

Federation of Students' Student's Council Minutes

SLC MPR 1120/1121, UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO

Speaker: ELIZABETH O'SULLIVAN *Secretary:* SENECA VELLING

ATTENDANCE

The following members were present:

- Altaf, Subhan (Muhammad)
- Shimoda, Mariko (President, Engineering Society A)
- Cortes, Amandreo
- Easton, Benjamin
- Eyre, Alexander
- Campbell, Oliver
- Lazarescu, Calin (Acting President, Science Society)
- Chen, Junru
- Cheng, Linyi
- Mohan, Andrew
- O'Sullivan, Elizabeth
- Kocko, Christopher
- Hua, Deon
- P'ng, Jason (President, Mathematics Society)
- Hak, Daniell (President, Environment Student Society)
- Small, Jason
- Gerrits, Matthew
- MacMillan, Kurt
- Richardson, Savannah
- Velling, Seneca
- Wu, Richard

* remote

The following members were absent:

- Codini, Jack
- German-Doucet, Jacque
- Arnold, Katie*

* excused

The following gallery was present:

- Potter, Tristan
- Thevenard, Rachel
- Shibli, Aisha
- George, Rebecca

PRELIMINARIES

CALL TO ORDER

President Richard Wu appointed Elizabeth O’Sullivan as acting-Speaker for the duration of the meeting. The Vice President, Student Life Savannah Richardson appointed Seneca Velling as acting-Secretary

Elizabeth O’Sullivan called the meeting to order at 12:35 PM.

The speaker began with a land acknowledge.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Be it resolved that Council approve the agenda as presented.

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Councillor Small notes Katie Arnold (EngSoc B) was not listed in attendance.

Be it resolved that Council amend the minutes from February 25, 2018 to include Katie Arnold (EngSoc B) in attendance.

Councillor Jason Small and Vice President Matthew Gerrits.

Motion carries unanimously.

Be it resolved that Council approve the minutes from February 25, 2018 with amendment.

Councillor Jason Small and Councillor Benjamin Easton.

Motion carries unanimously.

RATIFICATION OF COMMISSIONERS

Be it resolved that Council ratifies the Executive appointment of the *Chelsea Carpio* as the Societies Relations Commissioner, *Tessa Femia-Sebben* as the Academic Affairs Commissioner, *Benjamin Easton* as the Municipal Affairs Commissioner, *Connor Plante* as the Co-op Affairs Commissioner for the Spring 2018 Term.

Vice President Savannah Richardson and Vice President Matthew Gerrits.

Noted abstention from Councillor Benjamin Easton.

SERVICES END-OF-TERM REPORTS

Service reports are attached for review and information.

SPEAKERS REMARKS

The Speaker informed the assembly that attendance would be kept far more religiously this governing year and Councillors would be eligible for removal from council based on attendance. The Deputy Speaker noted this was a problem in prior terms and these minutes are public records and legal documents and cannot be easily destroyed so what is said here and the approval of minutes generally is very important.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

Please see the attached written reports for the full reports from the Executive to Student's Council.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

The President thanked the members of the gallery for taking the time to attend the meeting.

The reported that there was lots of learning and many introductory meetings occurring to transition the Federation to its new leadership. The President updated Council that the PAC-SMH implementation committee has been struck (and had taken the name Committee for Student Mental Health, CoSMH). This body had its first meeting already and was looking forward to implementing and overseeing the implementation of the recommendations from the President's Advisory Committee on Student Mental Health (PAC-SMH).

The President also noted that he would be continuing the work based on work of former President Antonio Brievea with regards to the University's Sexual Violence and Prevention policy. As part of this his office was reviewing Policy 33 (Ethical Behavior) and Policy 42 (Sexual Violence). This review was moving along well.

Further, it was brought to the attention of the assembly that the SLC-PAC expansion's construction deadline has been extended to next year due to unforeseen difficulties in construction. For further information the President encouraged Councillors and students-at-large to speak to him during office hours or send him an email.

REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT, STUDENT LIFE

The Vice President, Student Life reported that the first meeting of the Committee of Presidents (COPs) for the term will be taking place tomorrow. To help with Societies management and oversight the Society Relations Commissioner, Chelsea Carpio, has been hired. The Vice President, Student Life noted that Chelsea has done great work so far.

