

# Students' Council Minutes

1:00 PM May 11, 2014  
SLC Multipurpose Room

*Full proceedings of the meeting can be found on page 4 onwards.*

**Called to order at 1:03PM by President Burt**

## Preliminaries

### Speaker and Secretary Elections:

Speaker Nominations

**Motion:** *BIRT* Council elects \_\_\_\_ as Speaker of Students' Council

Stephane nominates Doug Turner

Result: Passes unanimously. Council elects Doug Turner.

Secretary Nominations

Motion to postpone Secretary election

Stephane, Gaffoor

Passes unanimously

**Motion:** *BIRT* Council elects \_\_\_\_ as Secretary of Students' Council

Nominated: Sidharta

Result:

Deputy Speaker Nominations

**Motion:** *BIRT* Council elects \_\_\_\_ as Deputy Speaker of Students' Council

Result:

**Motion:** *BIRT* Council elects \_\_\_\_ as Assistant Secretary of Students' Council

Assistant Secretary Nominations

Motion to postpone: Hamade, Gaffoor

Result: Unanimously passed

VPIN for Temporary Secretary: Chair, Seconded Lolas, Unanimous

## Approval of the Agenda

*An agenda is not a comprehensive list of everything that might come up at the meeting, but instead it is a list of what subjects will be considered and in what order. The adoption of the agenda cements the relative priority*

of each item of business. Adding items to the agenda requires a two-thirds vote, although new items of business can still be raised without needing that vote once the entire agenda is complete.

1. **Motion:** BIRT Council approves the agenda for this meeting. Chair. Burt. Unanimous
2. **Motion regarding PAC Board Seat: Ramdev, Burt,**

## Reading and Approval of the Minutes

*The minutes of a meeting are the official record of what happened at that meeting, and contain the authoritative versions of the actions taken at the meeting. No motion or vote is required to adopt the minutes, once corrections are made. If there are significant reservations about the minutes, the approval may be dispensed with, and the minutes will be returned at the subsequent meeting for approval.*

3. **Minutes:** Minutes of April meeting ([attachment 01](#)): Chair, Burt

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## Consent Agenda

*Per Council Procedure 9, items on the consent agenda will be considered in gross, without debate or amendment. Items will be moved from the consent agenda to the regular agenda upon the request of any member. The purpose of the consent agenda is not to suppress debate but to allow Council to quickly consider and approve uncontroversial items.*

### **Councillor Reports:**

*No motion*

## Regular Agenda

### Reports

*Reports are submitted to Council by various officers and committees of Feds and of Council. Motions arising directly out a report, including to adopt recommendations in the report, may be considered immediately after the report without having to wait until later in the meeting. No action is required to receive a report. If Council decides to adopt or accept a report, then it is endorsing the entire report and not just the recommendations.*

4. **Executive Reports**
  - a. **President : LRP, getting settled**
  - b. **Vice-President, Operations and Finance**
  - c. **Vice-President, Internal**
  - d. **Vice-President, Education**
5. **Executive Q&A Period**
6. **Councillor Reports: N/A**
7. **Budget Draft Update (VPOF Balfour)**

## Special Orders

*A special order is an item which will take precedence over all business pending at the time set for the special order. Council will interrupt whatever it is doing at the time to deal with to the special order. As it suspends the*

normal rule that one item must be disposed of before another can be brought up, setting a special order (or ignoring one already set) requires a two-thirds vote unless done as part of the agenda.

