation

Official functions of UWOW13

- very successful
- how well waterloo pride was showcased

Student Success Office Lunches

- The SSO has put on lunches for new students before coming onto campus through June, July and August –great for engaging 1st years to council
- Also acts as a university liaison

Senate: not too much to report; check out the agenda if you would like

Board of Governors:

- Passed on strategic plan: ** pages 32-35 **
- Has student representation
- Pretty good and there is a supplementary document that shows what FEDS has proposed as well
- Check it out!

Chris Read, Jason Coolman and Alumni Affairs was discussed

Director of Equity Hiring Committees:

-Several long months of work; beneficial to students

Internal Initiatives:

Board:

- Approved in spirit by board, hopefully it will move on and get a lot of stuff done
- Governance review will be posted tomorrow (09/16/2013) if you would like to contribute

Orientation Visioning Sessions

- Pretty good turn out
- Discussion on experience of Orientation Week and where future direction will be
- Action now vs. working through patches later is the idea
- 60 students provided feedback

Professional Development

- Dates: Aug 8-11
- Helps with: being able to transition from one team to another
- Also helps us understand how we can accomplish more as groups

Motion: to ask the President to have a plan for the first year council for the September council meeting

www.list.feds.ca – council link; email should be available in thread

Orientation Week 2013 Discussion

- Around 6200 students registered
- Students were very excited for the week
- 1200 leaders involved
- The aim for 1:6 ratio of leaders to students was definitely accomplished this year
- Check out the pictures on FaceBook pages

President Collins on Orientation Week: Lots of fun for him and he also thought the first-years enjoyed it a lot as well

- Then proceeded to a quote from his presentation at Warrior Welcome
- It was that it was well received and it represented what the council should strive for.
- He didn't tell them about his experience on campus, however, he emphasized that they are not invisible and that they do matter!
- His requested action: Be friendly to them! ☺

More on Orientation:

- DJ Whitegold at Toga Party
- The attendance was way higher than last year!
- Faculty Mascots at Engineering Petting Zoo was given some attention; also received good reaction from council
- Execs serving breakfast in Great Hall
 - o Good to see, gives our leaders the energy for the days of O-Week
 - o Hopefully we can keep this up
- The Banana Stand
 - o Positive comments and mentioned how it is home to him (ENV)

MacLean's:

- We are turning around their opinion on uWaterloo's student body/our spirit!

Question frequently received during O-Week:

- 1) How can I get involved?

Note: These updates were included because they weren't included in email sent out prior to the meeting.

First Year Students Advisory Group (FYSAG)

- Not recognizing it as a different group, more like receiving advice from 1st years; recommending it to council next year
- Was designed to advise council
- Terms of Reference were reviewed
- Advertising more is an issue that will be handled next meeting
- Chair: elected –no vote except in ties; can't hold multiple

Soapbox:

- Cost \$1500 to start; \$500 to connect on Facebook; \$500 to connect on our site
- Nothing comparable to it
- Dalhousie uses it: claims it was a huge success, however, only 200 people used it
- Council input:

Think it is a really neat idea, however, it is expensive and there is a fear that it will not be successful

Additional Comments:

- Really like the idea

Question (Q) raised: Why aren't you focusing on students?

Answer (A): Look into first years, as opposed to understanding what they want, and not running consultations with them –making sure that biases are not served (i.e., serving the same groups over and over). It creates a separate group of people to look after issues that aren't necessarily related to certain things. We don't want to push them into the fringes –we want to make sure students are respected and listened to.

Councilor Cahmug

- Appreciate the pictures, the discussion –the amount of effort that went into that
- Soapbox input: For \$2000, it is a relatively cheap trial, especially considering the \$2mil budget, however, it should be debated
- FYSAG input: We need a motion added to the agenda to have a vote
 - o Supports the idea of having this council, however, treating as separate body may have adverse effects
 - o Doesn't capture the same experience from first-year councilors, but both can co-exist to reach goals
 - o First year council is an opportunity to get your foot in the door and also to make judgments

Councilor McFaul:

- Soapbox:
 - o Agrees with the idea
 - o Makes a point that at least you can see the feedback from students
 - o Much more transparent than handling issues on Facebook

Councilor from Math

- Wondering if you can send out information with two groups

Councilor beside Cahmug

- Says it may be a great thing to use

Councilor Patel:

- Comment on Dalhousie being a smaller school
- Thinks 200 is a pretty good number considering the student population

