

Danielle Burt: Attention please. Can you pull it up on the thing? Okay, we're about to start the general meeting. Welcome to the Winter 2015 Feds General Meeting. Before I start the actual agenda I'm going to just say that we're going to go by Robert's Rules. If you don't know what Robert's Rules is, I'll be explaining as I go. Please stop me at any point if you have questions. The pieces of paper in your hands, the blue one is your own vote and the yellow one is the person that isn't here that you're voting for, okay?

When we call the vote for whatever item we're doing, you put up both or one depending on what you've been told by your person, okay? I need them really high in the area, so we can count and keep them up in the air. We're going to have someone go around and count, and then we'll move onto the next thing. Kitty, can you come up here? Okay.

Female: Use the mic?

Danielle Burt: Yes, but not that one though.

Female: Not this one?

Danielle Burt: [Fertiq 00:01:06] has another one for you. If you can go grab one and then come back up to the front. Okay, so I'm going to call this meeting to order, 333, and we have the agenda up there. Can I get a mover for the agenda? So someone who's going to say, "We want to approve the agenda," so someone hand up. Can you say your last name for the record?

Female: [Boxola 00:01:27].

Danielle Burt: Thank you. Do we have a seconder, Wray? Do we have any discussion on the agenda?

Female: Yes. But I can't [inaudible 00:01:39].

Danielle Burt: Can we zoom out Julia? Julia is going to scroll through and show all the items. A little bit more down. Okay, that's all of them.

Female: [inaudible 00:01:58]

Danielle Burt: Okay. We have a motion to add adjourn to the end. I think that's friendly, so I'm going to accept that. Can you just add number 15 to say adjourned and then say decision at the end? Do we have any other discussion about the agenda? Sorry? Okay, so can you go up to Chris and ask him what he wants to do?

Chris Lolas: Hello. My name is Chris Lolas. I sent a few amendments to the speaker and I'd like to move some amendments to the agenda.

Danielle Burt: We have a motion on the floor. Can I get a seconder? Wray, can I get the new agenda up?

Chris Lolas: Can I start talking about it?

Danielle Burt: Since it's been seconded, we're going to let Chris talk about his motion.

Chris Lolas: First things first, this moves the approval of the auditors up near the top as you can see highlighted in red to item number three. This is because the auditors is something that absolutely needs to happen and I don't imagine it'll be very controversial, but I don't think there'll be any discussion at all on this. The other things that happened are we take the ratification of the 2015-2016 executive team, the orientation fee increased of CPI, and the elections of the budget committee all get bumped down below the approval of the apps of fee change.

That's just because I understand many people from apps are here and I know they have to leave pretty early, so I try to bump things that I wouldn't imagine be very controversial down lower in the agenda.

Danielle Burt: The motion's on the table. If you are for this motion and you'd like to talk to it, you can come up to this side. If you are against it and you would like to talk to it, you can come to this side. If there's no discussion, we'll put it to a vote. Is there any discussion? Seeing no discussion, so we're going to put this to a vote.

If you're in favor, meaning you like these changes, you're going to put your hands in the air right now. No. Okay, so I'm seeing majority. I'm going to ask for against in the air. Anybody against this? Okay, motion passes. This is our new agenda. Thank you folks for the first motion on the table. Awesome. This is the most enthusiasm I've ever seen for an agenda approval. I love it.

Okay, so next we are going to approve the minutes of the Fall 2014 AGM.

Alana: [inaudible 00:04:47] We won't be able to see amendments [inaudible 00:04:48].

Danielle Burt: Thank you. Thank you, Alana. Feel free to point out if I miss anything procedurally. There's a lot of noise and people, and I will not call myself an expert, okay? Now we're going back to the original. We're approving the agenda which is the first item on the docket. If you're in favor of this agenda, you're going to put your hand up in the air now. Are you a point of order? Okay. Is there a story? Hands down folks. Is there any discussion first on this current agenda? Filzah.

Filzah Nasir: I'd like to switch the order of item five and six, so approval of the Fed's fee increase should go before the approval of the Fed increase by the CPI.

Danielle Burt: You want the fee increase before CPI increase?

Filzah Nasir: Yes.

Danielle Burt: Okay. Do I have a seconder for this? Can you state your last name for the record?

Alana: Alana Hashman.

Danielle Burt: Okay. We have a seconder. Is there any discussion for or against this motion? If you're for, come up on this side. If you're against, on this side. Go ahead.

Male: All right. The only thing I have against moving that is just because CPI is something that happens without Feds doing anything. It's something that happens across the country, so I'd rather get that out of the way before we move onto a more dynamic issue like the feds fee increase. Thank you.

Danielle Burt: Do we have anybody else talking for or against this motion? Seeing ... Filzah, sorry. [crosstalk 00:06:31]

Filzah Nasir: Sorry. I think people are here to discuss a fee increase and like you said CPI happens every year, so we should discuss a fee increase first. The CPI is probably going to get approved either way because it happens.

Danielle Burt: Is there any other discussion for or against this motion? Is it point of order?

Female: I have a question and I'm not sure who it's to exactly. But if we approve the CPI increase second versus first, will that CPI increase also increase on top of the fees increase? Will we also get an extra 2.0% on the 474? In that case, order does matter.

Danielle Burt: Julia, can you scroll down in the other file? Can you scroll down to where it says ... Scroll. I'll tell you to stop. Keep scrolling.

Female: I'm not on top of the increase today.

Danielle Burt: Okay, keep going. Okay, stop. Because the motion, when we get to it says, "Be it resolved that the general meeting approved the Feds fee increase by CPI of 2.0% corresponding to that amount then it's stuck at that amount."

Female: Okay. Thank you.

Danielle Burt: Okay. You can go back to the other one. Is there any other discussion for or against this motion? Okay, so we're going to put this to a vote. All in favor of switching five and six, hands up now. All in favor of switching that. Okay. Now we're going to count, Kitty. Hands up high. We have some in the back too. Twenty three. Against this motion? Hands up, and Maaz.

Maaz Yasin: [inaudible 00:08:51]

Danielle Burt: Okay. Okay, go ahead. This is the step right now. Hands up high in the air if you're against this motion.

Female: One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten. [inaudible 00:09:17] Yeah. Twenty-one, twenty-two, twenty-three, twenty-four, twenty-five.

Danielle Burt: If everyone could stay in place once they have their hand in the air, it'll help us count. Are you counting too for each color? [inaudible 00:09:52] That's okay. We're going to count one more time because we're going to count proxies and actual votes as two separate votes, so sorry folks. If you're in favor of switching five and six, hands up in the air one more time.

Female: Individual people.

Danielle Burt: High in the air folks. Forty, and against this motion? Okay. We're going to go with against wins that motion, so we are not switching five and six. Do I have any other discussion on this agenda? Any other motions on the table? Hands in the air high if you want to make a change to the Agenda at this point. I am seeing not ...

Chris, we need to add adjourn to your motion. Would you consider this friendly?

Chris Lolas: [inaudible 00:11:44]

Danielle Burt: Okay. Sorry? Okay, so we're voting ... Okay, so now since I saw no discussion on the agenda, we're going to vote on this is the final agenda. Okay, all in favor of this agenda please raise your placards and I'm going to go all opposed to this agenda. Maaz, are you opposed to this agenda? Okay. Anybody opposed to this agenda? Motion passes unanimously. Okay.

We are going to approve the minutes of the Fall 2014 AGM. Is there any discussion on this motion? Someone move it, Lolas. Second it, Yasin. Any further discussion? All in favor of passing the minutes of the last AGM, hands up. All opposed, hands up. Abstentions. Motion passes.

Okay, we are going to approve the auditors for the 2014-2015 year. Can I get a mover for that? Hamade. A seconder? Wray. Hamade, would you like to talk to your motion?

Stephane Hamade: We need to approve the auditors every year.

Danielle Burt: Could you repeat that one more time?

Stephane Hamade: We need to approve the auditors every year.

Danielle Burt: Okay. Do we have any discussion for or against this motion? Kitty with the mic, we have a question over here.

Female: [inaudible 00:13:29]

Danielle Burt: We have the mic. The question is, who is the auditor? It's in the motion. Julia, would you be able to scroll down in the other document? Scroll. Was it down further? Down further, keep going. Keep going. Keep going. Right there, "So be it resolved that MNP be approved as auditors for the 2014-2015 fiscal year." Does that answer your question, sir?