## Unfinished Business and General Orders

*Unfinished business is business carried on to a meeting from the previous meeting. A general order is an item of business that is ordered to be taken up at a meeting. The most important thing that the agenda does is set general orders and their relative ordering. Time limits to discussions indicate the point at which the Speaker will end the discussion unless Council directs otherwise.*

8. **Motion:** BIRT that council approves the addition of GAAC and the changes made to EAC in the Students' Council Procedures (Burt, Yasin, Unanimous)

**AMENDMENT: Ramdev, Burt, Unanimous**

## STANDING COMMITTEES

- a. **President's Advisory Committee:** *Selection of Committee members, a) Councillors 2, b) Students at Large 2 (1 application), 1 BOD, RPO*

**Selected members: Nelson, Lolas, Beckett (at-large)**

- b. **Policy & Procedure Committee:** *Selection of Committee members, a) Councillors, 2 b) Students at Large 2 (1 application), Speaker (non-voting)*

**Selected members: Balram, Hayman, Hamdizai, McDougall (at-large)**

- c. **Campus Life Advisory Committee:** *Selection of Committee members, a) Councillors 2, b) Students at Large 2 (1 application), Director of Campus Life*

**Selected Councillors: Knight, Domingo At-large: Shaf Khan, Larissa Filice (acclaimed)**

- d. **Internal Funding Committee:** *Selection of Committee members, a) Councillors, 2 b) Students at Large 2 (3 applications), 1 FTS*

**Selected Councillors: Julian Wang, Jazbel Wang At-large: Schulist, Mok (both acclaimed)**

- e. **Internal Administration Committee:** *Selection of Committee members, a) Councillors 2, b) Students at Large 2 (1 application), 2 FTS*

**Selected Councillors: Liu, Sidharta, Khan At-large: Roshanee Vir**

- f. **Education Advisory Committee:** *Selection of Committee members, a) Councillors 3, b) Students at Large 2 (4 applications), 6 Society, RPO, Commissioners*

**Selected Councillors: Wan, Turner, McCreedy At-large: Gidla, Morand**

- g. **GAAC:** *Selection of Committee members, a) Councillors 3 b) Students at Large 2 (0 applications)*

**Selected Councillors: Nelson, Ramdev, Turner At-large: Beckett, Benson**

- h. **Elections & Referenda Committee:** *Selection of Committee members, a) Councillors 1, b) Students at Large 1, 1 member from PPC, EO, CRO*

**Selected Councillors: Nasif At-Large seat: Jazbel PPC Seat: Lolas EO: Anne-Marie Hayman CRO: Brad Krane**

- i. **Elections & Referenda Appeals Committee:** *Selection of Committee members, a) 1 Executive (if no response, 1 councillor), b) Students at Large 3*

**Executive seat: Hamade At-Large (3 seats): Koo, Yasin, Gaffoor**

## **New Business**

*Any Councillor may raise any item of concern during New Business. Generally, long discussions without a specific motion before Council should be avoided, and are technically against the rules of procedure. If a Councillor has any questions about the procedure, form, or content, they should ask the Speaker or another experienced Councillor.*

## **Adjournment by 3:30 PM**

### **PROCEEDING OF THE COUNCIL MEETING:**

#### **Speaker election:**

Hamade nominates Turner for speaker, accepts

Hamade: Turner would make a great speaker

Turner: would like to be speaker because I enjoy the rules, like council, feel that I know rules, policies, bylaws well. Not going to overstate my abilities, don't know off by heart. I feel that I can do the job.

Ramdev: How would you like to be addressed?

Turner: as "Mr. speaker" or "the chair", according to robert's rules

Turner is elected as Speaker of Council

Applause for Turner

secretary election:

Lolas nominates Yasin, rejects.

Gaffoor nominates Niru Gidla

Speaker explained the role of the secretary:

show up to meetings, take minutes

prepare minutes to be sent to council

Hamade moved to postpone naming a secretary to the next meeting

Hayman: who will make sure these minutes get distributed?

speaker: vice-president yasin

motion postponed

deputy speaker election:

Ramdev asks if the deputy speaker can vote

speaker: yes

Ramdev nominates himself  
Sidharta nominates himself  
Ramdev withdraws nomination  
maaz nominates danielle; declined

Sidharta said that the deputy speaker is hopefully training to be next year's speaker, but he is graduating, and he will let someone who plans to be around take the role  
speaker: deputy speaker could resign later on if there's interest from another student

radiji nominates Wan  
Sidharta withdraws

Wan acclaimed as deputy

assistant secretary election:

Hamade motions to postpone  
motion postponed

Approval of the agenda: Moved by Turner, Seconded Burt, Unanimous

vp yasin appointed secretary pro tem for the meeting

Ramdev had a motion  
sean hunt explained that there's a motion to change the Board member appointed by the President's Advisory Committee to be appointed by the Board rather than Council.

approval of the minutes: Moved by Turner, Seconded Yasin, 3-0 (12 abstentions)

Sidharta: in paragraph H.3 of the minutes, the spelling of councillors' gaffoor and Sidharta's names is wrong.

reports:

Burt: we haven't been in office long, so informal reports. first week was planning retreat and planning with exec, as well as planning how to continue committees from last term

Balfour: a lot of the same stuff as danielle. trying to get feet underneath me, meeting with staff since I'm the hr manager. Finding out what they're working on and projects I need to be aware of. Working on the budget, trying to make sure it's moving on. Will be giving an update later on about where it is and where it will be going.

Yasin: similar to danielle and ben, I have been getting used to the new job. In the first few days I have been getting used to the projects I'll be working on over the year including establishing a clubs support team, clubs library, releasing self funds, for example for new chairs in the slc. Also looking at applications for a new part-time position, Societies Relations Commissioner. Position is still open so if you know someone who might be interested, tell them to apply.

Mohammad Nasif: is it per semester?

Yasin: year long, but we will consider termly if we don't get an application

Ramdev: when will the chairs be done

Yasin: don't know, ask slc operations

Lolas: what kind of chairs? like the red ones?

Yasin: all chairs in the building; ask ops manager or ben

Hamade: just uploaded my report in the package. highlights: attended a breakfast with one of the ministers in the provincial government on the budget, now we have a provincial election. June 12. Advance polling in SLC june 4 and 5. Get out to constituents that they can vote if 18 or older and are citizens. Need proof of eligibility: mail, ID, proof of residence. Voting in the SLC is easy because no specific polling location. On June 12 will be more complicated because they need to find where they can vote. I have hired two commissioners: municipal and academic. Spending time on provincial elections: lobbying priorities and get out the vote strategy.

Gaffoor: will feds be provided election information and advertising?

Hamade: yes

Burt: further update: I will give you an update on the LRP and governance review from collins last month. LRP went on a break since head leader on the company running it is on vacation until may 10. We'll be doing stakeholder labs which will involve students, ask council to promote it. This is to collect data. Governance review was supposed to happen this past week but the company has had things come up. We don't have a deadline, which was supposed to be april 30 but we don't know when it will be. I'll report back when we receive it.

Budget Draft Update:

Balfour: Give you guys an update about my preparation for the budget and a bit of background in looking at the budget for review before the next meeting.

Hoping to have a draft completed with the help of budget committee by the next council meeting. Going to show you guys a draft so that you can see the budget and understand it.

There is a summary page and a summary page for each exec portfolio. These show the overall changes and where we're starting to allocate money. tab colours: yellow is summary, exec is individual sections, red is deleted but need to remain for auditing purposes.

Budget committee is Doug, Christos, Chanakya, and Baiju, the at-large member.

When you guys are looking at the budget, you're approving the spirit. I mean you're approving the ideas being put forward, not necessarily line-by-line stuff. That's what my job is: making sure the money is allocated. I will make you aware of any big changes. You are here to make sure that the budget overall is representing what your constituents elected you to enforce.

Don't worry about the nitty gritty. You can ask me or anyone on the budgetcommittee.

McCready: how was the budget committee selected?

Balfour: at the past general meeting, the reason is that the budget is supposed to be approved very early in my term, and vpofs often don't have the knowledge and know-how to get it done. So I worked with natasha and she did a fantastic job.

We have been working with the budget committee to make the changes we see fit. When the budget committee and myself approve the budget and bring it to you, they will be saying that they've gone through and they approve it, so it's a recommendation for you to approve it. Hopefully, when you approve it, it will be a strong recommendation to the Board as well as confirming to me that we're on the right track with student opinion and the allocations students want us to make.