Councilor Ramdev

- Questioning about when the motion will be
(A) From McFaul: Motion in the agenda

Discussion on whether or not to include Terms of Reference in First Year Group or not:

Councilors McGiniss and McIntosh:

Motions

- Include FYSAG as an item and soapbox as an item
- Change soapbox discussion to recommend or adopt
- Requires two-thirds of council votes to amend agenda during the meeting if it doesn't pass, then it doesn't

Voting: 21-0-0

Executive Presentations; Regarding Executive Action Plans

Intro to the '13-'14 action plan

- Students supporting students is the best possible way to succeed (academically and socially –keep this in mind)
- Although there may be *ambitious* targets, we believe they are *achievable*

Goals:

- Increasing communication between Feds and its members
- Focus on advocacy which is more relevant to the 2900 students we currently serve
 - o Will inspire positive organization change
 - o Will align with what waterloo students want
 - o All read from the letter regarding this plan

VP Education Garcia:

Action items:

- Take strategic goals and tried to highlight goals we have and priorities we have and highlight those
- Things such as other VP ed goals you will also see

Q: Councilor Ramdev inquired about renewal of action plan

A: It is based on the current action plan. It's about a 2-way system of communications and being in a strong position to offer services to them

GOALS:

- Meet w/ each society and attend at least one of each society's –responding to the wants of these societies- something that you hear a lot
- Utilizing video team and communications coordinator; coming up with sharable videos; e.g., on Twitter
- Imprint + feds collaboration: developing space for feds to contribute content; ensuring execs are contributing consistently
- To convert a lot of paper poster boards into digital displays- more green and more attractive to
- Develop promotion strategy guide: coming up with how the societies can communicate better
- Localizing community sources, for example, The Toronto Star, Globe and Mail
- Other sources of media exposure = utilizing well

- Collaborative partnerships; excited that they will be here
- Sustain strong/effective lobbying:
- Created new positions, part time staff –good investment
- Focus on academic and municipal sections
- University lobby week: great initiative last year, trying to separate into two weeks – one in the fall, you will hear about that before next meeting
- Local advocacy week: allow face time with members of parliament
- Complete review of all students’ council policy --concerns: policies are good and helpful but the average person does not really understand them; make sure they are more student focused
- Determining federal ad. –working on this; students matter and we want representation of this

Feds will develop and maintain strong operational management practices to build the required infrastructure...

- create new long range plan: headed by David
- utilize marketing... big thing for Adam, we do a lot to promote, but not a lot of advocacy –make sure we promote on a higher level
- VPOF Natasha –space audit of SLC
- improve customer service; Natasha; bomber, bubble tea, international services—how do we serve them better?
- conduct services review: idea is to see if we are running them well and effectively
- How can we make sure feds is being as efficient as possible and doing as well as possible

Relevant Student Initiatives:

- One example running several events and a lot of people, database will help them be more organized
- We can figure out how to meet their needs through review

Also: Use sponsorship opportunities for student events (self-explanatory)

President's Goals:

-Brag list: necessity of this –a lot of students don’t know what we have to offer, we have to make sure we have a space to show students how relative FEDS is to their lives

-Psychological and physical well being –recommended it to be called this way to approach it as a non-stigma; exciting, research is being done where collaborations can exist and where we can work with it as an ‘everybody issue’ not just a Feds issue

-What can we do now? In a few years, what do we want to look like? How will we achieve this? Ambitious but talks with professors in environment, it is innovative and will hopefully gain attention for environment

VP Education, Adam Garcia, Goals:

- Because of action plan format; it was difficult to advertise advocacy concerns
- Course criticisms
- Job mine replacing the software—big deal!
- Off campus quality of life (e.g., housing)
- Instructor fees
- Signing ancillary fee: give students more control over their fees
- An example given: When you see your student bill, ideally, you would see student fee (decreased funding by students, or increase in provision of funding)
- All fees that instructor asks you to pay for (i.e., online software, not allowed if you can't actually get grades)
 - o *Goal:* students can talk to feds about this
- Teaching Awards program: a lot of student engagement last year, trying to do it again this year! Highlighting the pros of many professors

VP Internal, Devin Drury:

- 1) Big thing that Alex (former VP) was concerned about was issues regarding how can students be more safe on campus, walk-safe, and off campus shuttle
- 2) Make sure that he will be in offices once a week, holding office hours if they want to see him
- 3) Visit societies, concerns = sent face to face, easier –make signs that were better for students e.g., “where is GLOW?”