The Vice President, Student Life alerted Council to her work with the Counselling and Athletics departments (more information to come). She will bring more information to Council as soon as possible. Further, she has been building her yearly action plan work, which is coming to fruition. She hopes to share this with Council once it has been approved by the Board of Directors.

A Beach-day trip is scheduled by the Special Events Coordinator at Feds, Janessa, in collaboration with the Societies, the Vice President, Student Life noted.

With respect to services, the Vice President, Student Life noted that coordinators meetings have been set and job descriptions for the new Racialized Student Service/Racial Equity Service have been posted. Once coordinators are hired they will be brought to Council for approval.

REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT, OPERATIONS AND FINANCE

Vice President, Operations and Finance begin with an overview of the UPASS agreement. He noted that there were some reported issues in the tap functionality and monitoring system with use of WatCards for GRT service. He noted that part of this problem stemmed from the old agreement remaining in force even though new tap features are being rolled out. The old agreement has specific information on who is allowed to ride the bus (students, graduate students, faculty, etc. . .); now that who is using the service is being monitored, it's leading to some frustrations. The Vice President, Operations and Finance informed the body he has made temporary fix to bus/GRT access by having the Feds' fee for those students to cover transit payments. He is working closely with both GRT, the region, and the WatCard office to bring into existence a more permanent option.

Acting SciSoc President Calin Lazarescu asked the Vice President, Operations and Finance that, as a student with GRT issues himself, why the University of Waterloo had sent out two contradictory emails with one stating "students may ride the bus until end of 2018" but newer emails contracting this to say "students still have to pay". The Vice President, Operations and Finance responded that Feds is trying to keep a strong relationship with GRT for student use in the future, and in doing this it was important to monitor WatCards. The Vice President, Operations and Finance noted he has managed to extend the grace period for students. However he expressed that many students find it annoying with bus drivers telling them they cannot ride with Cards not tapping properly. The Vice President, Operations and Finance informed the assembly that Societies and Councillors should direct those students experiencing problems to students come to the Feds office so that they can get the tapping feature to work properly. Acting SciSoc President Calin Lazarescu asked what of the students who could not attend Feds' Office hours, how can they get staff support in addressing this issue; can they still use the GRT

services? The Vice President, Operations and Finance responded, yes they could continue to use the services, but that Feds & GRT wanted a stronger option to prove fee payment; if students come to Feds' Office or reach out by email or phone we will help with this.

Councillor Alexander Eyre asked the Vice President, Operations and Finance if the final agreement with GRT had taken place. He also requested information on a new agreement and if or when it would come into force. The Vice President, Education asked to answer on behalf of Vice President, Operations and Finance. The Vice President, Education notes that currently Feds and GRT were negotiating and exploring edge cases, but that the UPASS agreement actually got pushed back a year so it has been pushed back to end of August 2019. Councillor Alexander Eyre continued his line of questioning to inquire what the status of Co-op students in this contact negotiation was. Vice President, Education noted they cannot speak to the old agreement substantially, but that new agreement will allow four (4) month off-term students to continue to use transit services. However, the Vice President, Education did note that under the current new arrangement the eight (8) month off-term students not covered. This is an edge case that is under review right now with current contract negotiations. Acting SciSoc President Calin Lazarescu requested more information with respect to the four (4) month co-op's ability to use the service and if it was because they were fees-paying in their previous term; is this an artefact of their academic enrollment standing. Vice President, Operations and Finance responded in the affirmative, that if students pay the UPASS fee under their current academic term, they will be counted as on-term during their first four (4) months of off-term.

REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT, EDUCATION

The Vice President, Education began by noting the departments he is overseeing and the breadth of his role. He emphasized that it was important for Council to know that he has received and continues to have transition meetings with the former VP Education Andrew Clubine. The Vice President, Education has also been meeting with the registrar, the president of GSA, and the University's Associate VP Academic.