Male: [inaudible 00:14:18]

Danielle Burt: Any other discussion for this motion? Seeing none. All in favor of approving the auditors, hands up. All opposed. Abstentions. Motion passes. Thank you, folks.

Now we are going to do the election of the Board of Directors. Do we have any nominations for the Board of Directors? Mic people if we could listen to people who are being nominated. Hands up if you want to nominate someone.

Male: Hi. Could I nominate Helen Yang?

Danielle Burt: If you accept and your name has been called, please come up to the front.

Female: I would like to nominate Filzah Nasir.

Danielle Burt: Anybody else?

Male: I want to nominate [Kinsey Sherm].

Male: I'd like to nominate Brian Schwan.

Male: I'd like to nominate James [Coo 00:15:38].

Male: I would like to nominate Paula [Colosso 00:15:42].

Danielle Burt: Just as a side note folks, not everyone all at once. But if you independently in your row want to go get some pizza, there is some on the side.

Female: I'd like to nominate Deanna Priori.

Danielle Burt: Please no one hurt the pizza. Safety first please. Safety first. Any other nominations?

Male: I'd like to nominate Doug Turner.

Male: I'd like to nominate A.J. Wray.

Male: I'd like to nominate [Carl Samarin 00:16:12].

Danielle Burt: Is there anybody else? Any other nominations?

Male: I'd like to nominate Chanakya Ramdev.

Danielle Burt: Raise your hand up high if you have any other nominations.

Male: I'd like to nominate Chanakya Ramdev.

Danielle Burt: Chanakya Ramdev? Any other nominations? I am not seeing any hands. Okay. Just so we know, we do have separate board elections. We have two council seats and five at-large seats. If you're a councilor and you're running for the council seats, can you go on this side of me? Yes, upcoming council year. If you're going for the at-large, meaning you're not currently an elected councilor for the year ahead, stay on this side. Okay. We're all good?

Okay, so we're going to have each person talk for one minute. Then we'll take questions from the audience on the directors and then we'll go to a vote. It'll be a ballot vote, okay?

Female: There's not [inaudible 00:17:26].

Danielle Burt: Okay. We're going to do at-large first or councilor first? Chris, could you come here for a sec? Chris. Okay. Kitty and Fara, I think, have mics. Could you give a mic to A.J. there and he'll start at the end? A.J., you have one minute and I'm going to be timing.

Alexander Wray: Okay. Hi. My name is Alexander James David Wray, but you guys can just call me A.J. Currently, right now I serve as the Faculty of Environments Senator. I've been doing that since April of 2014. In addition, I currently serve as Deputy Commissioner of Public Transit for the Federation of Students. It's a volunteer position and I've been writing a couple reports just on transit and accessibility within the region.

I have experience running fixed operations for Chrysler. I managed a car dealership for two years before coming to university and managing some of the [inaudible 00:18:45] in regards to service and maintenance. I also have experience serving on not-for-profit boards and for profit boards including St. Paul's University College, and [Heart and Stroke 00:18:56] Canada.

Danielle Burt: Ten seconds.

Alexander Wray: I encourage you guys to vote for me. Thank you.

Danielle Burt: Come on guys, a round of applause. We can clap for each person. Next, you have a minute.

Deanna Priori: Hi. My name is Deanna Priori. I am a third-year student in Honor's Psychology with the Faculty of Arts. I currently work for the Federation of Students as a Student Program Coordinator where I plan events regarding diversity, inclusivity, and wellness. I'm also currently one of the arts [inaudible 00:19:28] for this year for orientation and I have been involved with Feds for two and a half years now working within mostly the Campus Life department, but volunteering my time.

Danielle Burt: Okay, you're under the minute. Good job. Next, go ahead. You have a minute.

Paula: Hi. My name is Paula Colosso. I am currently a board member on the Board of Directors, so I'm seeking re-election to the board. In my last couple of years at the University of Waterloo I've been the president of the [inaudible 00:20:01] Student's Union and I've served on a number of boards including the Board of Governor's over there. I've had a great year with the Board of Directors and I've learned a lot, and I feel that I've overcome that learning curve, and would like to continue my work with the board.

Danielle Burt: Thank you, Paula. Next, you have a minute.

Brian Schwan: Hi. My name is Brian Schwan. I'm a third-year recreation and business students. I have been involved with Feds on numerous occasions with orientation week being a [inaudible 00:20:30] for 2014. I am involved in numerous societies on campus such as the Applied Health Science Undergraduate Members, the Warrior Tribe, the Right to Play, numerous different faculties, and I really just want to bring forward a very not objective vision to help better our student body.

Danielle Burt: Go ahead. You have a minute.

Kinsey: Hello. My name is Kinsey Sherm. I'm a third year science student. I've worked in the Feds clubs for about two years now. Currently and probably most of my experience comes from the Campus Response Team. Furthering that, I am also the president of an electoral district association where we do pretty much the same thing as the Board of Directors for Feds.

I'm also one of the district campaign managers for the current upcoming federal election, so I'd like to say I have a fair bit of experience working with boards and executives, and I'd like to bring that experience to Feds. Thank you.

Danielle Burt: Okay. Next, you have one minute.

Filzah Nasir: Hi, everyone. My name's Filzah and I'm interested in the Feds Board of Directors because I think the Board of Directors is supposed to be a body that is supposed to hold the organization accountable and that's what I'm interested in. I think the Federation of Students is supposed to be a student union and I would like to

see it move forward in that direction as supposed to a union that has 5% voters [inaudible 00:21:58].

Yeah, I would like to be elected because I think that the Board of Directors should be holding the Federation accountable better than it currently is.

Danielle Burt: Next, you have a minute.

Helen Yang: Hi. My name is Helen Yang and I'm currently a first-year student in Math CPA. I've been involved in some accounting clubs [inaudible 00:22:22] including ASA. I want to be a part of the Feds Board of Directors to make meaningful changes.

Danielle Burt: Thank you. Okay, so we're going to continue onto the council side. Audience, please note, that this side is the councilor's side, so it's a separate election. We're going to pass that mic right on over. You still have a minute though and go.

James: Hi, guys. My name is James Co. I am currently a third-year undergraduate student in the Applied Health Sciences Faculty. I'm currently a councilor for the Student's Council for Feds and I'm going to be a Feds Student Councilor next year as well.

In addition, I'm going to be a student senator for the university senate. I feel like I'm qualified for this position because I've taken a lot of activities that have brought me kind of insight towards what Feds should be doing and what could be done better, and I think that I could advocate for these decisions on the behalf of the undergraduate students hopefully to improve the student society. Thank you.

Danielle Burt: Okay. You have a minute.

Doug: Hi. My name's Doug Turner. I'm a [CLAP 00:23:32] Counselor for the Arts faculty with the Federation of Students as well as currently serving on the Board of Directors. I've been on the board for two years now, so I have served with the current board as well as the previous year's board. This past year I strongly advocated for open and transparent meetings, and I've pushed for the open board meetings motion in December which thankfully passed. All the board meetings are now held in open session.

I also believe that my experience will be an asset to board because I will act as a resource member for all the incoming directors, because there is a big learning curve associated with the Board of Directors of Feds. I have a strong commitment to good governance and open and transparent governance of Feds. Thank you.

Danielle Burt: Go ahead. You have a minute.

Carl: Hi, everyone. My name is Carl Samarin. I'm a second-year economic student. I understand that the board is directly affiliated with the contractual, financial, and legal affairs that's governed by Feds. I plan to utilize not only the student council, but also the executive team to make sure all the commitments that we make to you become a reality.

I am fairly new joining the Feds recently in the student council. I plan to use this new perspective to offer a new way to make our commitments come true to you and therefore I'm seeking your support. Thank you very much. My name's Carl Samarin again.

Danielle Burt: Okay, thank you. Chris is going to be talking for Chanakya. You have a minute.

Chris Lolas: Chanakya couldn't be here, so I'm going to read verbatim the message that she would like to have. My name is Chanakya Ramdev and I want to start by thank Maaz Yasin for reading my speech. He is a bad ass speaker and I am honored that he volunteered to read my speech. You're thinking due to Feds general meeting, why no show? The reason I am not in front of you is because currently I am being interviewed to get into the [inaudible 00:25:22] science program. This is the only time slot that worked for them.