Councilor Ramdev:

Q: to Collins: Why are we socially responsible?

A: We do this to be consciously aware of our social impact (e.g., maybe your computer is made somewhere you don't agree with the process)

Councilor Sidharta:

Comment: instructor fees –online access fee; in accounting courses, suggesting alternatives: making a point that written is unfair vs. online.giving disadvantages to people who don't get the software resulting in less points

Garcia: come talk to me after the meeting

Councilor McFaul: recommend that academic affairs officer come to the meetings

Ramdev: comment: questions not related to presentation

-Regarding I-clickers, top hat monocle; are they mandatory to buy?

Garcia: i-clickers are in the gray zone; the ministry is trying to answer these kinds of questions

-The agreement

Garcia: he has something available to answer that

Sidharta:

Relevant Student Initiatives: concerning the 1st points

- We want to see when the events are (on database), making it easier for the execs of societies to communicate and get help

Note: Agenda will be posted online

Written reports:

Only one submitted

Collins: suggesting submitting reports

Councilor McGinnis/Math report:

- Apologies for not submitting
- New president of math soc
- Comment on verbal reports if written was not submitted
- Orientation Week was very successful, happy about that
- 2 events for math during the term that are being planned: math soc senators- send name once more details come in
 - More focused, like science sound off, depending on success of 1st event!

Councilor McIntosh/Arts report:

- Not sorry since there was nothing much to say
- Sit down this week to get things organized
- Will send out
- Math, env, arts councilors sitting down with dons Tuesday night –will give the feedback
- Other than that, nothing else

Councilor for Arts –beside Hamade (Kuno):

- Using the week to iron out responsibilities
- Meeting for Dean of Arts which will be about an hour in length
- Talk about ac/sci business programs, how general arts programs fit into certain plains at UW
- ASU; attending council meetings

Councilor Hamade:

Q: Where are the dons and faculty councilors meeting happening?

A: A room at rez, only really for people who are interested; a dry run, we will have information about it later, we would like to get in touch with groups as well.

Councilor Ramdev/ENG Report:

-Similar to what ARTS said, because of oweek, haven't had much to do, eng and feds have had interesting summer, he wants to maintain and enhance the relationship

Polowski/ENG:

- Electing new execs team for engsoc
- Will take a different direction after the election; hopefully new goals
- Will have more info on this

AHS Verbal Report:

- In the middle of AHSSIE elections; ~17-19 members, then a full team of execs
 - Good thing about it this term; great range of 1st year to 4th year = great opinions expected
 - A lot of feedback, for the first time, AHS students actually reached out and wanted to bring attention to council
 - However, AHS students were disappointed that there aren't a lot of PT jobs with FEDS- they are worried about finances
 - Bomber: the AHS staff that work there were really upset; not sure if facts are correct –apparently, tip-out has increased, students are not making as much money –strain for them...5 students talking about quitting
- Collins input: talk to VPOF

On another note: Applications open for AHS: Academic/Dancing event –going out in March

ENV Report (put up)

- Currently preparing for extended long weekend
 - Fall reading week questions –but would require Sunday exams
 - Looking for students opinions if they want a fall reading week; would appreciate if other faculties give input
- VP Education, Garcia: you would have to go to Registrar's office*

SCI Report:

- New councilor
- Meet with Gloria and Nicky, to get training session
- Plan meet with SciSoc, and reps from Sci. society
- Will give updates and send out in a report
- Term just started, there's not really much going on

ARCH not present

SJU:

- Doing well: working with Feds on election processes, making sure that council seats are filled, looking forward to our own election to fill the rest of the seats

Other comments?

Councilor Ramdel:

-Comment on new Sci councilor, volunteering help to him if needed

Note to all councilors:

Click on councilor feedback form, learn how we can improve as a body overall

Motion:

Resignation of Nicki at council

McIntosh –

Acceptance of resignation: we can reject resignation; unacceptable resignation = misconception of something, but that is from Sean Hunt, not David Collins.

Any other discussion?

