

Minutes of the March 23, 2016 General Meeting of the Federation of Students

SLC Great Hall, University of Waterloo

Following a count for quorum the meeting is called to order by President Chris Lolas

Approval of Agenda

The Federation heard a motion to approve the agenda

Forstner and seconded.

The Federation heard a motion to change the order of the agenda

Sucholutsky and Paulin

Several members deliberate the motion

The question was then called to cease deliberations

Enns and seconded.

The motion to cease deliberations was carried

The question to amend the agenda was called, and the motion failed

The Federation heard a motion to amend the agenda in order to move items six and seven below item nine.

Wray and Paulin

The Federation heard a motion to hold a secret ballot regarding the motion to amend the agenda

Moved and seconded.

The question was called and the motion carried

The Federation heard a motion to move agenda item eight before agenda item six

Unknown and Patel

Several members deliberate the motion

The question was called to cease deliberations

El Khatib and seconded.

The motion to cease deliberations carried

The motion to amend the agenda fails

The motion to approve the agenda carried

Approval of Minutes

The Federation heard a motion to approve the minutes of the Feds 2015 Fall General meeting
Wray and Forstner

The question was called, and the motion carried

Election of the Board of Directors

The Federation heard a motion to elect seven members to the 2016-2017 Board of Directors

As per President Lolas' direction, eligible candidates were permitted to speak before the assembly.

Candidates were formally nominated

Hamade and seconded.

Candidates and the assembly engaged in a question and answer period

The Federation heard a motion to call the question and cease the question and answer period

Nasser and Hopkins

The motion to call the question carried

Ranked ballots were distributed

Ratification of 2016-2017 Executive

The Federation heard a motion to ratify the executive-elect; President, Vice President Education, Vice President Operations and Finance, Vice President Internal

Melanson and Boxwala

The question was called and the motion carried

Feds Fee Increase

The Federation heard a motion to increase the Feds fee by one percent (\$.60) in accordance with the Consumer Price Index (CPI)

Wray and Paulin

The question was called and the motion carried 219 to 90 to 38

WPIRG Referendum

The Federation heard a motion to hold a referendum on the following question: "Should the automatic \$4.75 WPIRG fee be made Opt-In by removing the fee from Quest and making it manually and optionally payable in another form"

Paulin and Patel

Several members were permitted to deliberate the motion

The question is called and by a vote of 157 to 244 to 18, motion fails

The Federation heard a motion to recount the votes

Grant and Secorder

The question is called and the motion for a recount fails

The Federation heard a motion to recess for five minutes

Forstner and Boxwala

Following recess President Lolos announced the names of the 5 at-large seats for the 2016-2017 Board of Directors; Caleb Voskamp, Jana El Khatib, Fatema Boxwala, Sacha Forstner, and Alexander Wray

Feds \$1.35 Fee Increase

The Federation heard a motion to increase the Federation of Students fee by \$1.35

Hamade and Gerrits

The Vice President of Education gives a presentation on the political advocacy strategy of Feds and provides detail on the stakeholder relations officer position

Several questions are answered by Vice President of Education

The Federation heard a motion to call the question and vote on the motion to increase the fee

Member and Paulin

The question was called and the motion to end deliberation passes

The question was called and, by a vote of 139 to 50 to 13, the motion to increase the Feds fee passes

Councillor Removal By-law Amendment and Referendum Requisition By-law Amendments

The federation heard a motion to to the table pending items on the agenda

Wray and Sucholutsky

The chair of the Board AJ Wray offers that the proposed By-law amendments should be strengthened and re-introduced at a future general meeting

The question was called and the motion to table carried

Budget Committee Elections

The Federation heard a motion to nominate eligible members to the Budget Committee

Qaoud, Gerrits, Wray, are acclaimed

Honorary Lifetime Memberships

The federation heard a motion to approve Honorary Lifetime Membership nominees

President Lolos explains the nomination process

VP Macready nominates Dr. Barbara Schumacher

McCready and Yasin

The question was called and the motion carried

VP Hamade nominate Sean Hunt

Hamade and Forstner

The question was called and the motion carried

Adjournment

The federation heard a motion to adjourn

Forstner and Nazir

The question was called and the motion carried

Meeting was adjourned