We are creating as best possible under shirts that you, yes you ladies and gentlemen listening to Maaz right now, don't get sweat stains. Coming to the director's position I've been the longest serving councilor on student's council for four years. I bring tremendous experience to the board and I know Feds inside and out. On top, running a start-up is teaching me all the appropriate ways of addressing the legal, accounting, and HR issues that come up.

Finally, I'm an active advocate for transparency and student's rights.

Danielle Burt: Ten seconds.

Chris Lolas: Okay.

Danielle Burt: Thank you, everyone. We're going to vote for these candidates. We're passing out the ballots right now. If you have a proxy, you have to fill out two ballots. You get to essentially vote twice, same as when you put them in the air. You are going to be voting for the two councilor seats first and then we're going to do a separate one for the five at-large seats. Once everyone has a ballot, then we're going to explain the vote, how the ranking works.

Female: Danielle, is there not a question period?

Male: Danielle, question period?

Female: There's a question period.

Danielle Burt: Right. Sorry. There's a question period and Chris is going to explain the question period before we start it.

Chris Lolas: Actually, I just want to start off by addressing all the candidates up here first. There are things you need to know before you can consider running for board and that is whether you are legally allowed to. You must be, and this is a legal requirement, at least 18 years of age, you must be a member of the Federation of Students, a full member, and you must not be personally bankrupt among other things. If any of those things disqualify you, you may as well sit down because we can't actually elect you. Thank you.

Male: [inaudible 00:27:12]

Female: If you factor in [inaudible 00:27:13], I'm a little bankrupt.

Chris Lolas: [inaudible 00:27:16] doesn't count towards bankruptcy in this case.

Danielle Burt: Okay. Do we have any audience questions? I'm going to take a maximum, two per person. I see a question. We have a mic there.

Alana: This is a question for everybody and it's a yes-no answer. [napkin 00:27:31] kiosks, yes or no?

Danielle Burt: I tried not to roll my eyes there. Okay, go ahead- You can just pass the mic from one person to the next person.

Male: No.

Female: No.

Female: Yes.

Male: Yes.

Male: No.

Female: Fuck no.

Danielle Burt: Please keep profanity out of your answer.

Male: Yes.

Male: I was part of the board. I can't comment.

Male: Honestly, no.

Male: What's the question again?

Danielle Burt: Alana, could you repeat your question?

Alana: The question is napkin kiosks, yes or no?

Male: I personally see some val-

Alana: Yes or no?

Female: Yes or no?

Male: Yes.

Danielle Burt: Is there any other audience questions? Audience questions? Hands in the air. Audience questions? Not seeing any. Okay. Do we have all the ballots handed out or who is handing them out? There was a question in the back?

Female: There's one at the back.

Danielle Burt: Wave if you have a question because I can't see that far.

Kitty: I got it.

Danielle Burt: Thank you, Kitty.

Kitty: Excuse me.

Male: Could each person describe what they think board does?

Danielle Burt: Okay. Again, we're going to pass the mic along the group. Kitty, we'll just give her time.

Kitty: No. Just use this mic.

Danielle Burt: Take your time. No rush. There we go. I'm going to limit this again to one minute.

Female: Thirty seconds.

Male: Thirty?

Danielle Burt: Thirty seconds.

Male: Okay.

Danielle Burt: You don't have to use the whole minute.

Male: The board is responsible for the legal, contractual, financial operations of the Federation of Students. They're also supposed to be the gatekeeper. Essentially, they're supposed to review the Federation of Students, they're supposed to make sure the executive is executing their duties and responsibilities in accordance with students wishes. That's why they were elected. In regards to the board, we're a private corporation, so we require a Board of Directors in order to operate. Thank you.

Danielle Burt: Next.

Female: The Board of Directors maintains the budget within Feds and makes sure that the Feds executives are held accountable, and without personal alliances to their own faculty as well as personal requests, [inaudible 00:29:54] for the best of all of the UW students.

Female: Without repeating any of that because that's correct, I think it also is a board that focuses on long-term planning and future planning, so the board was responsible for the long-term plan that you're going to see today and that's a big part of why I would like to keep being on board.

Male: I don't want to be redundant like everybody previously said. But I think the main idea of what the Board of Directors do is bring in an unbiased opinion and really represent the student body as a whole no matter what faculty you come from, what involvement you have, really bring that unobjective view to the board.

Male: To agree with all the fellow candidates with me as the fifth person going, I'm left without words. In truth though, yes, a board is meant to represent the constituents, who are your students, unbiasedly, and keep over watch over the executive, and make sure they're not over stepping their bounds, and representing you properly as they were elected to do so.

Female: The board is a fiduciary body responsible for the maintenance of the Federation's regular processes. It's a legal requirement for the Federation of Students to have a Board of Directions and it's responsible for oversight of the organization.

Female: Pretty much agree with everything else that they said. Basically the Board of Directors is responsible for the budget while trying to satisfy the requests of the UW students.

Male: I'm just going to continue with everyone. It's basically just the operations and maintaining the operations, and making sure that all the students are being heard, and the actions taken with the students are being used on behalf of the students. But I think one of the big issues is that we ... The student council this year has had a lot of [crosstalk 00:31:43] seats and their judgments are going to be passed onto Board of Directors for several topics. This is why it's important to have someone that has experience with council to pass on-

Danielle Burt: Time, sorry. You had five extra seconds there.

Male: I am the ninth person in line. I'm going to echo everything everybody else has said, but one thing that I think has been missed is that it is higher level governance. We don't focus on nit picky little things. It's much broader. The staff, the executive, they're able to deal with smaller things that happen in the organization-

Danielle Burt: Ten seconds.

Male: ... and they deal with bigger things.

Male: Can I go? Basically to ditto everyone again, in my opinion honestly, the board is there to hold the Feds accountable for what they do in terms of the legal, financial, and [inaudible 00:32:33] operations. We essentially want to make sure that you guys are getting the best of what the Feds offer and we make sure Feds are doing that job exactly.

Male: Hello, everyone. I agree with what they said, but I think they missed a point. That point is, it's there to make sure their stakeholder's best interests are represented and those stakeholders are you guys sitting there, some of them listening. Thank you.

Danielle Burt: Okay, so everyone ha- Does that answer your question, Matt? I'm going to assume yes because I don't ... Does that answer your question? He's not paying attention.

Kitty: Does that answer your question?

Danielle Burt: Okay. Any other questions?

Kitty: There you go.

Danielle Burt: That's also actually two questions, so we're ou-

Male: I've got a question.

Danielle Burt: I did ask two questions per person and we have had two questions per person at this point, so I am going to actually cut it off and move on. We have ballots? Hand it out, correct? Okay. Okay, folks. I need everyone to listen up really carefully because if you don't fill out your ballot right, it won't be counted, okay? I'm going to take one here.

You get to rank as many board member nominees as you would like, so you can include all of their names and just rank them in order of what you want, or you can just rank the one person you want and that's it. It's up to you, but you can include as many ... all the names. On the line side, you're going to include the at-

large positions. That's these ones here, the one to seven on the screen. Then on the back, blank side, you're going to include your ranked votes for the councilor seats.

Female: Do we get to vote also?

Danielle Burt: Yes, you get to vote also. Again, proxy, you get two different ballots because you're voting twice. Then someone will be around to collect your votes. Chris, our Board Chair, is going to add one thing.

Chris Lolas: Please don't write anything else on the ballot because that may spoil it. For example, please don't write your name on the ballot unless you're up here and you want to vote for yourself, or you're voting someone in. But please remember don't doodle on it, just write who you're voting for. Thank you.

Danielle Burt: Does anybody not understand this process? If you don't understand and have a question, please raise your hand. [crosstalk 00:35:18] Yes, you may get a ballot. We will come around and give you a ballot. [crosstalk 00:35:23] It's messed up? Just rewrite it.