-Councilor Avenue: question on McIntosh

Another EAC Spot open –Collins: will be dealt with later on

Voting on calling a question:

20-0-0

Voting on the resignation of Nicki:

20-0-1 (Absention: Councilor Ramdev)

Break at 1:54PM

Resume order 2:06PM

Kelly:

- Excited to have opportunity to have a chat with us; more of a preliminary dialogue, a couple of ideas to improve how everything is
- Background information on her:
 - o Started at UW in May, spent bulk of summer getting to know a lot of people
 - o Understanding K/W community
 - o Excited to have the brand new role of leading community events at UW, what it means: the prez knows we can do a better job of developing/communicating with our community (government partners, perspective students, current students...basically anybody we can have an interaction with)
- Her questions: What are we doing regionally? Provincially? Internationally? To engage community better
- Her point: We have to organize the way we communicate; because we have to exhibit how much we do and who's doing what in a story to give justice to all the amazing things that are happening
- Her Goals:
 - o One of the things she wanted to organize: What is the federation of students already doing? She knows that FEDS gives back a lot already! "Giving back" as in to charities, student groups, long-term partnerships, etc. She is very interested in what feds is doing
 - o And to recognize:
 - What are the issues that matter to the student body?
 - What are we doing well?

- What can we do better /well /new that could take feds to a different level?
- Really interested in the perspective around the table

Discussion with Kelly

Ramdev: His passion; school spirit, showcasing this to community, what he finds over and over, students relate to faculty more than university; Q: how will you let students connect to university as a whole instead of just faculty?

A: first understand who is doing what; tell faculty stories and how it contributes to university; it's something we can't solve, but it isn't a problem either

McIntosh: highway of information that goes back and forth, we do that very well, we sell it to the little communities

Science council: joining clubs is a suggestion to be more part of the community; something that he thinks is lacking is promotion of what different clubs may be, he thinks the current way is not effective enough –a hub for club information (when/where of club meetings) e.g., a student misses a club at a fair, then they miss out and it's unfortunate

Kelly: agreement on online club fair

Brandon: sustainable campus initiative; trying to put solar panels, things that will help impact community, thinks it should be highlighted since it helps the overall community

Beside Ramdev: a lot of clubs are big players in community; a lot of discussion of outreach opportunities; how to better things? Student clubs is where it becomes better

Kelly: is campus more of a home rather than seeing community as their home?

McFaul: Yes

Ramdev: incorporation of UW spirit; if we don't see it on campus, how can we expect it from our students? (e.g., banner in SCH for black and gold day)

Beside McIntosh: he wants to see more of what Ramdel suggests

- Currently there are volunteer opportunities and pt opportunities
- Columbia St. a lot of garbage, suggests a club to tour around the campus to clean up garbage

Kelly: easy hands on ways we can show we care about the campus

Garcia: agrees that waterloo students that they don't recognize that there is a broader opportunity to be a part of; less of a student issue and more of a permanent resident issue. Something uni could do a better job on is working with education and out reach to non resident students to make them feel more part of the community

Patel: Canada Day –acknowledgement of doing the fantastic job that Kelly's team has done; very well respected event, and a great way to showcase the events

Kelly: Is there more room for us to do that throughout the year?

Patel: People are always watching, so yes, definitely.

Kelly: What is the best way to figure out how we can capture all the clubs and put them in the light of our community? Any suggestions?

Sidarta: he rarely feels that he is a part of the waterloo; he didn't know about Oktoberfest; students don't know because there are no updates about things that are happening on campus –university or feds could help with this, promoting special events in the K/W area! Not just on campus.

Kelly –restating this + What about accessing the expertise that is out there?

Stephan: discussion of CEO on Twitter,

Kelly –more to get community to come and visit us? A lot of academic things that we can't engage community as much, how can we do this?

Stephan: we're having difficulty on seeing it from an outsider's perspective

ENV: (gave an example of how we can do this) It's built into our curriculum that we go out into the community, planting trees, so it's a really good way to get out there

Arshay: wants to make sure that he is clear on the topic; is it marketing?

Kelly: Tim –responsible for marketing...there are multiple uses but we don't have the information to go completely forward. The main topic is, is there an easy way to tell the story? We have to talk about the issues...for example, show: here are all the things that the university does for sustainable community. Maybe we can tell the story about the environment, maybe arts & culture, our high school partners. Can you have any guess of how many of our students/ professors are connected to outside of the campus? What do you think about the concept of telling our story through arts & culture?

Feedback: overall; we don't know, but we'll see how it works out.

SCI: Feds website- good place to promo. Club of the Month idea! Doing something cool; speaking about contacting presidents –every end of term, survey of how we can provide the services...ask questions you want answers to

Kelly: Is that a way that we can figure out the issues that are present? How do you guys figure that out? Does arts & culture even matter? What ways can we go from here?

Patel: students like surveys (response; laughter from audience) but you have to ask the right way and maybe include prizes

McFaul: Key is to do it at last minute!! People don't respond if you give them too much of a time frame.

