

Federation of Students
Student's Council

January 13th 2019
 SLC 1120/1121 (Multipurpose Room)

Chair	Elizabeth O'Sullivan
Secretary	Seneca Jackson Velling
Attendees	Kocko, Christopher; Chen, Junru; Richardson, Savannah: Richard, Austin (Designate, Science Society); Baik, Vincent; German-Doucet, Jaque; Cheng, Linyi; Mbandi, Joshua; Gerrits, Matthew; Hou, Yu Chen; Akhtar, Bilal; Altaf, Subhan (Muhammad); MacMillan, Kurt; Eyre, Alexander; Cortes, Amandreo; Small, Jason; Easton, Benjamin; Tran, Tomson; Lee, Alex (Designate, Mathematics Society); Saleh, Rana; Wu, Richard; Campbell, Oliver; Arnold, Katie (President, Engineering Society B); Shimoda, Mariko (President, Engineering Society A); Candler, Ethan; Mohan, Andrew; Velling, Seneca; Tran, Tomson (President, AHSUM Society), President of ESS
Expected Absences	None

Order of Business

In an effort to be more clear around the process being followed for the meeting, this agenda was constructed with notes from previous and current officers of Council.

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Preliminaries

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.

Call to Order

Be it resolved that the Speaker calls the meeting to order at 10:30 AM.

Ratification of Designate

Whereas MathSoc Student Council appointed Alex Lee as MathSoc designate to the Federation of Students Council.

Be it resolved that Council ratifies Alex Lee’s appointment as MathSoc designate for the Winter 2019 term. (Rongzhao Li)

Approval of the Agenda

Be it resolved that Council approve the agenda as presented.

Territorial Acknowledgement

Pursuant to Federation Policy 50, *Indigenous Engagement and Inclusivity*, the Federation of Students’ Council acknowledges:

The University of Waterloo is on the traditional territory of the Neutral, Anishnaabeg, and Haudenosaunee peoples. The University of Waterloo is situated on the Haldimand Tract, land promised to the Six Nations, which includes six miles on each side of the Grand River.

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. 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.

Approval of the Minutes

Be it resolved that Council approve the minutes of the November 18th, 2018 meeting as presented.

Be it further resolved that Council approve the minutes of the December 2nd, 2018 meeting as presented.

Be it further resolved that Council approve the December 8th to 10th, 2018 electronic meeting records as presented and ratify the electronic voting results contained therein. (Seneca Velling)

Reports

Motions arising directly out of 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.

Executive Reports

Each executive will highlight key aspects of their written reports in an oral report that lasts no longer than 2 minutes, to be followed immediately by a question period lasting no longer than 10 minutes per executive.

1. President
 - a. For Information: Memorandum on Winter 2019 Referendum (see attached)
2. Vice President, Internal
3. Vice President, Operations and Finance
4. Vice President, Education

Report from the Board of Directors

The Chair of the Board will highlight key aspects of their written report in an oral report that lasts no longer than 2 minutes, to be followed immediately by a question period lasting no longer than 10 minutes.

Report from the Officers of Council

To be delivered orally. Any questions relating to the report or any other matter may be asked following the oral report.

1. Speaker
2. Deputy Speaker
3. Secretary

Councillor Reports

To be delivered orally or in writing. Any questions relating to the report or any other matter may be asked following the oral report.

1. Applied Health Sciences Caucus
2. Arts Caucus
3. Engineering Caucus
4. Environment Caucus
5. Mathematics Caucus
6. Science Caucus
7. Cambridge
8. Kitchener
9. Stratford
10. St. Jerome's University
11. Renison University

Business Arising from the Minutes

Business arising from the minutes is business carried on to a meeting from the previous meeting.

Procedure 9 Amendment on News Groups

Be it resolved that Council adopts the attached Amendment to Procedure 9 (News Groups), bearing in mind that Council had already adopted a resolution containing the primary elements of this amendment in our September 2018 meeting. (Lenny Cheng)

General Orders

A general order is an item of business that is ordered to be taken up at a meeting. Time limits to discussions indicate the point at which the Speaker will end the discussion unless Council directs otherwise.

Committee Appointments

Be it resolved that Council selects _____ to fill the vacant councillor seat on the Education Advisory Council.

Be it further resolved that Council selects _____, _____, and _____ to fill the vacant at-large seats on the Honorary Lifetime Membership Committee. (Jason Small)

Be it resolved that Students' Council ratifies the appointment of Rayyan Ahmed Quraishi to the at-large seat on the Internal Administration Committee.

Be it further resolved that Students' Council appoints councillors _____ and _____ to the Student Life Endowment Fund Committee. (Savannah Richardson)
Please note, society presidents can fill society president specific roles on the SLEF Committee. Those who fill those seats will be determined at COPs.

Procedure 9 Amendment on Proxy Voting

Be it resolved that Council gives leave to introduce for first reading the attached Allowing Proxy Voting for Remote Members of Council procedural amendment.

Be it further resolved that Council refers the proposed amendment to the Policy & Procedures Committee (PPC) to assess its legality or seek consultation advice. (Lenny Cheng, Jerry Chen, Deon Hua)

Data-Driven Decisions Policy

Be it resolved that Council gives leave to introduce for first reading the attached Making Data-Driven Decisions and Understanding Students' Needs corporate policy.