You're going to do at-large on the line side and council on the blank side. You're voting the at-large on the line side, blank side you're voting the councilor board seats. [crosstalk 00:35:55] Okay. If you spoiled your ballot, put your hand up in the air and we can come around, and give you a new one. [crosstalk 00:36:05] Kitty. Kitty. Again, if you spoiled your ballot, please put your hand up and we'll come around, and give you a new one. [crosstalk 00:36:22]

Once again, w- Kitty has them. Kitty has them. Keep your hand in the air and someone will be around to give you a ballot. Once again, line side you're voting for at-large, council on the back. Once you've filled out your ballot, we will be around to collect it. [crosstalk 00:37:01]

Okay. We're coming around with a box. Please put your ballot in the box and then it will be counted. No. These are people who want ballots. [crosstalk 00:37:52]

Female: Do you want this way or this way?

Danielle Burt: No.

Female: No?

Danielle Burt: The box will be coming around. Just wait patiently and it will come to you. [crosstalk 00:38:24]

Male: Tell them we'll put the box over on the food table. Anybody who has ballots that are not yet in the box need to [inaudible 00:40:24].

Danielle Burt: Okay. Fara, I'm just going to get you to put the box on the food table. If you haven't submitted your ballot, please go over and submit it to the box on the food table. On the food table. Just keep walking to the food table. Don't let people stop you. You have until 4:15 to hand in your ballot. After 4:15 the election will be closed. [crosstalk 00:41:04]

Also guys, before we get back into the meeting, if you tweet your photo out that you're here at the general meeting, you have a chance to win a prize. Tweet to UW Feds. Here is the prize here.

Okay. We're going to count the ballots, but then we are going to continue the meeting. We have two scrutineers who are going to be doing that and then we're going to move on. [crosstalk 00:42:38]

Okay. We're going to wait until 4:15 and then we're going to put the agenda back up, and continue the meeting. [crosstalk 00:42:50] Okay. We're going to continue back with the next item while the voting goes on behind the scenes. Once we know the results, we will announce them.

We are moving onto approval of the Feds fee increase CPI of 2.0. Julia, can you go to the actual motion in the other document? It's up at the top. Down a little. Okay, so I'm going to read the motion out folks. "Be it resolved that the general meeting approved the Feds fee increase by CPI of 2.0% corresponding to 0.98 dollars for full-time students."

Can I get a mover for that motion? Wray. A seconder? [Beckett 00:43:53]. Do we have any discussion for or against this motion? Once again, for on this side, against. You can just come up to the front. I'm not seeing any movement. Please wave at me if I've missed you, but I'm seeing no discussion. I'm going to go to the vote. All in favor of this motion please raise your placards.

Okay, I have been told since we have our scrutineers counting the board votes that we need two scrutineers. Do I have two volunteers to help count? You can also vote. I see Doug Turner and James Coe. Thank you folks. Once again, all in favor of this motion hands up in the air. Please keep them high. We're going to have people come count.

Male: Five, six, seven, eight, nine [crosstalk 00:44:51].

Danielle Burt: This is looking very [inaudible 00:44:51].

Male: Fifteen, sixteen, seventeen, eight ... I think [inaudible 00:45:53].

Danielle Burt: One eight-four in favor and against this motion, hands up in the air. Anybody against? I'm seeing ... Anybody against this motion? Hands in the air. Abstaining? Motion passes unanimously.

Okay. Can you go to the n- It's right there. We're going to go approval of the Feds fee increase and I'm going to read the motion out. "Be it resolved that the general meeting approve the Feds fee increase by 474." Can I get a mover for this motion? Wray. Can I get a seconder? Yasin. Discussion on this item, for on this side, against on this side.

I see some movement, so I'm going to wait a second. Are we doing ... For on this side, against on this side. I'm going to recognize a question. Do you have a question?

Male: Can we do a very short presentation about the fee increase, Madam President?

Danielle Burt: Just to talk to this motion we're going to put up a presentation and then we'll continue the for and against. Yeah. Where are my extra mics? I had extra mics.

Male: They're over here.

Danielle Burt: They're over here, so please use those.

Male: Hello.

Ben Balfour: Hey, guys. Thanks for your patience. We're not going to take too very long. For those of you who don't know me, my name is Ben Balfour. I'm the Vice-President Operations and Finance for Feds.

Maaz Yasin: My name is Maaz Yasin. I'm the VP Internal with Feds.

Stephane Hamade: I'm Stephane Hamade. I'm the Vice-President Education for Feds.

Maaz Yasin: We're going to try to go through this really fast.

Ben Balfour: We just have a really brief presentation. Hopefully what it's going to do is answer some of the questions for you guys before you get up here so that everybody knows the answer and we don't have to go through the long discussion. We're going to jump right into it.

Literally, why are we talking about this? Procedurally, we are required to have fee increases ratified by the general meeting as student membership. Board approved this fee increase in February. Student's council has discussed this fee increase on March 8th. At that point, all the documentation regarding the fee became public.

Since that point in time we've been publishing information on feds.ca social media. We've been passing around imprint flyers and we've also been communicating with students in person during different info sessions, so there's been a lot of different conversations going on around the fee. Hopefully, you've heard about it at this point.

At this point in time, we are now asking the student membership to ratify the decision and the motion is there just for your reference, so be it resolved the general meeting approved the Feds fee increase by 474. We're going to ask throughout the presentation to just keep your question till the end. We're just going to run right through it real quick and then you guys can ask questions, okay?

Stephane Hamade: We're going to talk a little bit about what we're going to be doing with the fee increase. First of all, a new service that Maaz has been working on is the Volunteer Action Center. They need money to operate. Secondly, Club Connection and ICSN, two new services. We want them to continue to support students and they've been very effective this year, more societies, resources, and support, decreasing support wait times for IT for student groups.

At the communication level, we're hoping to work on our website and improve it through our web design coordinator and a communication person around adequacy, and exec special projects.

Finally, increased our organizational effectiveness. We have somebody to help us with our research as well as our by-laws, policies, and procedures, and a director of commercial services which will help build commercial services. That will help save student money.

Maaz Yasin: Okay. What benefits will you see as students? To start with, we're going to have two services that we started this year. But they don't have a proper budget, so we want to provide them the financial resources to continue serving students. ICSN and Club Connection, you will see a lot of events happening in cities when you go on co-op. If you're in Vancouver or Toronto, we'll be doing social networking events and we also want to do a lot of advocacy initiatives in those cities to help make your life when you're in co-op a little better.

In terms of the Volunteer Actions Kid Center, students have talked about wanting centralized volunteer opportunities, so ... Can I have a different mic? We'll have an online [inaudible 00:51:42] which brings together all on-campus and all off-campus volunteer opportunities which students will be able to search through, and there will also be a physical entity to guide students through that process.

A new website. Our current website is crappy and we want a new website which allows student group services and societies a lot more flexibility to put on content when they need to, and increase functionality. In terms of advocacy efforts, we do a lot of advocating, lobbying to the government, to the university on issues that are important to students.

We want to be able to engage you in those dialogues so that you have a say when we go to the university and talk about LGBTQ issues, or talking about

mental health, or we're talking to the government about GRT. We want to be able to engage you and get those conversations marketed to you properly.

We also want commercial services that are a lot more responsive to your needs. [Bomber 00:52:42] International News, for example, we want to be able to proactively engage student feedback and be able to adjust product offerings and services based on how students would like our commercial services to serve them. Those are all the key benefits that you will see through this increase and if you have more questions, we will take more questions. I guess, at the end of this presentation.

Ben Balfour: Just real briefly, this is a little bit more of a breakdown of that 474 and the overall areas where your money will be going to, to support the organization. Services, clubs, societies being the top area that we want to support with those resources fall by communication, so marketingfeds.ca that we talked about, IT support for our student groups, and then advocacy, and elections. The total of all that comes to 474.

Danielle Burt: How we're going to facilitate questions is we're still going to have the for side and against side, but I'm going to leave the exec up here to be the experts on the matter. You can address questions to me and I'll recognize them to answer, okay? Again, for and against on this side. [crosstalk 00:53:54]

Male: [inaudible 00:54:00]

Danielle Burt: Is it just related to the presentation or is it about the fee increase in your argument?

Female: I guess [inaudible 00:54:09].

Danielle Burt: Okay. Again, for on my right. Maaz, could you just move from in front of me? Thank you. Again, stay on this side and I'll recognize you first. Go ahead. Can you state your name for the record?