AHS: Surveys on LEARN

Kelly: So the secret is to annoy people? Haha

Ramdev: the history of university, how it was founded and why? More events, maybe music based, or speaking based

Kelly: more opportunities to partner with Feds, like Canada Day is a good way

Luke: tell stories of the little things; we don't see a lot of community coming into the university (i.e., from K/W) ; home owned businesses coming to campus, there are opportunities there as well

Kelly: How can the community be better connected? It's hard for them, but she's excited that she's doing this job to help that be better

SCI: Suggestion for historical context

Garcia: competing with Laurier resulted in us making less money because of the competition

Patel: we raised more than them, but we weren't getting the money back fairly

-Bus stop marketing ideas; marketing at sports games, relating to our uni football team, split b/w Laurier and Waterloo universities

Kelly: so we want to make it more inviting to them!

-Waterloo is great at hockey, but they go to the Kitchener games instead, Terry Fox runs advertise at bus stops, he doesn't know how to solve the: which-university-event-should-I-attend problem

Kelly: there are many ways to make us more visible! There are other ways we can be deliberate and more welcome!

-When it comes to Waterloo, money talks. Community relations funds, if clubs participate, usually transportation costs money, members don't know how to pay, if you could help them and provide some kind of money to pay for costs, then you would know about events

Kelly: agrees - "not a bad idea"

Alexandra (gallery): instead of competing with university across the road, join with community (i.e., relay for life)! For community image: there are a lot of things in Kitchener like Koifest, Waterloo could try to send students there= this involves students of all ages! Breaking the age barrier

SCI: students are always complaining about volunteer experience, we could find volunteer opportunities that are open, if we can reach out for them, and then it's more convenient for students!

Kelly: students are very attractive to certain partnerships, so it's a good idea

MATH:

Kelly: food bank, Habitat for Humanity, etc. As an entire university, how are we relating to you? Particularly, how are members of Waterloo involved? One of the great opportunities is bringing together people on campus to do outreach. E.g., ENG, MATH, SCI, always out in high schools. We're trying to bring folks on campus, and have invited Adam and David, trying to get more collaborative work going. There is a lot of energy involved, this is the beginning of a journey. If I have more questions during the year can I come back to you?

Council: Yes

SCI: GRT, LRT make it welcoming to community!

Patel: Q: Things like students being noisy, students being drunk –community perception of students. AS far as UW goes, how far do we go to communicate the perceptions of students to the community?

Kelly: We talk a lot to students about all of this, but there is a whole other side to this. Our students really care, we want to get to know the community, if you get to know us, then you know that it's not just student issues, there are more positive experiences. There is definitely room to improve in that area.

Randel: talking about 'house activities'; tell the students to be more considerate

Kelly: How often does FEDS communicate with overall student body?

Council: "all day every day", social media,

Kelly –thank-yous/goodbye @ 2:48PM

Motion

To make Councilor Patel chair until President David Collins returns

-Council unanimously in favour

Motion

To recess

-Dismissed

Committee of Presidents. motions

Councilor McFaul:

-Discussions? None

-Getting rid of the procedure

Voting:

Passes unanimously

Councilor McFaul and VP Internal, Drury:

-2 councilor blanks, 2 student blanks

Drury: 3 is a doable number, it worked fine last term, it just makes more spots available for students

-Any nominations to fill these blanks?

Internal Admin Committee

-Nominate Hersh, 2ndary vote, yes

-Nominate Alexandra Titus at large, don't need a secondary

-Nominate Andy Liu, accepts

-Nominate Febrian and Councilor Henry; both accept

-Nominate John Yun

-Nominate Doug Turner

-Nominate Garcia for scrutiner

-Nominate McIntosh for scrutiner

Motion

(by Drury) 3 seats for students

- Nominate Majdal-shih
- Nominated someone from gallery

Since there are more nominees than the number of seats, there will be an election.

Councilors given 30 seconds to be part of IAC

- Sidharta; has expertise, prez and co-founder
- Henry; been involved in many clubs, interested in what people say
- Doug Turner; new to council, but plans to be involved (time devotion)
- Majd; a lot of student clubs, prez of a club, wants more specific tasks

Councilors questions;

Ramdev: Any conflict of interest?

