

STUDENTS' COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING: JANUARY 2015

The Regular Meeting of the Federation of Students Students' Council at 12:30 PM on Sunday, January 18, 2015 in SLC 1120/1121. The Speaker in the chair was Kianna Wan and Andrew Clubine served as Secretary.

The following members were in attendance: Councillors Knight, Nelson, Turner, Domingo, Ramdev, Thaker, Lolas, J. Wang (MATH), Vanderleest, McCready, Wan, President Burt and Vice Presidents Balfour, Hamade and Yasin.

The following members were excused from attending the meeting and sent regrets: Councillors J. Wang (ENG), Puri, Nasif, Koo, Lui, Hamidzai, Balram, Hayman.

The following members were absent and unexcused from the meeting: Councillors Khan, A. Wang, Sidharta and Li.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was delayed because quorum was not present. Speaker Wan called the meeting to order at 12:50PM.

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 Hamade, seconded by Lolas:

"BIRT Council postpone the election of Assistant Secretary of Students' Council to the Students' Council Regular Meeting of February 2015."

-Carried unanimously-

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. **“BIRT the agenda for the January Regular Meeting.”**

-Carried unanimously-

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the November 30, 2014 Regular Meeting were approved unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

4. **“BIRT Council receive and approve the Consent Agenda for the January 2015 Regular Meeting.”**

- o **Councillor Reports**

- i. [Doug Turner \(Arts\)](#)
- ii. [Kianna Wan \(Science\)](#)
- iii. [Nicole Vanderleest \(Renison\)](#)
- iv. [Carly McCready \(Science\)](#)
- v. [Jill Knight \(AHS\)](#)
- vi. [Anne Marie Hayman \(St Jeromes\)](#)
- vii. [James Koo \(AHS\)](#)

- o **Committee Reports**

- i. [Elections and Referenda Committee](#)
- ii. [Policies and Procedures Committee](#)

- o **Services Reports**

- i. [Off Campus Community](#)
- ii. [Women's Center](#)
- iii. [ICSN](#)
- iv. [Co-op Connection](#)
- v. [Food Bank](#)
- vi. [Sustainable Campus Initiative](#)
- vii. [UW Campus Response Team](#)
- viii. [GLOW](#)

-Carried unanimously-

REPORTS

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

See Agenda for Executive reports.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

5. Moved by Councillor Koo, seconded by Councillor Domingo:

“BIRT Council appoint Secretary Clubine and Speaker Turner as the scrutineers for the committee elections”

-Carried unanimously-

6. Moved by President Burt:

“BIRT Council make the following Councillor committee appointments:

- **Councillors Vanderleest and Ramdev to the Presidents Advisory Committee;**
Election results: Acclaimed
- **Councillors Nasif and Thaker to the Entrepreneurship Committee;**
Election results: Acclaimed
- **Councillors Vanderleest and Domingo to the Campus Life Advisory Committee;**
Election results: Acclaimed
- **Councillors Ramdev and McCready to the Internal Funding Committee; and**
Election results: Acclaimed
- **Councillors Ramdev, Khan and Thaker to Co-op Students Council.**
Election results: Acclaimed

BIFRT Council make the following Student At-Large committee appointments:

- **Jonathan Kui and Sarah Tasnia to the President’s Advisory Committee;**
Election results: Acclaimed
- **Janoi Edwards and Mike Cimetta to the Campus Life Advisory**

Committee;

Election results: Acclaimed

- **Azoacha Forceh and Ron Yu to the Internal Funding Committee;**

Election results: R. Yu - 12, A. Forceh - 8, D. Leung - 6,
Z. Hirani - 2, M. Mclean - 2.

- **Fazal Husain and Mike Cimetta to the Internal Administration Committee;**

Election results: M. Cimetta - 12, F. Husain - 11, J.Kui - 2,
M. Parliament - 2, C. Wu - 0.

- **Janoi Edwards to the Government Affairs Advisory Committee;**

Election results: J. Edwards - 14, C. Wu - 0, F. Husain - 0.

- **Charlie Wu and Nick Pellezzari to Co-op Students Council;**

Election results: Acclaimed

- **Rebecca Little and Leigh MacDougal to the Elections and Referenda Committee; and**

Election results: Acclaimed

- **Gagan Sidhu and Kevin McKrow to the Elections and Referenda Appeals Committee**

Election results: Acclaimed”

-Carried-

7. Moved by President Burt:

“BIRT Council include an election for 2 at-large seats on the Entrepreneurship Committee.”

President Burt retracted her motion.