Alexander Wray: Yeah. Alexander Wray. Just a disclaimer, I do work for Feds as a volunteer. This fee increase, to be honest, I understand. You as students, it's hard sometimes when fees are just constantly increasing, increasing, but this money honestly will go towards good things. You guys, we hear a lot of sentiment on campus that Feds is not doing enough. This money will allow us to start doing things that a lot of other student societies across Canada do for their students.

This money is desperately needed. I can tell you in my portfolio it's very hard for me to lobby anyone in the local area because I don't have the funds to leverage student support for a motion. I don't have the funds to advertise for council meetings and bring students out to voice their concerns at regional meetings. To be honest, I really hope that you guys vote for the fee increase. I understand it is an increase, but it's going to go a long way for us. Thank you.

Danielle Burt: Against.

Female: Before I say my-

Danielle Burt: Would you state your name?

Anna Maria: Yeah. It's Anna Maria Reda. I have a question first. I'd like to know if you guys have publicly made available your year-to-date budget so far for this year.

Danielle Burt: I can actually answer this question. It's on feds.ca under Fees and Funding. The budget link is right there.

Anna Maria: Okay, so-

Danielle Burt: It's been up the entire year since its been approved by council.

Anna Maria: Okay. I didn't look that hard, but one of the reasons I'm against this budget is I feel mostly compared to last year's budget that Feds could do a much better job at optimizing their current spending. For the year-to-date or for the final budget, for the 2013-2014 year, they were \$50,000 over what they projected that they would budget, so they made \$50,000 last year. To me, that's unacceptable. If you're going to ask us for more money, you should first prove that you are biting the bank and that is really hard for you to ...

You should be running in the negatives, for my opinion, before you should ask students to pay a significant amount more money. Ten percent fee increase is a lot and it could be hard for some students to have to deal with all of these little fee increases. Yes, \$4 might not seem like a lot of money. But when you have every fee that you're paying increase year after year, after year, it gets difficult. That's why I'm against this motion.

Danielle Burt: I'll take your ... Do we have anybody else for or against?

Male: Can I speak?

Danielle Burt: Yeah.

Male: Just to, I guess [crosstalk 00:56:56].

Danielle Burt: Could you speak up a little bit?

Male: Just to rebut that point, we actually had a \$50,000 deficit this past year not a surplus, so Feds certainly didn't make money.

Danielle Burt: You can ask to show the budget or present it, but we're just claiming it's wrong, I can't do anything. Nothing further? Okay. Alana, go ahead. Could you state your name?

Alana: Hi. I'm Alana and I'd like to speak against this motion. The first thing that I'd like to do is ask two questions. The first question I want to ask is have measures been taken to find this money elsewhere? I'd like to look back to the Fall '13 GM in which a Fed's budget review committee came to the GM and suggested a 10% fee decrease. Now, they didn't suggest exactly where that money went or would go. They said, "Well, we hear all these various areas. We have identified that cuts can be made in, but you should pick either way."

That meeting was adjourned before this could be voted on. One of the things that I really want to bring people's attention to is that I think that Fed's is very spread out, that Fed's does not necessarily focus a lot on ensuring that they are spending their money efficiently and on things that scale and have correct impact on students.

Danielle Burt: Order please.

Alana: This is a concern that I have. We are talking like not even two years ago a committee coming to a Fed's GM and saying, "Hey, we can cut the fee by 10%." A year and a half later the exec come and say, "Hey, we need to increase the fee by 10%." That is very concerning to me. I don't know where this disconnect is coming from

Danielle Burt: Was that a question that you'd like to-

Alana: That is a rhetorical question.

Danielle Burt: Rhetorical, okay. Could you let me know-

Alana: My concern, number one, is that I am unconvinced that measures have been taken to find this money elsewhere. If someone would like to speak to that after my speaking turn, I would be very happy to listen to what you have to say. The second question that I have is if we genuinely cannot find that money elsewhere, how is this increase going to impact students, how will it help us? Will this money be well spent because the money hasn't been spent yet.

Where is this going? We just saw a presentation to where this money is going to go, so I'd like to look at each one of these points individually. Regarding services, we have a number of new services that have come in. Apparently somehow they are running and are very successful now as stated by the exec, and yet they still need more money. I'm not sure how they can be successful now if they don't have a budget, but this money is coming from somewhere.

Second, societies. I am a math society exec. What does Fed's do for me? Well, in 2012 Fed's threatened to dissolve math stock and they reject our budgets every term.

Danielle Burt: Please keep to the actual argument.

Alana: Feds has not done a very good job at convincing me that the money will actually benefit societies other than stating that the money will benefit societies. Feds claims that this money is going to go to IT support for clubs. The Computer Science Club, a completely volunteer run organization hosts 91 club websites. I just counted. If a volunteer organization can host that many club websites, then what is Feds doing with this money? Why are they having this difficulty?

Furthermore, they talk about the website. The website was redesigned in the last five years already. I don't know why they couldn't get it right the first time. I don't see why they're coming back and asking for more money for round two, for something that may end up being the same disaster.

The last two things I wanted to talk about are the advocacy costs and the commercial services. I think that spending this money on advocacy is a great idea. They specified that 69 cents of the breakdown will go towards advocacy. Conveniently the CPI increase has raised the fee by 98 cents. I believe this will be covered by that bullet point.

Last, commercial services. Commercial services make money. I don't see why commercial services cannot pay for themselves. The last thing that I would like to address is that I feel that one of the ways that this has been addressed and that this has been encouraging the student body is by this Feds Does That campaign. This is a way for the Feds executive to justify that they are spending our money well now and that they are going to spend our money well in the future.

I believe that this campaign has been condescending and is not the correct response-

Danielle Burt: Is this relevant to the actual motion?

Alana: Yes. It is relevant to the motion because I believe that this is being used as a justification to increase the fee when this should be happening all the time anyways and this is concerning to me. Thank you.

Danielle Burt: Alana, I just need to know what questions you'd like directed towards me, so I can recognize people. Would you like them to speak to all of them? Do you have one in particular?

Alana: [crosstalk 01:02:09] any of the things [crosstalk 01:02:11]. I welcome them to do so.

Danielle Burt: Okay. You can speak for- Stephane, any of those comments.

Stephane Hamade: I have a response to a few. In terms of the committee that brought forward, it was one person. He was a member of a committee, but it was not a decision by the committee and many other members of the committee disagreed with that

motion. The majority of the members in the committee disagreed with that motion.

In terms of the websites, Feds hosts 130 websites. In terms of the Feds [inaudible 01:02:43] website, we are looking ... When we did the website we did before, we went outside and that's why you still see the connect on top of the mobile website, but we're looking to do it internally as it wasn't a success when we were doing it externally. By hiring one person to work on it, we're hoping that this will be able to create significant improvement.

Finally, the criticism of the Feds Do That campaign. It is something that, I think, we will be continued to doing beyond just around general meeting times especially around orientation week, around welcome week to continue to inform students about what we can do for them.

Danielle Burt: Do we have against?

Male: I want [inaudible 01:03:26].

Danielle Burt: Okay. I'll recognize because it's an answer to a previous question. One sec, okay.

Male: Regarding the services ICS and the Club connection, the point was made that they are currently running and how are they able to run right now, and why do we need more money. It's because they didn't have an allotted budget for them. They started this year after the budget was approved. They were being funded through my discretionary budget to see how these services would perform in the duration of this year and if you wanted to continue them.

We have seen that they have been really successful. We have done events in Ottawa, Toronto, Vancouver for co-op students and they're incredibly successful. We want to continue doing networking events in cities where our co-op students are going to, provide them a lot of support with housing and advocacy when they're on co-op terms, and also continue to do programming for international students. We need a budget to be able to do that.

We can't just continue having money from here and there to be able to support the services. That is why it is in the fee increase.

Danielle Burt: I did see a question at the back in the previous conversation. I just wanted to know if that's still a hand up or if that was a point of order, or anything like that. Can we get a mic over there to this gentleman? This is a question, right? You're not speaking for or against, sir? Sir? Sir? Are you speaking for or against?

Male: [inaudible 01:04:56]

Danielle Burt: If it's a question about the procedure, if it's about the fee increase, you're going to have to come up and speak for or against.