- Sid; part of the club he co-founded
- Henry; hold just membership of clubs, no conflicts
- Turner; no conflicts
- Majd; club memberships

Voting: pushed

Seats at Large: nominees are given 60 seconds to promote themselves

- Hersh; Nick, talking on his behalf/off his submission
- John; came for secretarial position; high school – leader for church, counseled, planned monthly events, planned a trip –thinks he is a good candidate for the position
- Andy; works with Alex, works with Devin –experience with Feds last year; internal funding community, pretty good understand of clubs/finances of clubs
- Alexandra; student council, prom/semi formal, relay for life as logistics advisor, want to get a feel for the school
- Xin; created a club, helped organize a lot of volunteer opportunities, intramural teams, hospital volunteer work + senior volunteer work

Councils questions:

-John; what program are you in? AFM

Ramdel: Why are you interested in these clubs?

John; improve interpersonal skills

Andy; involvement with feds made me want to get more involved internally, he wants to get the exposure to other clubs and explore his options

Alexandra; see the different clubs, didn't know where to find them, opportunity to get to know the school, wants to be involved, loves conflict resolution

Xin; want to get more involved internal work, want to understand more about the school, how it works, how everything is managed

Vote; taking place at 3:15PM

IAC: up to 2, At-large: up to 3

President Collins, due to other commitments, **motions** Councilor Patel as being councilor for the rest of the meeting

Voting:

18-0-0

President's Advisory Committee:

-Bring forth things that you'd like to see in my portfolio

-Last term, there was a rotating chair, had interesting things regarding oweek last year, it is a 4 month commitment

Nominations for the Director role

-Jesse has been nominated by councilor Brennan –accepted

-Deferred director role

Nominations

-Turner nominated by Brennan—accepted

-Nelson nominated by Sidarta –respectfully decline

-Jerry nominated by Ramdel –respectfully decline

Henry and Turner, representing council at IAC

Alexandra and John; tie between Hersh and Xin; election right away

Hersh vs. Xin:

For future elections:

If you rank whom you vote for, the person in last place, all their ballots become number 2 –prevents having to revote

Seconded for the rest of the elections today – “The Run Off System”

Hersh vs. Xin: Xin fills the seat

PAC Members:

1- Grouber

2- Majd

Motions by Ramdel: 2 seats at large

Seats at large:

Nominate:

John Youen

Amy Zhou

Hersh Karma

Alexandra Titus

Dia Rahman

Mohamed Lashith

Lisa Huang

Adam: explains to Gallery what PAC is; touches on largeness of portfolio; prez brings things forward, PAC is asked their input

Patel: 3 blanks not 2 for at-large seats

Going into Election in the Run Off System

Adam and Luke are still the 2 scrutiners

Candidates given 45-second opportunity to speak

John; coach of Mississauga Monarchs –great problem solving skills

Amy; Depute commissioner under Adam last year, different experience on many clubs, done a lot on o-week; leadership + communication skills that are transferrable

Alexandra; trained the future school presidents of her schools; working with their campaigns, started the new school government that her school now follows

Dia; brought here for the motion later; very involved in research with Queen's U, sponsored for \$1M by Bell Canada; project to bring env and eng together; talking with director extensively; oweek leader as well

Mohammed; VP at the college, he wants to learn more about the campus

Lisa; GLOW member, oweek leader –talked about how not being involved in 1st year was a mistake, wants to foster a great environment for incoming first years and prevent her mistake from being repeated

John, Lisa, and Amy are the PAC at-larges!

OUSA Presentation 3:53PM

Home Office and President of OUSA

-Adam, VP of admin

OUSA – 30% off tuition advocates!!

-It is an alliance; a collection of student organizations to tackle advocacy in several ways

-Waterloo has substantial contributions to OUSA

-Vision: creates affordable education, providing adequate support to families in Ontario

-Creating a really smart student approach for what student education should actually look like

-Milestones discussed; only a piece of what they've accomplished

OUSA structure:

Student's → general assembly → steering committee → executive → home office

-The general assembly is (arguably) the most important/critical point

-Summary on Executive members

-Director of Research

-Research Analyst; carries out primary research; focus groups, meet with service providers, write briefs,
-Operations Coordinator

Conference & Events

-Though there are a lot of FT staff, OUSA is *very* student driven

Principles

- 1) Student driven; students set the vision; students pass or don't pass the policy papers –they set a lot of the OUSA priorities
- 2) Research driven policy; make identifiable and principle recommendations; it is the foundation in OUSA –ensures that everything they do is backed up by research (e.g., bringing LGBT to post secondary)
- 3) Easy membership; easy in, easy out

Approach

- Advocate people who are willing to work with them
- Establish relationships with many associations and groups –they are connected and look to get good meetings and have points be sent across clearly

