

Federation of Students
Student's Council

March 10th 2019

SLC 1120/1121 (The Multi-purpose Room)

Chair	Elizabeth O'Sullivan
Secretary	Seneca Jackson Velling
Attendees	Kocko, Christopher; Chen, Junru; Richardson, Savannah: Walden, Kiana (President, 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 (President, 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	

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 12:30 PM.

Approval of the Agenda

Be it resolved that Council approve the agenda as presented.

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 February 10th 2019 meeting as presented.

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
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
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

Special Order

Presentation on New Co-op Statistics Package to Council.

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 of Presidents

Be it resolved that Council hereby dissolves the President's Advisory Committee (PAC) and transfers those functions, duties, and outstanding referred tasks of the PAC to the Committee of Presidents;

Be it further resolved that Council adopts the amendments to description and function of the Committee of Presidents, [as presented](#);

Be it further resolved that the Secretary of Council, in consultation with the Vice President Student Life, shall inform all constituency and society presidents, who are members of the Committee of Presidents, of the forthcoming changes; and

Be it further resolved that this decision shall enter into force effective May 1st, 2019. **(Seneca Velling)**

Waterfowl committee

Be it resolved that the mandate and existence of the ad-hoc Waterfowl committee be extended to the 2019-2020 year;

Be it further resolved that the Waterfowl committee be included in the Students' Council Procedures handbook and Council refers writing up this committee task to PPC. **(Lenny Cheng)**

Amendments to Acknowledgements

Be it resolved that as long as the "Acknowledgements" section of future Council agendas exist, it be amended to include the following:

"Seneca Velling (Secretary, 2017-2019), for his efforts to increase accountability of Federation governance and budget procedures." **(Lenny Cheng)**

Mandatory Meal Plans

Be it resolved that the Federation of Students shall advocate to UWFS and other relevant University

Bodies or Persons to examine the necessity of the Overhead Deduction;

Be it further resolved that if the Overhead Deduction is required, the Federation of Students shall advocate for the elimination of the time limit on the 50% food price reduction;

Be it further resolved that the Federation of Students shall advocate to UWFS to collect data on the number of students who have not used the entirety of their meal plan by the end of the term and the dollar amount that remains unused;

Be it further resolved that if the UWFS does not collect the aforementioned data, then the Federation of Students shall collect it and make its collected data publicly accessible. **(Deon Hua, Bilal Akhtar & Lenny Cheng)**

Problem & Solutions Committee

Be it resolved that Council gives leave for first reading the creation of a Problem & Solutions Committee, and refers it to PPC. **(Lenny Cheng)**

PPC Motion Regarding Policy 36

Be it resolved that Council adopts amendments to Policy 36, Campus Wellness, recommended for adoption by the PPC and re-enacts the policy effective at the conclusion of the meeting;

Be it further resolved Council renames Policy 36, Campus Wellness, as Student Mental Health and Wellness;

Be it further resolved Council adopts amendments to Procedure 10, *Committees of Students' Council*, to implement the Student Wellness Advisory Committee as a standing committee of Council effective at the beginning of the 2019-2020 Governing Year;

Be it further resolved the Vice President Student Life and Vice President Student Life elect for the 2019-2020 Governing Year shall inform all Societies of the existence of the Committee, the Societies' role on the Committee, and details surrounding the first meeting of the Committee. **(Austin Richard)**

Secure and Protect Feds Election Integrity

Be it resolved that Council adopts the following amendments to Procedure 8, Election and Referenda Procedures;

Be it further resolved that council refer to ERAC to develop policies and frameworks to assist candidates in declaring, navigating, and ultimately avoiding actual or apparent conflicts of interest. **(Rongzhao Li, Deon Hua, Alex Lee)**

Special Meeting for OUSA Debrief

Be it resolved that a special meeting of Council be held to conduct a debriefing, with a time and place chosen at the discretion of Speaker prior to the next Council meeting, subject to established procedures;

Be it further resolved the summoned persons are to be all Waterloo delegates of the Winter 2019 OUSA GA; attendance shall be compulsory for all delegates who were also Officers, Executives, Councillors, or Directors of the Federation at the time of their tenure as a delegate, with the attendance of all other Waterloo delegates being requested but voluntary;

Be it further resolved the summoned persons will be asked to give their testimony to characterize what constituted egregious behaviour, unfair actions, or unethical actions conducted by delegates from the McMaster Student Union or the OUSA Steering Committee (SC);

Be it further resolved that all SC members and the LGBTQ+ Students paper authors will be requested for a written report of what happened, so long as such a report does not negatively impact their health or wellness;

Be it further resolved that the VP Education work with other SC members to review relevant OUSA bylaws or policies that may pertain to GA procedures and rules;

Be it further resolved the spirit of this investigation is to determine how to improve the GA process in the future to avoid the possible issues that arose. **(Austin Richard)**

Statement on Allegations of Marxism

Be it resolved that Council categorically rejects any claims or comments that itself or Feds as a whole supports or follows Marxist ideologies. **(Bilal Akhtar)**

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 4:30pm.

Acknowledgments

Some recognition of effort is required for the past and current officers of Student's Council, as their hard work has led to vast improvements to the efficiency and efficacy of this body, including in the improvements made in the construction of this agenda and the attached minutes. The following members in particular have devoted an extraordinary amount of time and effort to the cause of amplifying discussions on student issues and improving the clarity of debate:

- Alexander Wray (Speaker, 2016-2017), for his efforts to run concise and productive meetings.
- Andrew Clubine (Speaker, 2014-2015), for his efforts in introducing transparent procedure to the operations of Council.
- Sacha Forstner (Secretary, 2016-2017), for his efforts in bringing the operations and decisions of Council to the at-large student population.