Be it further resolved that Council refers the proposed corporate policy to the Policy & Procedures Committee (PPC) to make revisions and record of debate. (Lenny Cheng)

Policy 20 Amendment

Be it resolved that Policy 20, *External Lobby Organization Membership* be amended such that the following is appended to it:

BIFRT before Executives of the Federation of Students in their official capacity may pursue lobbying or advocacy of a policy adopted by an External Lobby Organization in which Feds holds membership, Council must approve of that policy with a 2/3 majority. (Alexander Eyre)

Council Transition and Training

For discussion: Council training/transition retreat + mentoring program to train interested students in the workings of Feds. (Lenny Cheng)

Be it resolved that Council gives leave to introduce for first reading the attached Transition of Council Draft Procedure.

Be it further resolved that Council refer this procedure to the PPC for them to complete, revise, and return to Council in time for its February 10th meeting.

Be it further resolved that Jason Small be made a pro tempore non-voting member of PPC for matters related to this procedure so that he may assist in its completion. (Jason Small)

Procedure 9 Amendment on Office Hours

Whereas Councillors are expected to represent their Constituencies;

Whereas Office Hours are a useful tool to consult with students and to gather feedback;

Whereas a physical presence increases the exposure of Students' Council and increases the opportunities for students to interact with their Councillors;

Be it resolved that Council takes the following amendment to Procedure 9, *Meetings of Students' Council* for First Reading and refers the amendment to PPC:

G. Reports

I. Representative Reports

3. Councillors are expected to conduct at least one (1) on-campus Office Hour each week and provide details in their reports. Constituency caucuses may elect to conduct Office Hours jointly. When a Councillor is off-campus, they are exempt from this expectation. Office Hours for Students' Council may be conducted in conjunction with other Office Hour commitments, ie. Office Hours of a Constituency Society. (Deon Hua, Rongzhao Li)

Procedure 9 Amendment on Roll Call Votes

Whereas the Federation of Students is committed to transparency,

Whereas publicizing Councillors' voting records will increase transparency,

Whereas a Councillor's duty is to their constituents,

Whereas a public voting record will allow constituents to clearly see if their Councilors are representing their wishes;

Be it resolved that Council takes the following amendment to Procedure 9, *Meetings of Students' Council* for First Reading and refers the amendment to PPC:

E. Conduct of Business

V. Voting

~~1. Any vote shall be counted if any member so requests.~~

~~2. The vote (or abstention) of any member on any motion shall be recorded in the minutes if that member so requests.~~

~~3. A one-fifth (1/5th) vote is required to order a roll call to be taken on any motion except for an election.~~

1. A roll call shall be taken on every motion except for an election. (Yu Chen Hou, Deon Hua, Rongzhao Li)

Suspension of the Rules

Be it resolved that Council further suspend the rules to allow the OUSA membership vote to occur at the March regular meeting of Council instead of the February regular meeting. (Matthew Gerrits) **(two-thirds majority vote required)**

Note: A previous suspension of the rules approved at the December 2nd, 2018 meeting allowed the OUSA membership vote to occur in February instead of January.

Employment and Volunteer Policy

Be it resolved that Council gives leave to introduce for first reading the attached Employment and Volunteer Policy.

Be it further resolved that Council refers the proposed policy to the Policy & Procedures Committee (PPC) to make revisions. (Austin Richard)

Procedure 6 Amendment

Be it resolved that Procedure 6, *Election and Referenda* be amended such that the attached new section is appended to the end of it. (Oliver Campbell)

Motion Regarding the Abrupt Closing of the Bombshelter Pub

Whereas Article 9, Section 4(7) of the by-laws states: “The Vice President, Operations and Finance shall, to the fullest possible extent, respect and uphold the Policies of the Corporation in the execution of the above duties”;

Whereas Article 8, Section 1 of the by-laws states: “the purpose of Students’ Council is to represent the full members of the Corporation through the general oversight of the Federation of Students’ Executives”;

Whereas Council was not consulted or given prior notice regarding the decision to close down the Bombshelter Pub;

Whereas the VPOF, in making this decision, failed to adequately comply with Policy 1 which states: “All decisions in the government of an institution of post-secondary education should be made in a democratically open, transparent, and accountable manner”;

Be it resolved that the Federation of Students conduct consultations with students on the Bombshelter Pub and provide a report to Council by the March meeting;

Be it further resolved that Councillors conduct consultations with students on the future of the Bombshelter Pub and provide a report back to Council by the March meeting;

Be it further resolved that Council determine the future of the Bombshelter Pub with a majority vote. (Deon Hua, Joshua Mbandi)

Snow-Day Policy

Be it resolved that Council approve the attached Advocacy Policy for Improved Snow-Day Procedures to go into effect immediately. (Joshua Mbandi) **(two-thirds majority vote required)**

Note: If this motion passes without a two-thirds majority, the proposed policy will be automatically referred to PPC.

University Policy 42

For discussion: Draft University Policy 42 and associated procedures (see attachments) (Richard Wu)

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.

Adjournment

Adjournment scheduled at 3:00PM.

Note: In accordance with the motion passed at the December 2nd, 2018 meeting, an executive feedback session will occur immediately following the adjournment of this meeting. This session is a closed ad-hoc committee consisting of all members of Council except for the executives and the Chair of the Board and will be moderated by the Deputy Speaker. The Deputy Speaker will send preparatory materials directly to councillors in advance of the session.