The Vice President, Education noted action plans are being developed and formal plans for the coming month are still in the works. That being said, the Vice President, Education highlighted that he had already started meeting with Franco and Gabrielle, the Student Experience Managers in the Co-operative Education Department. Through this work he has put out Co-op committee membership sign-ups on the University's LEADS system. He is working with the steering meeting and making new avenues for student consultation through advisory panels and focus groups. He highlighted the excellent response rate for the co-op fee survey that Feds and CECA issues.

The Vice President, Education has sat in on Campus Way-finding committee and has had other Academic Administration meetings as well. He noted that Council's committees (EAC and CSC) will be meeting soon. CSC will meet Monday 28th of May with the prior terms membership. This preliminary CSC meeting was made by special arrangement with the Officers of Council to maintain a working relationship with CECA during the Feds transition. Further, the Vice President, Education stated he will be chairing the student advisory committee for Co-op.

The Education Portfolio Action Plan is underway. Part of this effort has been achieved through the recent hiring of Commissioners were hired in March/April and biweekly meetings with those individuals are being set up.

The first steering committee meeting for the Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance finished. The external advocacy organization has elected its officers, the Feds Vice President, Education did not stand for those elections. The new Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance president is now Western's VP Education. The Vice President, Education noted similarities between Western and Waterloo in terms of priorities in post-secondary education and emphasized that Feds would be well served with Western at the helm. This governing year will be interesting as well, Vice President, Education notes, because the Education Advisory Council (EAC) will have a subcommittee reviewing external advocacy organizations. The Vice President, Education is currently considering what an Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance membership review should look like for the coming term, within the bounds of Council Procedure.

Councillor Rebecca George asked Vice President, Education what time the Co-op Students' Council (CSC) meeting would be held on Monday. The Vice President, Education responded that the meeting will be taking place at 17:00.

SPECIAL ORDERS

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Speaker Elizabeth O'Sullivan notes that as presiding officer she cannot move on with the agenda until the election of Officers has completed.

Be it resolved that that Council appoints:

- _____ as Secretary of Council,
- _____ as Speaker of Council,
- _____ as Assistant Secretary of Council, and
- _____ as Assistant Speaker of Council.

President Richard Wu and Seneca Velling.

For the election of *Speaker*, Councillor Jason Small self-nominates and Councillor Elizabeth O'Sullivan is nominated by Councillor Benjamin Easton.

Speaker Elizabeth O'Sullivan steps aside as presiding officer for the duration of the election and shall defer her powers to the Deputy Speaker, Seneca Velling.

Councillor Jason Small highlights his work as an engineering Councillor for this year and in prior years, that he has regularly attended all meetings and has corrected speaker many times of mistakes. He notes that he will strive to make meetings as inclusive as possible and be perceptive to students outside of Council.

Councillor Elizabeth O’Sullivan thanks Councillor Benjamin Easton for the nomination and notes that she has also served on Council the past year as a Science councilor and as Speaker. In the role as Speaker, she recalls there was a steep learning curve, but that she has come into her own in the role and wishes to carry through what she’s learned and become even better in her role for the coming year.

Presiding Officer Seneca Velling calls for questions to the candidates; no questions for either candidate are put forward. The chair appoints Vice President Savannah Richardson as scrutineer for the election by secret ballot. The Vice President, Student Life has collected ballots and is counting them on behalf of the Chair.

During the counting of ballots, Member Tristan Potter nominated Seneca Velling for the *Recording Secretary* and *Deputy Speaker* positions.

A **Point of Information** was directed to the chair from Councillor Linyi Cheng to request information on the role of Deputy Speaker. Elizabeth O’Sullivan consulted procedures and described role; Seneca Velling added that this role also assists as Council’s parliamentarian.

With no other nominees, Seneca Velling is acclaimed to the role of Deputy Speaker and the role of Secretary of Council.

Presiding Officer Seneca Velling calls for nomination for the *Assistant Secretary* role. Councillor Christopher Kocko self-nominates. With no other nominees, the chair recognizes the role as acclaimed.

Vice President Savannah Richardson brings forward election results for the role of Speaker. Elizabeth O’Sullivan is elected by Council for Speaker; Seneca Velling is acclaimed to Deputy Speaker and Secretary of Council; Councillor Christopher Kocko is acclaimed to Assistant Secretary.

The chair heard a motion to appoint these members based on the elections and acclamation results.

