

STUDENTS' COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING: November 2, 2014

The Regular Meeting of the Federation of Students Students' Council at 12:30 PM on Sunday, November 2, 2014 in SLC 2105B. The Speaker in the chair was Doug Turner and Andrew Clubine served as Secretary.

The following members were in attendance: Councillors Turner, Nelson, Hamidzai, Khan, Lolas, Liu, J. Wang (MATH), Sidharta, J. Wang (ENG), Wan, McCready, Nasif, Gaffoor, Balram, Koo. President Burt and Vice Presidents Balfour, Yasin and Hamade were all in attendance.

Councillors Domingo, Li, Ramdev, A. Wang, Knight, Hayman and Puri were excused from attending the meeting. Councillor Thaker's absence was unexcused.

CALL TO ORDER

Speaker Turner called the meeting to order at 12:38PM.

PRELIMINARIES

ELECTION OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY

The meeting began with a blank motion for the election of the Assistant Secretary:

1. **"BIRT Council elects _____ as Assistant Secretary of Students' Council."**

No nominations for Assistant Secretary were made.

2. Moved by VPED Hamade, seconded by Councillor Koo:

"BIRT Council postpone the election of Assistant Secretary of Students' Council to the Students' Council Regular Meeting on November 30, 2014."

-Carried unanimously-

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. Moved in amendment by President Burt, seconded by VPED Hamade:

“BIRT the agenda for the August Regular Meeting be approved with the following amendments:

- **Include OUSA Presentation as a special order at 2:30PM;**
- **Include motion by J. Wang (ENG) to amend September minutes.**

-Carried unanimously as amended-

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the October Regular Meeting were approved unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

4. **“BIRT Council receive and approve the Consent Agenda for the August 2014 Regular Meeting.”**

- **Councillor Reports**
 - i. Doug Turner (Arts)
 - ii. James Koo (AHS)
 - iii. Dayna Nelson (Arts)
 - iv. Kavita Puri (Kitchener)
 - v. Jazbel Wang (Math)
 - vi. Anne Marie Hayman (St. Jerome’s)
- **Elections and Referendum Committee (Coun. Hayman)**

-Carried unanimously-

REPORTS

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

Executive reports were presented by President Burt and Vice Presidents Balfour, Yasin and Hamade. Reports can be found in the agenda for this meeting.

SPEAKER’S UPDATE

Speaker Turner reiterated rules regarding Councillors’ attendance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS

5. Moved by Councillor J. Wang (MATH):

BIRT the minutes of the September 2014 Regular Meeting be corrected from “ J. Wang (ENG)” to read “J. Wang (Math)” in the IFC Election section. *requires $\frac{2}{3}$ majority

-Carried Unanimously-

ELECTIONS

6. Moved by VPOF Balfour:

“BIRT elect _____ to the Student Council seat of the SLC Management Advisory Board.”

Councillor Khan nominated herself. No further nominations were made. Councillor Khan was acclaimed.

-Carried-

7. Moved by VPOF Balfour:

“BIRT ____ be elected to the Student Council seat of the Brand Audit Ad Hoc Advisory Committee.”

Councillor Koo nominated Councillor Knight; Councillor Knight was not present. No further nominations were made. Councillor Knight was acclaimed, pending her acceptance of the appointment.

-Carried-

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UPDATE

***Councillor Knight accepted her appointment to the Councillor seat on the Brand Audit Ad Hoc Advisory Committee.
This was confirmed by Speaker Turner on 04/11/14.***

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COMMUNICATIONS POLICY

8. Moved by President Burt:

“BIRT Council approve the proposed Communications Policy.”

a. Moved by President Burt, seconded by Councillor Gaffoor:

“BIRT Council postpone the approval of the Communications Policy to the November 30, 2014 Regular Meeting of Council.”

-Carried unanimously-

-Main motion postponed until November 30, 2014-

ATHLETICS DISCUSSION

President Burt updated Council on recent discussions with respect to controlled access at fitness facilities. Some councillors discussed the benefits of a WatCard swipe system, while others questioned if it is necessary. Most agreed that a lack of controlled access results in lost revenue.

VPOF Balfour reminded Council of a WR Record article that explained that UWaterloo is one of the few universities where the Athletics and Recreation Department is primarily funded by student fees. He suggested that Council should consider a stance on this issue.

No immediate action was taken on either issue.

COUNCIL GOALS DISCUSSION

President Burt suggested a reflection on Council’s accomplishments halfway through its term. An extended discussion ensued primarily focussing on engaging students in the work of Council. No action was taken.

RECESS

Speaker Turner called a recess at 2:18 PM.

The meeting resumed at 2:35PM.

SPECIAL ORDERS

OUSIA PRESENTATION

Sean Madden and Jen Carter of the Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance made a

presentation to Council for informative purposes. Information about OUSA's mandate, membership, policy and advocacy can be found at www.ousa.ca.

NEW BUSINESS

RENAMING FEDERATION HALL

9. Moved by Councillor Lolas, seconded by Councillor McCready:

“BIRT The Federation of Students believes the name of Federation Hall should remain the same, given the monetary contributions from students;

BIFRT A tribute to these contributions should be visible on the building.”

- Carried- (17-1-1)

Abstentions
B. Balfour

ADJOURNMENT

Speaker Turner adjourned the meeting at 4:25PM