Male: [inaudible 01:05:06]

Danielle Burt: You could come up and say, "I'm not speaking for or against. I'm just asking a question." But if you're interrupting the talking order ... Okay. We're going to continue. Filzah, go ahead.

Filzah Nasir: Hi, everyone.

Danielle Burt: Would you state your name?

Filzah Nasir: Okay. My name's Filzah Nasir and I'm speaking against a fee increase. Honestly, I'm not an expert on financial stuff, so I don't know whether or not ... I haven't looked at the Fed's budget and I can't tell you whether or not this fee increase is necessary. I'm against the fee increase because I don't think that the Federation of Students right now has legitimized asking students for more money considering that we just had an election that had a 5% voter turnout, which was historically low.

Right now we have ASA in the room. The ASA students were asking for a fee increase based on a referendum which had 30% voter turnout. Students can be engaged in these processes. If Fed's sees a need for a fee increase, they should put it to a referendum, they should get a high voter turnout, and then based on that they should let the student body actually engage in this process and decide instead of putting it to a vote at a meeting with only 200 representatives.

Danielle Burt: You can go ahead.

Jessica: I'm Jessica [Tam 01:06:15]. I'm part of the new service ICS and I'm one of the executive. Referring to the previous question how we were running so success- I can't even talk. I just ran over. We actually were running at a one point, even a zero budget. We didn't even have ... We run weekly events. To be honest, the University of Waterloo is one of those very few universities with such a high rate of international exchange students. Most of us exec all have international experience and Waterloo has the poorest support for international students.

Basically without the service, there is no support other than Students Assess Office. In terms of how do you expect students to travel so far, for example, for a exchange student. They come four months. How do you expect them to travel far just to actually see the ... I guess like Canada. We weren't running the ... I can't talk. I'm sorry.

Danielle Burt: Take your time.

Jessica: We literally had no budget to work with, but we had to really find alternative sources to lower our budget. The thing is, students keep saying that there's all these fees. For example, just our club service we were able to save around \$5,000 in terms of for students. I don't know. I just, I guess, I don't know why

people can't see the value of these services for \$4. You're providing us a lot of service. To be honest, so many students aren't even aware of all the things that Feds does and all these services.

Before I got involved with Feds, I didn't know these things. Just because you didn't go try to look for it doesn't mean they don't exist, so that's all I'm going to say.

Danielle Burt: Are you speaking in favor of it or are you making a comment?

Male: I just wanted to add on. Sorry, speaking in favor [crosstalk 01:08:06].

Danielle Burt: Okay. I'm going to recognize him because he hasn't talked in favor. He's just answered a question, okay?

Male: Sorry. What am I supposed to do?

Danielle Burt: Speak in favor of it.

Male: Okay. I wanted to mention two things. First one was what we do for societies. Feds pays for the audits-

Danielle Burt: You have to just keep to specifically why you're in favor of the motion.

Male: Okay. I'm in favor of the motion because I think it provides a lot of value to students. In terms of how we made this cost, how we came to this amount, we looked at what all students need, and how much that costs. We tried to find a lot of efficiencies. This number isn't just a random 474 that we came up with and we're like, "Hey, students pay this." This is something that we think we can provide a lot of value for.

The students from the Accounting and Finance Student's Association, [inaudible 01:08:55] and Jerry can testify to the fact that I've been working for eight months now to get you this levy. Right now I think if we change our accounting processes, we will have a lot of more work for our accounting department to do. One of the things that this fee increase will do is provide the resources to have our accounting departments better support, societies and student groups like AFSA so that we can better dislocate the levy.

I will end by saying that we have done a lot of due diligence to find efficiencies and optimize this cost, and we have come to a number which will best provide value to student groups for the amount that they're going to pay which is \$4.74 a term.

Danielle Burt: Okay, go ahead. Can you just state your name again?

Anna Maria: Again, I'm Anna Maria Reda. When I left here I said that last for 2013-2014 was \$50,000 in the positive and I was apparent correct at saying it was \$50,000 in the negative. I would like to know. I have the sheet in front of me. I don't know if we can pull it up, but I'm seeing a total revenue of approximately 2.5 million and a total expense of 2.48 million. I don't understand how that can be a deficit of \$50,000.

Going to that, seeing as how the VP Ops and Finance doesn't actually know what last year's budget was, that's really disappointing to me. It doesn't like he understand really what's going on if he doesn't even know what last year's final budget came to.

Danielle Burt: Okay. I'm going to turn that over to ... Are you going to answer it?

Male: Sure.

Danielle Burt: Okay. I'm going to recognize VPOF that's in his portfolio. Okay. I'm having to recognize Cheryl, our accounting manager.

Anna Maria: Again, I don't know if this is wrong. But this is what I just downloaded again from the-

Danielle Burt: Yeah. No, I believe that-

Female: You're looking at '13-'14's budget. What you shouldn't be looking at is our budget. You should be looking at our '13-'14 actual.

Anna Maria: That is the actual. That is the actual.

Female: We lost money last year. We didn't make money.

Anna Maria: Can we [inaudible 01:10:55]?

Female: You're looking at the budget. You're not looking at the actuals that were audited. [crosstalk 01:11:03]

Danielle Burt: If we're answering a question, can we please talk into the mic, so everyone can hear?

Female: Sure.

Male: The reason that that budget reflects the surplus of \$50,000 from the student fees collected is that, in that budget is not included the commercial services side of the budget. Overall, the organization had a deficit, I believe, in excess of \$200,000. That is not made public because that is under board's purview and is considered confidential when we're looking at our competitors as an

organization, specifically the university and other organizations around. That is exactly why that is not made public.

Anna Maria: Okay. To that response, again, this is the student fee that we are talking about. If the student fee wasn't positive by \$50,000, that fee should not be used to carry off whatever deficit Feds makes on the other side. This is a student fee providing student services. If the student fee, which is what again we're talking about increasing, is in the positive based on what we see from last year, there's no reason for students to have to pay more money for something that we aren't responsible for. That's all I'm going to say. Thank you.

Danielle Burt: Do we have any more for or against? Are you speaking A.J.?

Male: Is there any other against?

Danielle Burt: Is there any other against who haven't spoken yet? [crosstalk 01:12:33] Can we get a mic, so we can hear you? I know.

Male: [inaudible 01:12:39]

Danielle Burt: I just wanted to settle.

Male: I move to call the question.

Danielle Burt: We have a motion to call the question.

Alexander Wray: I will second.

Danielle Burt: Thank you. Wray, second. This motion is not debatable and it needs a two-thirds vote to pass. Our scrutineers, are you still good to scrutineer? Sorry. Point of order has been made to explain what that means. By calling the question it means we're ending the debate so that we can call the question to vote on the motion. When we call the question, we're just deciding whether we end debate or not. If it passes, debate's over and we vote on the original motion. If it fails, we continue debate. Does that make sense? Okay.

Scrutineers, can we get you guys up again? If you are in favor of stopping debate, all in favor, hands up. I'm just going to go with all opposed of continuing debate, hands up. Can we just count that number please? Can we just count that number? Okay. We're going to do that again. All in favor of stopping debate, we're going to count just so we keep everybody good. Bare with us folks. Hands in the air. Try not to move, please. Keep your hands up folks. Sorry. They haven't finished counting, so we have to keep them up. What do you have?

Male: Fifty-nine [inaudible 01:15:19].

Danielle Burt: Two forty-three and then against, so we want to continue debate. Hands in the air. Five, okay. The motion passes. [crosstalk 01:16:00] Seven? Sorry, nine, so nine against. Okay. Motion passes, so that means we are calling the question. We're going to go to the actual motion. Julia, can you pull up the motion please on the agenda one? Yeah, that one. Once again, "Be it resolved the general meeting approved the Feds fee increase by \$4.74." All in favor? [crosstalk 01:16:30]

Please keep them high in the air folks until we have finished an account and I announce it. You're getting your arm workout for the day. You can do leg day today. What was your number? One eight-three in favor and against this motion, hands up in the air please. Please keep them high in the air. [crosstalk 01:18:20] Okay. That's 56 against, so 183 in favor. Fifty-six against, motion passes.

Can we get the next agenda up on there? No, the other one. Yeah. Okay. We're going on to the next, approval of the AFSA fee change. Can we get the motion up there? Can I get a mover once we ... Once I read out, I'm going to call for a mover.

