

Students' Council Agenda

12:30 PM July 28, 2013

SLC 2134/2135

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.

Preliminaries

Introduction of New Councillors

1. *For Arts: Dayna Nelson, Giovanna Ngai, Douglas Turner. For Engineering: Majd Al-Shihabi, Emily Gruber, Pierce McCloskey*

Selection of Secretary Pro Tem

2. **Election:** *BIRT _____ serve as Secretary for this meeting.*

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.

3. **Motion:** *BIRT Council approves the agenda for this meeting.*

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 uncontroversial items.

4. **Councillor Reports**
 - a. **Science** ([attachment 01](#))
 - b. **Math** ([attachment 08](#))

Regular Agenda

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.

5. **Approval of the minutes of the May 3 meeting** *(to be distributed?)*
6. **Approval of the minutes of the June 9 meeting** *(to be distributed?)*
7. **Approval of the minutes of the July 7 meeting** ([attachment 02](#))

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 motions recommended 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.

8. **Executive Reports**
 - a. **Vice-President, Education** ([attachment 03](#))
 - b. **Vice-President, Internal** ([attachment 04](#))
 - c. **Vice-President, Operations and Finance** ([attachment 05](#))
 - d. **President** *(to be distributed?)*
9. **Executive Presentationsorts**
 - a. **Presentation re: CASA** (Vice-President, Education)
10. **Executive Q&A Period**
11. **Councillor Reports**
 - a. **Arts**
 - b. **Engineering**
 - c. **Environment**
 - d. **AHS**
12. **Officers of Council**
 - a. **Speaker** ([attachment 06](#))
 - i. **Motion:** BIRT the Fall meetings of Council shall be September 15, October 6, November 17, and December 1 at 12:30 PM.
 - b. **Secretary**
 - i. **Motion:** BIRT Council accept the resignation of Salman Ahmed from the President's Advisory Committee.
13. **Standing Committees**

(none)

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 another can be brought up, setting a special order requires a two-thirds vote.

14. **At 1:15 PM: Presentation Regarding CECA Systems Update**

Amy Woroch from Co-operative Education & Career Action will give a presentation about the JobMine replacement system, called WaterlooWorks, including the implementation timeline.

General Orders

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.

15. Motion (Vice-President, Operations & Finance):

The VPOF will move to recommend that the Board of Directors approve the 2013/2014 Operating Budget (to be distributed).

16. Election:

BIRT _____ be elected to the President's Advisory Committee with term to August 31, 2013.

17. Motion (Vice-President, Internal):

BIRT Section D.2 of Procedure 3 be amended by adding:

h. If no notice of appeal is received from a club executive within twenty-one (21) days of the initial notice of dissolution, then that club's right to appeal shall be forfeited and the decision of dissolution will be final.

18. Motion (Vice-President, Education):

The VPED will move to approve the teaching awards procedure in [attachment 07](#).

19. Discussion (Stéphane Hamade):

Discussion of the Council minutes.

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. If a Councillor has any questions about the procedure, form, or content, they should ask the Speaker or another experienced Councillor.