Membership Value

-influence to set OUSA's priorities and policies
-leadership role in the province
-access to key decision makers
-resources for engagement
-share best practices; OUSA is an incredible way to connect with other universities across the provinces from a VP-VP level to a student-student level

Sector Structure

-they meet with PC and NDP (leaders of oppositions)
-meet with minister of training, colleges & universities –so he knows how his decisions will affect students and what response he will get
-meet with stakeholders (with those regarding tuitions)

OUSA'S 2012-2013 Budget Breakdown

-100% goes towards advocacy; goes towards efforts of advocacy
-all towards the research, making sure the public knows what we're doing and continually supporting the students
-it is a general/transparent way the money is spent

Fall Campaign

-talking to students about OSAP
-generally trying to highlight the awareness of OSAP; for example, a huge majority of students do not know that there is an OSAP option available

Winter Campaign

-barriers to post-secondary access –they talk to students that this mostly concerns to

2013-2014 Policy Papers

-overall student access to secondary education
-ancillary fees: additional to tuition fees and regulatory measure taken to control these

-system growth; very ambitious one –looking to create a vision for post-secondary to move forward; OUSA talking about ‘how do we fund universities in the future’, how can we give them growth and move forward ; very broad visionary

Youth Employment Submission

- key thing to update to the government
 - addressing labor attachment issues after graduating
 - recommending that government fund the work-study program
 - to inform students on the programs available to students
 - looking at unpaid internships
 - protecting students in their learning experiences
- i.e., unpaid co-op is an issue that is directly related to uWaterloo students

This year’s advocacy Priorities

Financial Assistance

- expanding OTG eligibility; because of length of co=op term, some of them don’t get enough, a goal is to extend the OTG for them

Student Mobility

- making credit transfer more easily if you switch schools

Youth Employment

Access Barriers to PSE

Ancillary Fees – enabling groups to be autonomous , online testing fees, increasing student oversight, regulating grey-area fees

Tuition-Related Fees –if you haven’t gotten your OSAP in the summer, you shouldn’t have to pay the \$60 fee for being late

Teaching Quality – allowing high quality learning

Presentation ended at 4:26PM

Q’s

Q: Were there any contributions/milestones by OUSA prior to the 2006 milestone displayed?

A: The biggest one was at the beginning of OUSA where students got more control over their ancillary fees. That was a big win for OUSA.

Q: copy of the presentation?

A: Adam will be given a copy.

Q: Ramdel: What is the benefit of paying the \$2 fee?

A: Adam: At the end of the day, issues don’t operate on a sideline. Tuition at Waterloo doesn’t get affected without us influencing provincial policy. Engaging students at UW level, it helps us help students.

Q: follow up on milestone façade

A: OUSA always maintains communication with the opposition; they work with a variety of parts of government to ensure OUSA always gets a win

Adam: Ryan and Amir will be back on OCT 2nd for a second campus visit!

Next on agenda:

Filling seats of board

Motion to appoint __, __, as the one former member of the BP&P Committee.

Elections board job description

Nominations

McGuinness, 2nded by McIntosh

-no more nominations, McGuinness takes the BP&P C Elections Board

1 Vacant Councilor seat:

-councilor McFaul nominates herself

-Hamade seconded by McIntosh

-nominates Mohammed Nasif

McFaul takes the Councilor seat

One Exec Elections Appeals Board:

Motioned by Ramdel, 2nd by McFaul

-McFaul describes the role

Nominated: Garcia –respectfully declines

Drury – accepts

At-Large (3):

Nominated:

-Andy Lu

-Dia Rahman

-Alexandra Titus

-Amy Zhou –respectfully decline, therefore the 3 are the At-Large members.

Q: What is the time commitment?

A: Depends on the number of appeals; 4 month committee –they met 0 times last time Drury was on it

Motion for 5-minute recess; Henry seconds

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Motion: Jesse McGinnis

Mental health committee proposal

-need some more attention

-an opportunity to angle students towards something they are passionate about

Motion to destroy the ballots, second by all

VP Education, Garcia:

- not sure why committee of both university and feds members is effective
- in favor of adhoc committee

VP Internal, Drury:

- we can do the ad-hoc thing

Councilor McGinnis:

idea; committee would meet with uni admin if related, but it is not necessary to have them at every meeting, more sense if you invite them when necessary

Councilor McFaul:

2 amendments; an adhoc committee called Mental Health Advisory Committee be created with blanks; and add a staff member who is already involved

Is it friendly? Yes

No opposition.

