

# Agenda for FEDs Council Meeting

July 16, 2017

## Present

- Altaf, Subham
- Ayre, Alexander
- Clarke, Antonio
- Clubine, Andrew
- Easton, Benjamin
- George, Rebecca
- Goomer, Kanishk
- Jowhari, Nickta\*
- Knight, Jill
- Mistry, Harsh
- Mohan, Andrew\*
- OSullivan, Elizabeth
- Potter, Tristan
- Schwan, Brian
- Shibli, Aisha
- Simpson, Abigail
- Small, Jason
- Terzian, Hagop
- Tran, Tomson
- Velling, Seneca\*
- Ye-Mowe, Stephanie\*

\* remote

## Excused

- Xu, Wenyu
- Mills, Cameron
- Brieva, Antonio

## Preliminaries

1. **Motion:** Be it resolved Council elects \_\_\_\_\_ as temporary Assistant Secretary of Students' Council.

### **Approval of the Agenda**

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.

2. **Motion:** Be it resolved Council approves the agenda for this meeting.

## **Reading and Approval of the Minutes**

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 May 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 and approve uncontroversial items.

4. **Councillor Reports**
  - **Environment**
5. **Committee Reports**

## **Regular Agenda**

### **Reports**

Reports are submitted to Council by various officers and committees of Feds and of Council. 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.

## 6. Executive Reports

- President
- Vice-President, Internal
- Vice-President, Operations and Finance
- Vice-President, Education

## 7. Executive QA Period

## 8. Councillor Oral Reports

9. **Councillor Oral Report** (Councillors who submitted a report will be called to deliver an oral summary lasting no longer than 30 seconds)

## 10. Speaker Update

## Special Orders

A special order is an item of business that will take precedence over all other business at the designated time for the special order. As it suspends the normal rule that each item must be disposed of before another can be brought up, setting or removing a special order requires a two-thirds vote unless originally included in 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.

11. **Motion:** Be it resolved that council ratifies Vaishnavy Gupta as an at-large member of the Presidents Advisory Committee.
12. **Motion:** Be it resolved that Council ratifies Hannah Sesink as an at-large member of the Internal Administration Committee.
13. **For Discussion:** Fall Reading Break.

14. **Presentation:** WNC (Waterloo Nanotechnology Conference) information session

### **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 4:00 PM

## **Environment Council Report**

### **Environment Councillors Report (June/July 2017)**

Created by: Councillors Stephanie Ye-Mowe and Rebecca George

This report will provide a brief overview of ongoing and student issues within the Faculty of Environment. Future versions of this report will include **recommendations** on how FEDS can better support and advocate on the behalf of Environment undergraduates.

#### **Renovations**

This Spring semester, the Faculty has seen a series of renovations and updates take place in the EV buildings in preparation for the upcoming Fall term. These projects range in scale and vary from being university, faculty, student group, and individual student-initiated.

- The Environment Students Society (ESS) has replaced old and broken furniture (couches, stools, microwaves, etc.) in the Environment student lounge
- Joint project between our Deans Office and student groups to re-design one of our major study spaces to increase accessibility and functionality is underway
- Joint project between Environment Students Society (ESS) and Arts Student Union (ASU) to add student-designed mural in EV1-ML tunnel has received funding (50/50 split between the endowment funds) and selected design. Project is currently stalled. Waiting on response from Plant Ops to proceed further.
- EV1 to temporarily shut down in August for update of electrical system. Over the past few years, weve had issues with the electrical system being over-capacity. Hopefully, this will solve the issue, but if not future updates will have issues.
- WESEF-funded renovation proposals by individual students currently stalled or paused

#### **Waterloo Environments Student Endowment Fund**

- In the process of undergoing constitutional revision to better serve its constituents
- Having a continuous Chair has lead to better communication with student body
- Questions regarding how much student groups depend on endowment fund due to lack of sufficient funds on in their own budgets

#### **Environment Students Society**

- Councillor Ye-Mowe to discuss FEDS-ESS relationship with President Cai De Ridder this week
- Recognize need to increase communication between all programs within Environment, trying to figure out how to do this
- Environment student lounge updates
- Director of Academics Ian Chui and Councillor George have been at work consulting students on the co-op system

#### **Orientation Week**

- Well-underway, successful Summer Leader Retreat

## **President' Report**

Antonio Brieva, President's June/July Report

### **SLC/PAC Expansion, Pride Flag Raising, and Canada Day**

- Robert Bruce, President of the Graduate Student Association (GSA), and I were co-MCs at the groundbreaking ceremony. The beauty of this student-led initiative – looking to address gaps in student social and study space on campus – is that it led to collaboration between campus stakeholders. However, we made it clear that in our speech that in the future we need to work together to move the financial onus for future projects that address study, social, and wellness space away from students. The message was received well and the overall event was great. Attendees got to the opportunity to leave their mark by signing their signatures as part of digital art instillation that will go into the new space.
- I spoke at the first ever, Glow-organized pride flag raising at UW – the flag remained up throughout the month of June to celebrate Pride Month. The flag-raising event was followed by a candle light vigil to remember the LGBTQ+ lives that were lost in the Orlando Pulse nightclub shooting.
- Spoke at Canada Day festivities at Columbia Field and was part of the Canada 150 salute as part of our partnership with the University.

### **WRPS Sexual Violence Task Force, Policy 42, Policy 33**

- Our Stakeholder Relations Manager and our Research Policy Officer are working on a Brief outlining our stances and recommendations to the Police Service. The next meeting will be scheduled for the end of July and we are working with the Equity Office, Conestoga College, and Laurier to find areas to work together on the Task Force.
- Have met with Diana Parry to coordinate efforts and find common ground on what we would like to see out of the Policy 42 (Sexual

Violence Response and Prevention) review committee, which we will both be part of. Committee members have received a rough Terms of Reference for the committee and the plan is to start meeting at the end of the summer.