You can ask questions here or approach me later.

I'll be getting actuals---what we actually spent for April, the end of last year---by the end of May. The accounting staff are working very hard to get them done as quickly as possible so we can start making decisions around them. These will let me compare our budgeted numbers to what we've actually spent. If we see discrepancy and want to change them, these numbers will let us make informed decisions. We will be able to look at how much we spent last year and we want to be spending wisely.

Wasn't able to get any concrete agenda points for the budget committee that wouldn't be a waste of their time. We'll be meeting sometime over the next few weeks to review once we start getting the actuals.

It will be a rolling process. Behind the scenes I will be doing a lot of back and forth with all the departments, going to other exec and pointing out issues and looking for solutions, also talking to some full-time staff. I'll be doing all this work.

Burt: as an example, orientation is under my portfolio, but becky wroe is in charge of orientation and she gives her budget to me and I approve it, and I might not necessarily know, so he'll go to her to get the justification.

ben: it will be a pretty big circle as I run around from department to exec and get things sorted out. at the end of the process I'll know the budget inside and out and in turn I can help you guys make an excellent decision. If you have questions or concerns, feel free to come in and talk to me. I'll try to include a very detailed instruction list when I send out the budget.

This is a draft from about two weeks ago. it doesn't reflect current numbers. The summary of operations is the student service focused budget lines and this is what you will be approving. The commercial services are under board. The exec portfolios as well as support services are under these. general office is insurance costs and other legal expenditures.

Gaffoor: we're running a net loss?

ben: no, these are not real numbers. we're buliding this until we get a real budget. I still need more numbers, and an estimate of our real revenue.

Liu: historically have we run a deficit or come up?

ben: as a not for profit, there are strict rules about how we budget and collect money. normally we aim for zero. in a month's time when I give a perfect budget and I aim for 0 we will be happy. odds are it will be in the negative

febrian: we'll see more detailed parts?

ben: yes

chanakya: why do we pay for IT and services for the commercial business?

ben: marketing and IT spend a lot of time working with clubs and services as well as offering services to general students. I can't comment as to why that happens. I can get back to you. It's an interesting question.

ben: example of what the president will have in their portfolio. each of these line items comes from a tab that breaks everything down into smaller and smaller proportions. you guys don't necessarily need to go through the line by line. you will stick more to the summaries. If there's stuff on the other pages I think you should see, I will make sure to reference them.

red tabs are things that have been removed but need to stay in the budget for auditing purposes. it doesn't exist any more. I'm telling you this now so that in a month, you'll have a little background and you'll be able to pick it up. Right now we're not making any decisions.

stephane on eac/gaac:

As discussed at retreat, I think that splitting EAC is a good idea. We'll be looking at them as a whole since it's not a good idea to do just one and not two. If we take responsibilities out of EAC without creating GAAC, nobody but me will be looking at these issues. The changes to EAC are to specify that it is for on campus issues, and to remove municipal, provincial, and federal issues. The EAC is also used for decisions when Council can't meet or when we feel it's not necessary to bring to Council. We're also removing wording for organizations like OUSA or CASA, but with the split now, and the other committee looking at municipal, provincial, and federal issues, so I felt it would be better to have the other committee looking at those.

The only changes to the composition are to remove the municipal affairs commissioner and put the academic affairs commissioner on explicitly.

danielle: can you say what your commissioners are?

stephane: municipal affairs deals with issues like transit and housing, and academic affairs which deals with on campus issues

speaker: the commissioners and rpo are non voting, but are the vpeds voting?

stephane: yes, that was there before

stephane: on to other one. If you have a better name than GAAC, I'm not good with names. This was made from scratch.

danielle: could we go with governmental advisory committee?

stephane: we're advising me, not government. external advisory committee would be confusing

khadija: can you explain policy development?