Male: We don't need any type of mover.

Danielle Burt: Okay, bear with me folks. Jerry writes a lot. "Whereas the Accounting and Finance Student Association ... " Okay, I'll just read it from my paper instead of walking around. "Whereas the Accounting and Finance Student Association represents nearly 2,000 new Waterloo students from three different faculties. Whereas these students currently pay \$50 to the Accounting and Financing Endowment Fund, AFEF, every term. Whereas the Accounting and Finance Student Association is funded mostly through returns from that fund.

Whereas this translates to only a 3.5 to 4% return on what students pay into the endowment. Whereas this income is five times less than the operating budget of comparable businesses related organizations from their national peer group in the Canadian Association of Business Students across Canada. Whereas U Waterloo's Accounting and Finance Students voted to pay \$30 less into an endowment, and pay the same \$30 directly to AFSA, and a referendum with 30% voter turnout, and 92% of students voting in favor.

Whereas this fee structure change will allow AFSA to significantly better serve its students, constituents through relevant programming and events, and remain competitive with other accounting and commerce schools in Ontario. Then be it resolved that the Federation of Students shall implement a mechanism to facilitate the transfer of the \$30 fee to the AFSA pending ratification by the UW Board of Governors." Can I get a mover please? Yasin. Can I get a seconder? Sorry, thank you.

We have further resolved that the Federation of Students shall work with the university administrations to implement the fee structure change so that it is effective May 1, 2015. Can I get a mover? Yasin. Seconder? Co. Is there discussion for or against this motion? You can just come up to the mic. Go ahead.

Male: Okay, so this is pretty straightforward. Accounting and finance students have voted with a 30% voter turnout, 92% of people have voted to have the levy that goes directly to AFSA so that AFSA can continue to do a lot of programming for accounting and finance students. The position that accounting and finance students are in is really unique. They are from three different faculties. You pay \$50 into an endowment and get pretty much very little money from it.

This only makes sense and I have been working for the past eight months to ensure that this can be done in a way that is sustainable. We have buy-in from the university. We have buy-in from a lot of the deans. We at Feds have looked at how we can do that on our end and it will all come together. We have done our due diligence at this point. We need students to say that we want to go ahead with this and that is why we're here today. I think it's pretty straightforward. We can just vote this through.

Danielle Burt: Is there any further discussion for or against? Seeing none, so we're going to put it to the vote. Scrutineers. Scrutineers, okay. All in favor, hands up. [crosstalk 01:22:23] Keep your hands up the whole time. [crosstalk 01:22:50] Two hundred and eleven in favor, and against? Against? If you are against the AFSA fe- Okay, there we go. Against, hands in the air. Okay, and any abstentions? It passes unanimously. Okay, so we're going to do the board announcements now.

Male: We're going to announce the results of the board elections, I guess, with ...

Danielle Burt: Maaz, please don't speak into the ... Okay, so I've been told they're in this piece of paper. For the at-large director seats we have Helen, Brian, Deanna, Filzah, and A.J. Congratulations. For the council seats I'm confused. I'm not crossed out. Okay, the winners are James and Chanakya. Congratulations for the council seats. We have our Board of Directors for the next year. Awesome.

Okay. Julia, could you pull up the agenda please? Are you officially asking me to do that? Okay. A quorum check has been called. Can we get everyone who's staying at the meeting to please sit down? If you're leaving the meeting, please, I guess leave. If you're attending and you're at the back, is there anyway you could move forward just so we can make sure we have everyone? Again, if you're staying in the meeting, please sit down. Thank you.

Okay. If you are staying in the meeting, can you please raise all the placards you have, so your proxy included, so we can count? Please, high in the air, placards and proxy placards. Just so everyone knows our quorum is 50. We're over 50, 60, 63. Is that 63? Okay, so 63 we're still in quorum. Okay, back to the agenda.

We are at ratification of the 2015-2016 executive team. Can I get a mover for this? Hayman. Can I get a seconder too? Is there any discussion? No, we can ... Okay. All in favor of ratification of the next executive team. Hands in the air folks, really high, hands in the air who are favor of ratifying the executive team. Yep, so we have 63 which means this is the unanimous decision. We now have a 2015-2016 executive team.

Do you have a point of order? Okay. Next we have approval of the orientation fee increase of CPI of 2.0%. Do we have a mover? Lolos. Do we have a seconder? Wray. Did I write a motion in there? I should have ... Yeah, orientation. Okay, so I'm going to read the motion out.

"Whereas the cost of supplies and resources increases annually. Whereas the orientation fee has not been increased since Winter 2012, at which point it was increased by CPI. Be it resolved that the refundable orientation fee assessed to all Fall Term 1A students be increased by CPI of 2.0% corresponding to \$2.07, to a total of \$105.60 per student."

I already got movers, so we're good. Do I have anybody speaking for or against this motion? For? Against?

Chris Lolos: Hello. Chris Lolos, incoming President. As someone who's done a lot of purchasing with orientation, things get expensive every year. It's just something that we haven't done in a number of years and it'd be really nice if we could pass this motion. It's not an increase in any services per se. It's just to keep up with inflation. Thank you.

Danielle Burt: Any other discussion for or against? All those in favor of this motion, hands in the air. Scrutineers. Fifty-one in favor, and against? Can we count? Is that three against? Hands in the air again. Is that two? Two against, okay. Motion passes. [crosstalk 01:30:49] Can you go back to the agenda, please? Thank you.

Okay, election to the Budget Committee. Do we have any nominations? This is ... Are you running to talk to me? I'm going to recognize Ben to talk about this committee because he chairs it. Sir, I recognize you.

Ben Balfour: Can you get to the public drive? Can you go there? Sir, [inaudible 01:31:28]. No? Okay, so I did have a sweet slide made for you guys. It was really cool, but that's all right.

Just so that everybody knows exactly what, Budget Committee is one year term. There is three positions available. There is one seat for a council member, one seat for a board member, and one at-large seat. Meeting times will vary. You will definitely be meeting a lot more during budget season which is this term as well as the beginning of the spring term.

The Budget Committee assists with the preparation and scrutinization of the budget. You'll do that by looking at all the departmental budgets, looking at the lines, asking questions, and going back and forth with the VPOF as well as the departmental heads to make sure that all the money is being allocated properly. Sounds exciting, doesn't it?

Danielle Burt: Can I get any nominees for the elected directors to the Director's seat on the Budget Committee?

Male: I would like to nominate Alexander Wray.

Danielle Burt: Do we have any other nominations? No other nominations. Congratulations Alexander Wray. You've been acclaimed to the seat. Do we have any nominations for the council seat? We would do that now?

Male: Yes. [crosstalk 01:33:00]

James: I'd like to nominate myself, James Co.

Danielle Burt: Is there any other nominee? Seeing none. Congratulations James. You've been acclaimed to this committee seat. Do we have any nominees for the at-large position on this committee, the Budget Committee? Any nominees? The Budget Committee deals with the budget.

Male: I nominate Andrew [Clubine 01:33:38].

Danielle Burt: Is he here to accept? I see that he accepts. Is there any other at-large nominees? Are you nominating someone, sir?

Male: I nominate [Qasim 01:34:04].

Danielle Burt: Do you accept?

Male: I'm a councilor.

Danielle Burt: You're a councilor? What we were going to say is that ... Ben, if I'm mistaken, there's actually two council seats. If you just wait two seconds. Is that cool? Is there any nominees for the at-large? Is there any other nominees for the at-large? At-large.

Male: I'd like to nominate Brian Schwan.

Danielle Burt: Brian, do you accept for Budget Committee? You do not accept. You respectfully decline. Okay. Any other nominees for the at-large student? Congratulations Andrew Clubine. He's been acclaimed and now we have been told that there's another council seat. Do we have any nominees for the extra council seat?

Male: I'd like to nominate Qasim.

Danielle Burt: Do you accept? Okay, any other nominees for this seat? Sure. Sure, we can do procedurally. Are you saying like point of order you want that to happen? [crosstalk 01:35:32] Thank you. Okay, so we have two nominees. We have James Coe and ... Sorry, we're going to have to say your full name for the record. So I don't have to walk around, can we get another mic walked around? Can you just get it set into the mic, so we can record it for the minutes? Thank you. Perfect.

Qasim: My name is Qasim Aaron.

