

Students' Council Agenda

12:30 PM April 6, 2014

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I have tried to use a consistent formatting throughout the agenda. Underlined items denote items of significance, usually that a decision will be required of Council. Upright text is the text of an actual decision to be submitted to Council for consideration, rather than a reference to an attachment. Large italic text is descriptive but important text, and small italic text is commentary.

Some of the commentary, especially relating to the rules regarding bringing up new business, is based on my personal interpretations of the procedures of Council in conjunction with Robert's Rules of Order. Council, however, is the master of its own rules, and is the body ultimately responsible for deciding how to interpret them. Accordingly, if any Councillor disagrees with my interpretation, then I encourage them to appeal to Council to allow Council to discuss and decide the issue.

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:** that the agenda for this meeting be adopted.

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.

2. **Minutes:** Minutes of March meeting ([attachment 01](#)).

Adoption of the 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.

3. Reports

a. Executives

i. President

1. **Motion: Special Committees**

Speaker's Note: This item was included in the consent agenda as it is unlikely to be controversial.

that the mandates of the special committees on Space, Food, and Spirit, formed at the special meeting of Council in January, be extended to the May meeting of Council.

- ii. **Vice-President, Operations** ([attachment 02](#))

Speaker's Note: This item was included in the consent agenda as the VPOF will not be present at the meeting.
 - b. **Representatives**
 - i. **Doug Turner** ([attachment 03](#))
 - c. **Officers of Council**
 - i. **Speaker**
 - 1. **Motion: Spring Term Dates**

Speaker's Note: This item was included in the consent agenda as it will have little bearing on most current Councillors and was prepared in consultation with incoming Councillors.

that the dates for the Spring term meetings of Students' Council be May 11 at 1:00 PM and June 8, July 6, and August 3 at 12:30 PM.
- d. **Standing Committees**
 - i. **Policy & Procedure Committee:**
 - 1. **Motion: Changes to VPIN Committees Requested by Council**

Speaker's Note: This item was included in the consent agenda as the changes have already been approved in principle by Council.

that the amendments to procedure 10, as well as the coordinating amendments to procedures 15 and 16, described by the red text in [attachment 04](#) be made to those procedures.
 - 2. **Motion: Consolidation of Committees to Procedure 10**

Speaker's Note: This item was included in the consent agenda as the changes are largely of a housekeeping nature.

that the amendments to procedure 10, as well as the coordinating amendments to procedures 6, 20, and 21, described by the purple text in [attachment 04](#) be made to those procedures.

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. **Executives**
 - a. **President**
 - i. **Removal of Committee Members**
 - b. **Vice-President, Internal** ([attachment 05](#))
 - i. **Service Constitutions** ([attachment 19](#))
 - c. **Vice-President, Education**
- 5. **Representatives**
 - a. *Councillors to be called in order for reports.*
- 6. **Officers of Council**
 - a. **Speaker** ([attachment 06](#))
- 7. **Standing Committees**

a. **Policy & Procedure Committee** ([attachment 07](#))

i. **Motion: Amendments to Terms of Reference of EAC**

that the amendments to procedure 10 described by the green text in [attachment 04](#) be made to that procedure.

ii. **Motion: Amendments to Committee Procedure**

that the amendments to procedure 10 described by the blue text in [attachment 04](#) be made to that procedure.

iii. **Motion: Procedure re Review of Policy & Procedure**

that the procedure regarding the review of policies and procedures in [attachment 08](#) be adopted.

b. **Education Advisory Committee**

i. **Amendments to Terms of Reference** ([attachment 09](#))

Speaker's Note: EAC recommended the attached changes to its terms of reference. PPC reviewed the recommended amendments and suggested the alternate version above. As every substantive change proposed by EAC was included in the version recommended by PPC, I do not believe it will be necessary for Council to formally consider the changes recommended by EAC.

ii. **Motion: Membership in the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations**
([attachments 10](#) and [11](#))

Speaker's Note: The VPED will invite representatives of CASA to make a presentation as a part of debate on the motion. Editorial changes were made from the version submitted by EAC.

Whereas, Federation of Students has been reviewing membership with CASA since 2010;

Whereas, through the review process, a number of concerns have been identified including: policy development and advocacy priority selection processes, lack of Feds influence in policy development and advocacy priorities, CASA's approach to member autonomy;

Whereas, that costs associated with membership with CASA could be better allocated to serve, empower, and represent the undergraduate students of University of Waterloo; and

Whereas, the 2012-2013 Federation of Students' Council dropped to Associate Membership with CASA with the intention to withdraw in the 2013-2014 year; be it now therefore

Resolved, the Federation of Students terminates membership with CASA effective April 30, 2014; and

Resolved, Education Advisory Committee recommends that a federal advocacy strategy should be developed for approval by the 2014-2015 Federation of Students' Council and implementation as

soon as possible.

- iii. **Motion: Grading Equity Policy**
that the policy on grading equity in [attachment 12](#) be adopted.
 - iv. **Motion: English Language Proficiency Requirements Policy**
that the policy on English language proficiency in [attachment 13](#) be adopted.
 - c. **Elections Board (or Elections & Referenda Committee)**
 - d. **Elections Appeals Board (or Elections & Referenda Appeals Committee)**
8. **Special Committees**
9. **Other**
- a. **Academic Commissioner**
 - i. **Petitions Survey Update**

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.

10. **1:15 PM: WaterlooWorks Project Update**

Stephanie Tortorici, Marketing Associate, Co-operative Education and Career Action, will deliver a project update on the WaterlooWorks software suite.

11. **2:00 PM: Federation of Students Long-Range Plan Stakeholder Lab**

Delaney Swanson and Rachel Hofstetter, of Overlap Associates, will conduct a session to help Councillors inform the Feds Long-Range Plan. The session is expected to take about 75 minutes.

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.

12. **Motion (Postponed from March meeting): Equity Policy**

that Council approves the policy on equity, diversity, inclusion, and access in [attachment 14](#).

13. **Motion (President Collins): Mental Health Policy**

that the policy on campus wellness in [attachment 15](#) be adopted.

14. **Motion (VPIN Drury): Service Procedures**

that procedures 25 and 26 be amended to the new versions in [attachments 16](#) and [17](#).

15. **Motion (VPIN Drury): International & Canadian Student Network**

A motion will be presented to create a new International & Canadian Student Network service and, accordingly, to amend procedure 25 to include it. Background information is available in [attachment 18](#).

16. Discussion (President Collins): Sustainability Vision

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.

Announcements

Adjournment at 6:00 PM