stephane: previously EAC would develop policies reflecting student opinions on

policy, and then bring it to Council to approval

khadija: would those policies be presented to us? they're written for the school?

stephane: they're on the topic of government, and are what the student opinion

is. we use this opinion to go talk to the governments.

khadija: you would write the policy and ask our opinions first

stephane: yes

chanakya: how would this collaborate on ousa? would this collaborate with eac on

ousa-related stuff?

stephane: for ousa, ousa to me deals with the provincial government; it's a

provincial lobby group. gaac would help develop what waterloo is saying we

should be doing with the provincial government. it would help develop going into

ousa meetings, and help me develop policy as a steering committee

maaz: can you give examples of policies eac and gaac would have?

stephane: eac might have course evaluations, while gaac has something on

tuition, because it's mostly regulated by the provincial government

khadija: is it a policy before it comes to us and is debated on and approved?

stephane: it's for developing feds policy on these issues

ben: it's still policy even if we haven't adopted it, it's just not our policy.

Once it comes through council it becomes a feds council policy.

khadija: would it be a school policy?

ben: it's just a piece of paper with words on it.

stephane: council can still come up with educational policy if it wants. right

now eac is where councillors who are particularly interested in policy develop

it, and then get it approved here. this is where we confirm that it reflects

student opinion.

dayna: do you feel that there might exist gaps in the knowledge of the committees? I feel like both would be necessary to inform positions at ousa. If

gaac were to suggest things for school-level issues at ousa, I feel like there

might be issues because they lack that expertise.

stephane: that could be an issue, but they still have lots of students and there will be on-campus issues looked at in governmental settings. I feel that they'll still be very knowledgeable and be able to develop policies. I will also be on both and can communicate.

stephane: gaac would be able to make decisions like eac on governmental affairs, in between council meetings if council can't meet. and finally, the paragraph taken from eac, looking at evaluating external organizations. I moved it here as I felt it was more applicable.

one thing I miswrote is it says "who shall normally be" chair. would also like exact numbers. the membership will include the rpo, commissioners, and students.

the last point was that it needs to meet at least 3 times a term. usually these are weekly meetings, but it's good to force committees to meet at least once a month

Koo: can there be a single at-large member on both committees?  
stephane: if council elects them. we have four applications for eac, and I spoke to them, and at least one said they would prefer gaac, and another was okay with either.

dayna: would it be possible to make a motion to have two people who would sit on

both? I'm very nervous about the split that there could be no crossover

danielle: if we have two committees, say, eac and ppc, they can overlap but

they're separate bodies. they can both work on something but it's the responsibility of those bodies to do their work.

stephane: we could make that chance, for instance elections committee has a member of eac

anne marie: in eac there's a statement about quorum but gaac doesn't have one.

stephane: there's already a quorum of 50%, the reason eac has an explicit

statement is because we don't want the vpeds to count for quorum because they

can be difficult to engage and get to show up.

khadija: Is there some way or is it necessary that both committees have the meeting notes of the other so that they have an idea of what the other committee had already talked about and decided so if there's talking about governmental stuff they already know what's happening at the school level  
stephane: that might help communication, but that would take up time, which could be costly since in meetings usually an hour long, it would possibly take up more time.

chanakya: I agree with these concerns, but EAC had so much work to do. We're just dividing the work so that EAC can focus on one thing and GAAC can focus on the other thing and we are aiming for the best of both worlds

chris: stephane and andres are on both committees so it's not like one committee is going to blindside the other.

khadija: I feel like the members who are helping write the committees might want to stay informed so that they have an idea of what both sides.  
stephane: both of the committees will be public so if you're on one you could attend the other. we can make sure that the meeting minutes are sent between the two

maaz: if you are on eac and develop a governmental policy, and gaac will be discussing something related, and you want to voice your opinion, then you can show up and be recognized as someone with expertise and contribute. The ideas and expertise won't be lost. As lolas is pointing out, there are people on both committees and

speaker: what's the term of office

sean: eac is one year

stephane: that should be added

dayna: it should probably be a year

carly: it should be a year

stephane: we should add term of office of one year to both committees

danielle moves to amend the procedure  
motion adopted.