Motion carries Noted abstentions: Councillor Seneca Velling Councillor Elizabeth O’Sullivan Councillor Christopher Kocko.

Be it resolved that the scrutineer shall destroy the ballots.
Councillor Oliver Campbell and Vice President Matthew Gerrits.

Motion carries unanimously.

Councillor Seneca Velling steps aside as Presiding Officer and yields to Speaker Elizabeth O’Sullivan.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

COUNCIL RECORDS KEEPING

Point of Information from the Secretary informed the assembly that the business in this section was carried from the previous meeting.

Be it resolved that Council tasks the Officers of Council to formalize attendance and reporting of Committees of Council, and make necessary procedural amendments to be ratified by Council.

Seneca Velling and Councillor Deon Hua.

Secretary Seneca Velling notes this is an item that was ordered by the Out-going Council from 2017-18 governing year to build better reporting mechanisms for Council Committees and hold councillors, executives, and at-large members accountable for attending their committees. Speaker Elizabeth O'Sullivan notes that those who do not attend committees will be counted as absent by the chairs and this can be used against them in deliberation of removal from Council.

Motion carries with one (1) abstention.

Be it resolved that Council tasks the Officers of Council to develop formalized reporting guidelines and requirements for written reports of Officers, Councillors, and Executives.

Seneca Velling and Councillor Jason Small.

Secretary Seneca Velling notes this is similar to the prior motion, it is business carried forward from the Out-going Council's recommendations to formalize reporting standards and content guidelines for Executive reporting primarily but would offer a template for Councillors as well if desired.

Vice President Matthew Gerrits raised concerns that standardized templates could be a technical barrier to participation and encouraged the removal of portion of the motion.

The Speaker recognized Secretary Seneca Velling who responded that the original motion contained no notion of standardized templates, but rather reporting guidelines and requirements so that all reports would contain some level of information that could be tracked over time.

Vice President Matthew Gerrits noted that this ameliorated his concerns.

The Chair then heard an amendment from Vice President Matthew Gerrits to require Council ratification of changes to procedures:

Be it resolved that Council shall ratify any such formalized reporting guidelines and requirements for written reports.

Vice President Matthew Gerrits and Seneca Velling.

The motion is considered friendly and with no opposition is accepted admitted to the primarily motion. As such, the primary motion came to the floor.

Motion carries unanimously.

WATERFOWL MASCOT COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

Be it resolved that Council elects two (2) Councillors, _____ and _____, to the *ad hoc* Waterfowl Mascot Committee, and authorizes the committee to appoint up to three (3)

students-at-large to be ratified by Council.

Elizabeth O'Sullivan and Seneca Velling.

The Chair heard a Motion to make *Mr. Goose* an official seat on the committee from Councillor Jason Small. No formal motion was considered as Speaker Elizabeth O'Sullivan noted she would rule such a motion *out of order* after advisement of Deputy Speaker.

For the Councillor seats on the Committee, Councillor Junru Chen and Councillor Subhan Altaf self-nominate.

For the student-at-Large seats, Councillor Rebecca George and Member Guillen were nominated and Councillors spoke their support for these members. The remaining seat(s) shall be appointed by the committee to be ratified by Council at a later date.

Motion carries with four (4) noted abstentions: President Richard Wu, Councillor Junru Chen, Councillor Jason Small, and Councillor Subhan Altaf.

SERVICES & CLAC COMMITTEE REORGANIZATION MEMO

Secretary Seneca Velling speaks to the Services & Campus Life Advisory Committee (CLAC) Reorganization Memo drafted by orders of the Out-going Council. A draft version of the memo can be found attached to the agenda.

Vice President Savannah Richardson highlights the memo is being used to make a useful changes to the committee and serve students better.

POLICIES & PROCEDURES REFORMS MEMO

Secretary Seneca Velling calls attention to the Policies & Procedures Memo as ordered by Policies & Procedures Committee (PPC) that was drafted by Aisha Shibli (RPO) and the Out-going PPC.

Speaker Elizabeth O'Sullivan assumed a motion to refer the memo to the PPC for further consideration and necessary procedural amendments based on the recommendations.