- Working with Diana Parry and the Equity Office, we are working on how we harmonize Policy 33 (Ethical Behavior), which is being redrafted, and Policy 42 procedures so that victims/survivors of sexual harassment have access to the same supports and reporting structures. Im working to make sure marginalized student populations are also protected under Policy 33.

## **President s Advisory Committee on Student Mental Health**

- The Committee has reviewed all the applications it has received for the Panels that will be reporting to the committee. We are in the process of finalizing membership on each of the panels. The five panels include Student Experience, Mental Health Experts, Student Services, Community Partners, and Academic. These Panels will be reporting to the committee based on mandate questions set by the committee. The committee (50 percent students; 50 percent staff, faculty, and administrators) must approve anything the Panels recommend before it is included in the Senate report Feridun Hamdullahpur tasked the committee to write in time for the December 2017 Senate meeting. The kick-off event for panel members to meet each other and get started is set for July 27th.

## **Federal Advocacy: ADVOCAN**

- I was elected Chair of ADVOCAN, an informal Federal advocacy coalition of eight U15 schools. We are in the process of determining priorities for the year, which we are aiming to have set by August 1st and have a rough draft of briefs done by the second half August.

## Vice-President Internal Report

Jill Knight, Vice President Internal June/July Report

### *Wellness Committee*

The Wellness Committee has continued to meet internally over the past month. We have now created a rough draft of an action plan that will be worked on over the summer to provide guidance and structure for the next 8 months. At Feds we have been working on reaching out to our key contacts for campus wide partnerships to enhance the overall campus wellness.

### *Service Advisory Committee*

An initial meeting for this committee was set among the staff to determine the need and the vision for this committee. Going forward, the advisory/advocacy committee will start meeting with 6/12 Student Run Services for the spring term. The execs with some of the staff will work to help the services advocate better on an assortment of topics. We will be gathering feedback about the process along the way and expanding this committee to the rest of the services in the Fall. I will be reaching out to the Services in the next two weeks to start these meetings.

### *IAC*

IAC has officially met and we are now onto approving clubs!

### *Societies*

Meetings have started with the student societies on and off campus. I have met with 4 of the 8 active societies in the spring term. Within these meetings, I am gathering more of an idea about how each society operates and how I can address some gaps that are currently present. Committee of President meeting is scheduled for June 20th. Lunch and learns are going to start in the Fall after a process has been developed. The idea behind the lunch and learns is to provide another opportunity to network with the societies and Feds.

The first COPs meeting happened. 3 presidents were in attendance. Conversations were high level and talked about how to be more productive and communicative throughout the rest of the time as presidents. Beach day

is happening on July 15th. Societies were encouraged to push their fellow students to attend a day in Grand Bend.

The Society Relations Commissioner has been hired and working away on Feds forms and updating a resource manual for societies. We are planning a central event with partnerships of the students societies to go to Grand Bend in July.

### *HeForShe*

I am attending meetings on behalf of staff at Feds. These check-in meetings consist of Diana Perry, Womens Centre and Glow Centre. These meetings are times to get updates from Diana on how the University HeForShe initiative is going and to ensure that the student population is being consulted. These meetings occur every other month. Our next meet is scheduled for Thursday, July 13th. More updates to follow.

### *Feds On Tour*

Feds on Tour is starting to be reevaluated to ensure that we are addressing our students in the most appropriate manner. Feds on Tour current stands as the Feds Executive and other guests to go around to various faculties and off campus communities to deliver information and updates about Feds this term. I will be engaging with stakeholders (students, Feds staff etc.) about how we are going to make the best use of time with Feds on Tour and are we meeting the needs of this initiative.

## Vice-President of Operations and Finance

Brian Schwan, VP Operations and Finance June/July Report

### Executive Report

- Month Summary
- Current Projects/ Initiatives

### Month Summary

#### **The Bombshelter:**

Bomber has seen lots of traffic this past week for convocation and has experienced a full restaurant while still prioritizing service. All request bomber was busy and received popular feedback. We are currently assessing opportunities to become more environmentally sustainable within our practices. Bomber hosted Beerfest where we saw many local vendors come in to show off their beer. We saw over 275 people at the event and received great feedback from students. We will be looking to continuing this event in the future and bring in even more vendors.

#### **International News:**

Nothing new to report

#### **Campus Bubble/Bento:**

We are currently redeveloping our menu options at Campus Bubble wasabi; we will be sampling these to students and asking for feedback to ensure we are making appropriate adjustments.

#### **Feds Used Books:**

Feds Used Books continues to see traffic and historically will until mid-terms are complete. Around mid-semester we will see students start to sell books back that they are either finished using or ones that have been sitting in their closet for a couple terms.

## **Current Projects/Initiatives**

### **A. Action Planning**

We are close to finalizing our action plans and are looking forward to sharing these with the student body.

### **B. Pharmacare**

We have continued to monitor the governments plans for this rollout. We have nothing new to report but would like to reassure students that we will continue to monitor the situation and will report back once decisions and announcements have been made available to the public.

### **C. Budget Committee**

We have officially elected a budget committee and I am looking forward to having a budget in draft form to present to council at the July meeting. The membership consists of Seneca Velling, Graham Barnes, and Matthew Gerrits. We will be meeting within the coming weeks and I am hoping to have the budget finalized and ready for approval by the end of July.