VP Education: asking if McGinnis talked to Collins.

McGinnis: no, but talking to people in audience, it makes sense to make committee right away, we can adjust it in time.

Member of Gallery, Dia:

-spoke to Jeffrey at SSO; spoken to Chris Reed over email; they want it to happen to say what students need, what their focus point is, what the services are that they need to know about. Focus on info awareness, marketing , we have to bring the people to come together to stand up to the stigma. Bring together once a month for communication to use resources effectively.

Motion

To amend to change membership from VP internal to an executive

Outcome:

Friendly to council

Councilor Patel: puts group as an ad-hoc up for voting

Voting:

Passes unanimously among Council

Motion

by McGinnis to fill the blanks

-seconded by McIntosh

-at least 2 at council, 2 at large are minimum

Nominations for councilor:

-Chanakya Ramdev

-Dayna Nelson

No election, automatically elected.

At-Large:

-Maaz Yasin

- Dia Rahman
- Alexandra Titus
- Mohammad Nasif
- Nelson nominates John Youn

Councilor McGinnis: amend to 3 at large

Election: using Rank System

Councilor McGinnis: comment that one seat would be reserved for a 1st year living in 1st year, residence

Motion

To amend one seat to one first year

Response:

Friendly to all

Maaz Yasin-represented by someone in council

Dia; started mental health promotion last year

Alexandra; diagnosed with anxiety in 12th grade; wants to make resources available

Mohammed; member of the Stop the Stigma at his college

John; reiterated his experience in counseling at his church

Rank-System election

Secretary was absent due to quick break.

Procedure XX. First-Year Advocacy Council

Discussion: amendment; WCP concern..

Council: already in there, just looking at the outdated copy

Sidharta: 8000 first years, not accurate?

Council: it is, especially considering the number of first years that participated in oweek this year

Councilor Liz McFaul: First-Year Student Membership

Comments:

Ramdev: do you feel that 7 off campus students are enough?

Council: there is a formula?

President Collins: is there any collaboration with housing? Do you think others feel like they don't really belong since they're put in **another** group?

Councilor McGinnis: didn't want to overstep bounds, based on how it operated last year, there wouldn't be a highly objectional hold, as long as you get in touch, they should be O.K. with it.

President Collins: 1st question; the bias having people involving the same people. 2nd question; would being part of the council make them feel they can't join our council?

Councilor McGinnis: the fact that there are first years present here, I don't think it would push them away; as for the bias, as long as it's communicated correctly, they

have different focuses –of course you get involved with everything and would get some cross but you would get different groups at the end of the day

Councilor Nigh:

- almost none of the topics overlap, she was also the only person part of rez council and first year council
- though topics don't overlap, first year council could have used the input from first year
- it is a good gap to ease first years into the council

Councilor Nelson:

- never felt excluded from council, still felt welcomed
- always felt like she could speak to people on the council
- an exec would attend if that concerned their portfolio

McFaul: retract

Council:

- if we get the advertising done now, vs. January, we can get more representation of what is out there, you can eliminate the bias

VP Internal, Devin Drury:

Off campus dons was given advertisement 3 days before due date, and there was 1 person who showed interested, so given time, it won't be hard to get people

VP Education, Adam Garcia:

- Connection to council, are those student council policies or first year policies?

Councilor McGinnis:

- you could leave it as a first year council business since there isn't a way to have separate policies, some things can come about could elevate to student council

VP Education, Adam Garcia:

- I don't want us to do things just to do things, I want it to go somewhere
- this might pit people against each other, if you Favour one group over the other; we want to make sure that it works for first-years and upper year councils

Councilor McGinnis:

- would love that result
- sees the policies but some could benefit from a statement

President Collins:

- not opposed to idea, but worried about idea of creating government
- if the intent is the training realm for people vs. a consultation group, be more clear and consider; what are you going for?

Councilor McFaul:

- no comments

Vote: 18-0-1

First Year Council passes

Motion

(McGinnis) to fill two blanks

Outcome:

Friendly.

-Student councilors that are not execs

-in charge of administrative work, one would end up as co-chair, would also come to the execs, a lot of work making FYAC successful

Nominations:

Ramdev, McGinnis 2nd

Gaffour nominated by McGinnis

Giovanna Ngai nominated by Henry

Dayna Nelson

Elizabeth McFaul

Secretary left meeting at 5:36PM due to commitment beginning at 6:00pm