chanakya moves amendment to procedure 10 for pac

chanakya: We had a big discussion about this and I don't know why it  
wasn't  
passed last year. this is just saying that board's seat is selected by  
board.

anand: what's the logic behind this?

danielle: I think it would be beneficial for board to pick because  
they can pick  
who's most free or willing, so that we're not picking a board member  
who may not  
even be here.

chanakya: it's a committee of council and council has the power to  
decide who's  
on it, but we're delegating that to board so that board members don't  
need to  
come her and tell us why they want.  
speaker: we can always change this back

chris: how many people in this room know all of the directors

khadija: can council also nominate?

speaker: council nominates and will elect all the councillor  
positions. this is  
just for the board position.

motion carried

nominations:

sean recommended:

PPC:

Christos Lolas (1)  
1 councillor

PAC:

James Koo (1)  
Khadija Hamidzai (1)  
Anne Marie Hayman (2)  
1 Board member elected by Board

EAC:

Kianna Wan (1)  
Carly McCready (1)  
Doug Turner (1)

GAAC:

Dayna Nelson (1)  
Anand Balran (1)  
Chanakya (1)

IFC:

Jazbel Wang (1)  
Mohammad Nasif (1)  
Julian Wang (1)

IAC:

Elizabeth Liu (1)  
Febrian Sidharta (2)  
1 at large

CLAC:

Shafiq Khan (1)  
Jill Knight (1)  
Guile Domingo (1)

ERC:

1 councillor  
1 at large

ERAC:

1 chair  
3 at large

danielle recommended:

PPC:

Hannah Beckett

PAC:

Lee McDougall

EAC:

Niru Gidla  
Tatiana Morand

GAAC:

Alana Benson  
Hannah Beckett

IFC:

Emma Shulist  
Joseph Mok

IAC:

Rosshanei Vignaraja

CLAC:

Larissa Felice

chris nominates everyone

ppc:

dayna nominates herself for PPC

carly: can I nominate someone not here?  
sean: yes, but they can decline it later

gaffoor nominates turner  
turner declines

ppc acclaimed

pac:

gaffoor: will phone-in work for the committee?  
speaker: it should work for any committee  
dayna: it is difficult but not impossible

koo withdraws from pac  
balram nominates himself

pac acclaimed  
eac:

khadija nominates herself

eac election deferred

gaac:

koo nominates niru gidla  
maaz nominates doug  
mccready nominates herself

hamade nominates morand

hamade nominates beckett and benson for eac  
sidharta nominates himself for eac

gaac election deferred

mccready: did we decide about whether there's positions on co-op  
students'  
council  
hamade: I'll come to june or july with terms or reference. It was  
never approved  
by Council.

ifc election deferred

iac:

julian nominates himself  
khan nominates herself

iac election deferred

clac:

khadija nominates herself  
liu nominates herself  
wan nominates herself

clac election deferred

eac council results:  
mccready, turner, wan

balram withdraws from gaac  
mccready withdraws from gaac

gaac councillors acclaimed

eac at large results:  
gidla, morand

ifc councillor results:  
wang, wang

ifc at large acclaimed

wang withdraws from iac

iac acclaimed

wan withdraws from clac  
liu withdraws from clac

gaac results:  
beckett, benson

on to erc:

lolas nominates self for ppc seat  
sidhata nominates jazbel wang  
ramdev nominates nasif  
khan nominates koo  
koo declines

erc acclaimed

on to erac:

hamade nominuates koo  
burt nominates hamade as chair  
lolas nominates balfour, burt, yasin  
balfour and yasin accept, burt declines  
balfour declines and nominates gaffoor

clac councillor results:  
domingo, khan, knight

clac at large

motion to destroy the ballots.  
Gaffoor, Yasin, Unanimous

Meeting was adjourned at 3:57 PM