Danielle Burt: Okay, so we have those two nominees. Do you want to speak to your nomination? If you want to come up to the front, you can speak? He's declining comment, okay. Any ... Do we have ballots? Okay, so we're going to hand out ballots. Point of order. If someone has a question, please don't all yell at me. Can we get a mic A.J.?

Male: There's two council seats. I was mistaken the first time. There's two council seats and we now have two councilors nominated.

Danielle Burt: Then we are acclaiming both seats?

Male: The point of order was that you want those names voted on regardless? No? Our procedures say that they're acclaimed if the same number of people who run or who nominate themselves for a position, it equals the amount of seats, then an election doesn't need to happen. That's just what our procedures say.

Danielle Burt: Congratulations to the two nominees. They've been acclaimed to this committee. Perfect. Can we go back up to the top of the agenda? Okay, so on approval of honorary lifetime membership winners, the committee didn't meet, so we didn't discuss any nominees or winners. This point is moot. There's no vote here.

Is there any questions on what I just said? Sorry? Why did the committee not meet? It was just because of the co-op. We couldn't get a schedule in before this GM. If there is nominees for the next GM at this time, we'll have winners. I do. I chair this committee for context of the question.

Approval of amendment of the by-laws. We're going to go to the motion and then we'll move it, and get a seconder. Can we go to the other document? It's at the bottom. Okay, so there's two motions here. We'll vote on them separately. "Be it resolved that general meetings of the Federation's by-laws be amended as attached." Can you open that actually? There's [track 01:38:35] changes. If you'd just go to the red text.

The addition is the board can choose to set a deadline for proxy submissions. If set, the deadline must be included in the initial notice. Would anybody like me to read this out? Hand up. Okay. The addition is a member entitled to vote at an annual general meeting of the members may give the corporation notice of any matter that the member proposes to raise at the meeting, referred to as a proposal, and discuss at the meeting any matter with respect to which the member would have been entitled to submit a proposal.

Then in the second section, the board shall not refuse to include a member's proposal under the proposal. It's submitted to the corporation before this submission deadline given in the initial notice or the same proposal was submitted to members in a previous general meeting of the members of less than 11 months before and the proposal was defeated. Do I have a mover of this motion? Lolas. Secunder? Wray. Would you like to come talk to your motion, Chris? If you want me to explain ... Okay.

I'm just going to explain. He's recognized that I can explain it because I actually made these edits. We haven't actually changed the spirit of anything. We've just taken the reference to the corporations that act out. To say the same thing within our by-laws so that it makes sense to the average student reading it, but it's just saying that it has to be ... Let's go to the top.

"A member entitled to vote at an annual general meeting of the members may ...," and that's to say that they can submit a proposal to the agenda, discuss at the meeting any matter with respect to which the member would have been entitled to submit. A proposal is just saying they're entitled to submit the proposal. Then the next part of the proposal is submitted to the corporation before the submission deadline, so we can't ... If it's submitted before the deadline is set for agenda items, the board can't stop it from going on the agenda.

The second part is the same proposal that's submitted to members in a previous general meeting of the members held less than 11 months before and the proposal was defeated. Again, just repeating what the reference of Section 56-6E for the not-for-profit was saying, but we have included it to be within the last general meeting that happened, so 11 months. Is there any questions about that? Seeing none. For or against? Seeing none. There has been a motion for ... Is that an official motion?

Male: I motion for a five minute recess. Sorry, Chris. I'm [inaudible 01:41:29] than you.

Danielle Burt: Okay. We're going to take this motion. As this motion, is there any debate? All in favor? Scrutineers, sorry. Scrutineers. Any against? Seeing none. Motion passes unanimously. Five minute recess. Point of order I've been told. Point of order. Has someone requested the agenda on the screen? That'd be a point of infor-Board ratification motion after the second by-law motion.

If anybody has to go to the bathroom or get a snack, we still have to wait for the five minutes.

We have one minute left before I'm going to call the meeting back to order.

Okay, five minutes is up. I'm calling this meeting back to order. Please sit down if you're attending this meeting. Okay, we're back to the by-laws. Filzah, did you want to make ... Did someone want to make the am- ...

Male: I motion to amend it to ... Instead of under for "a member's proposal under" to "given" and then the same proposal "was" to the same proposal was not submitted.

Danielle Burt: Where is the given part? Sorry.

Male: Given in the board shall not refuse to include a member's proposal under. The first sentence that's black above number one.

Danielle Burt: You want it to say ... Can you repeat exactly the board [crosstalk 01:48:01] ...

Male: To given. The board shall not refuse to include a member's proposal "given".

Danielle Burt: Okay, instead of under. Can you change the word under to given? Then ...

Male: Then add "not" to the same proposal was "not" submitted.

Danielle Burt: Not submitted there, was not. Can I get a seconder for this motion? Co. Is there any discussion on this amendment? Seeing none. All in favor of these amendments? Hands up. Thirty-nine. Against? Forty. Sorry, 40. In favor, against? Against. Seeing none. Abstentions? One. Would you like to be noted? Okay. Amendment passes. Now we're going back to the original motion. Can you go to the GM agenda file, the Word file? I'm sorry. New agenda then. No, sorry. Aren't we in an attachment here? Yeah, I just wanted the GM agenda. That one. Yeah.

"Be it resolved that section and general meeting of the Federation's file has the amended as attached." We just went through it. Is there any discussions on this motion? Seeing none. All in favor?

Male: I think it's unanimous, but okay.

Danielle Burt: Forty-one in favor. Against? Against? Against? Abstentions? One against, you said? Zero against. Abstentions? Seeing none. By-law amendment passes.

Next motion. "Be it resolved section and to officers of the Federation's by-law. The amended by replacing instances of cooperative education and career services with cooperative education and career action, and deleting the struck words and inserting the underlined words as attached just so we're going to

open that attachment." Thank you. The text is in red. If you want to scroll slowly until you can find ... Unless you go to track changes and review, and you can just go to next change.

The wording changed from center ... What I just read first. Okay. Sorry, do we have a mover for this motion? Hamade. Do we have a seconder? McGinnis. Would you like to speak in favor of your-

Male: I just want my job description to be right. It's CCA and not CCS anymore.

Danielle Burt: Can you [inaudible 01:51:21]?

Male: Which one, sorry? We're taking off the university senate from the President shall be responsible for. If you notice, it still says "Act as representative in section above," but the President is not responsible for the university senate.

Danielle Burt: Is that the only change? I'll just read this one. The President shall [inaudible 01:51:49] be the Chair of the Board of Directors unless the President chooses to delegate authority. Continue. Is there any other? That's just to be clear that the President isn't always the Chair of the Board. These are just the wording changes, again, from services to action. I think that's all the changes, but keep going. Okay. Is there any questions on the changes? Yep, can you back?

Can I ... Yep, so I can speak to the intent of the change. The President shall be the Chair of the Board unless the President chooses to delegate authority. It just gives the option that when we come in the President acts as Chair and then can delegate the authority to any members of Board and then an election will happen. The board still chooses to delegate the authority, but then it would go to a vote.

Male: Unless I [inaudible 01:53:17].

Danielle Burt: Okay. Any other discussion for or against this motion? Seeing none. All in favor? Forty-one against. Abstentions?

Male: [inaudible 01:54:06]

Danielle Burt: Is that zero, zero? Okay. Okay, 41. Motion passes unanimously. Pardon? I just got a call for quorum check. Can everyone put their placards and proxy placards in the air? Scrutineers can we please ... Forty-five which means we do not meet quorum, so at this point we can't pass anymore motions. We can still discuss the final ratification of the board format motion which is interesting. We'll have to talk about that anyways.

The Federation long range plan report or we could have a motion to adjourn which has to be put forward by the floor. Can we get a mic to the person with the hand up?

Male: Motion to adjourn.

Danielle Burt: Okay. Do I have a seconder for that motion? [Semeta 01:55:33] Any discussion for or against? No discussion. Seeing no discussion. All in favor of the motion to adjourn?

Male: Danny, we're going to send a [inaudible 01:56:03] after for prizes.

Danielle Burt: The prizes will be sent out after, so we'll notify the person who won. Thirty-seven in favor. Against? Five against. The motion passes, meeting is adjourned. Thank you, folks.