8. Moved by Councillor Thaker, seconded by Councillor Lolos:

“BIRT the ballots from elections be destroyed.”

-Carried unanimously-

PROCEDURE 9 AMENDMENTS

9. Moved by President Burt:

“BIRT Council amend [Procedure 9](#) as presented in the agenda.”

Councillor Turner spoke for the motion, explaining that Councillors who do not submit monthly reports will be listed in future agendas. This is an attempt to encourage councillor to

fulfill their duties. Turner said that only 20% of expected reports were submitted during Fall 2014 term. In regards to speaking limits, Turner assured concerned councillors that these are guidelines, and that any member of council may request to present an extended verbal report if they feel it necessary to do so.

-Carried unanimously-

10. Moved by VPIN Yasin:

“BIRT Council amend the [Terms of Reference](#) of the Campus Life Advisory Committee with the following changes:

- **Add to Responsibilities:**
 - i. *Identify gaps in the student experience and issues facing clubs and services*
- **Add to Membership:**
 - i. *A representative from each of the Feds Services and the Feds Clubs Support Team*
 - ii. *"Only the VP Internal along with the members elected by Council will count for quorum."*

-Carried unanimously-

11. Moved by VPIN Yasin:

“BIRT Council create an ad-hoc Campus Safety Task Force with the following terms of reference:

Purpose:

- 1) To look at all the recent surveys and studies done about campus safety*
- 2) To determine exactly what safety initiatives need to be implemented and their feasibility (including a Walk Safe program)*
- 3) To advocate for resources from campus partners*
- 4) To consult with other standing committees of Council (including CLAC and IAC)*
- 5) To bring a final recommendation to Council at the April 2015 meeting*

Membership:

- 1. VP Internal (Chair)*
- 2. 2 members of Students Council (elected by Council)*
- 3. 2 at-large students (appointed by the Chair),*
- 4. A member of Residence Council*
- 5. Director of Campus Life (Resource member)*
- 6. UW Director of Equity (Resource Member)*

7. A representative from UW Police Services as a resource member

- a. Moved by Councillor McCready, seconded by Councillor Nelson:

“To add a representative from Campus Police to Membership.”

-Carried-

- b. Moved by Councillor Nelson, seconded by Councillor McCready:

“To reserve one of the at-large seats for a member of Residence Council.”

-Carried-

Main motion considered as follows:

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Membership:

- 1. VP Internal (Chair)***
- 2. 2 members of Students Council (elected by Council)***
- 3. 2 at-large students (appointed by the Chair),***
- 4. 1 representative from Residence Council (approved by the Chair)***
- 5. A member of Residence Council***
- 6. Director of Campus Life (Resource Member)***
- 7. UW Director of Equity (Resource Member)***
- 8. A representative from UW Police Services (Resource Member)***

-Carried unanimously-

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES DISCUSSION

VPIN Yasin announced that KW Volunteer Action Centre and the University have expressed interest in developing a better way of making students aware of volunteer opportunities. Yasin suggested the potential for a Feds-run service, but sought feedback from Council.

SJUSU President Colaso and Councillor Vanderleest both indicated the St. Jerome's and Renison both run similar databases which students find helpful. Councillor McCready and

Municipal Affairs Commissioner Clubine voiced concern about duplicating services that already exist, stating that Feds should not be hosting its own service, but rather complementing existing services such as LEADS or KVVAC to improve their visibility and usefulness to students.

COMMUNICATIONS POLICY

Councillor Turner updated Council on the progress of the Communications Policy. The Taskforce has decided to split the original proposal into a Policy and multiple procedures. The Policy, if adopted, would apply to the whole organization. Individual bodies and departments (ex. Council, Board, Marketing) would develop their own communications procedures in accordance with the policy. Due to this significant shift in the committee's focus, a draft was not presented.

COMMUNICATIONS ACTION PLAN & COUNCIL ACTION PLAN

President Burt sought feedback from Council on two potential documents that would guide Council in the future. Council engaged in an extended discussion about what sort of engagement it should be seeking with students. While some councillors saw the merit in encouraging a gallery, others spoke in favour of improve interaction by individual councillors with their constituents.

STUDENT UNION SOFTWARE

President Burt announced that she was approached about an opportunity for Feds to purchase 'My Wellness', an online mental health service targeted at student unions that can act as a first step in the intake process— an alternative to meeting with a counsellor in person. She stressed that there is no commitment at this point, but simply wants to hear from students. Councillors were generally supportive of finding out more about the service, which would cost around \$0.36 per student, per month. Councillor Lolas also asked that the executive ask other student unions for feedback on the service.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Wan adjourned the meeting at 4:18PM.