Be it resolved that Council refers the Procedures Review memo to the PPC for further consideration and tasks the committee to make the necessary procedural amendments based on included recommendations to be ratified by Council.

Elizabeth O'Sullivan and Seneca Velling.

Motion carries unanimously.

REGULAR

BY-ELECTIONS

Be it resolved that Council approves the by-election dates set by 2017/18 Officers of Council as May 1th—May 8th for the Nomination Period, May 9th – May 15th for the Interim Period, May 16th – June 2nd for the Campaign Period, and May 30th at 10 AM

to June 2nd at 10 PM for the Voting Period.

President Richard Wu and Aisha Shibli (RPO).

The Chair heard a friendly amendment by President to the initial motion:

Be it resolved that the Nomination Period shall close on 11 June 2018; the Interim Period shall be June 12th to the 17th; the Campaign will be June 18th—29th; Voting shall be from June 27th to 29th.

President Richard Wu and Seneca Velling.

A **Point of Information** from Councillor Junru Chen about why the Executives seek to move times and dates until later for the by-elections. The President responds that it is because the because the dates are past and not practical any longer, they were decided by the Out-going President, Antonio Brieva, without staff consultation or necessary preparedness for the actual conduct of an large scale by-election.

Vice President Matthew Gerrits requests an update from Aisha Shibli (RPO), the Research and Policy Officer, to speak to this change of time-line. The Chair yields to Aisha Shibli (RPO).

Aisha Shibli (RPO) reports that there wre multiple reasons to why the dates got pushes back, but that primarily these are:

- lack of consultation with full-time staff by outgoing President, Antonio Brieva;
- that the RPO has to hire an Elections and Referenda Officer, but that the originally agreed upon dates provided only three (3) days for training and comprehension of the extensive elections procedure;
- that all the smaller by-elections planned by the former officers had been consolidated now into one (1) large election, which is better than many small by-elections in terms of time, training, nuisance, and expenses for running by-elections as well as provides opportunity for better elections marketing;
- there were lots of vacancies in the past, less so now. As such there are many students who thought to run for Council during Spring term. So this gives these interested parties a better and fair opportunity to participate;
- that in all likelihood the by-elections will get overwhelmed by the on-going provincial elections and Feds needs to adequately space out its operations so as not to distract students.

A **Point of Inquiry** was brought forward from Councillor Rebecca George as to whether there will there be more clarity and ease with by-elections and nominations processes in the future; the member, who noted she is running in the upcoming by-election, emphasized there had been much difficulty and expressed exasperation with respect to the process. She noted that until now there was no mechanism for online nominations and as she was working in Winter she had no mechanism to procure physical nominations.

The Chair interceded to call decorum and note that profanity was not permitted in the Council chambers.

President stated he wished to apologise, and that this should never have happened as it did. He said this likely occurred during the first days in his office and he was playing catch-up. He further noted that the Vice President, Education had agreed to push dates for the reasons Aisha listed and were delayed until not for desire for Council input. The President assured the member it would be clearer in the future and he would work to streamline process.

Councillor Jason Small made a points of inquiry as to whether the by-election is then meant to fill all available council seats. The Chair again yielded to Aisha Shibli (RPO), who responded in the affirmative that it was indeed meant to fill all vacancies. A councillor asked what shall occur if there are a lack of candidates, will Feds allow further nominations or run further by-elections. Aisha Shibli (RPO) noted that the RPO and Officers of Council will follow standard operating procedures for this matter prescribed in the Procedures and Bylaws.

Motion carries unanimously.

Councillor Jason Small called attention to an inconsistency in the number of available Council seats for Engineering versus Mathematics faculties despite population differences. It appeared, Councillor Jason Small noted, that the number of seats allocated per faculty, based likely on changes from the last year's headcount data, would make sense to changes in population, but that despite this it seemed Mathematics had more seats than Engineering while simultaneously having fewer people.

Secretary Seneca Velling agreed and highlighted that the recent bylaw amendments which changed the number of elected councillors had also caused problems he had experienced with regards to the number of Environment seats decreasing for an additional voting seat for the President of each constituency's Society. Councillor Rebecca George agreed with Seneca Velling's point

Councillor Jason Small expressed disbelief, stating he failed to understand how a faculty with more students can have less total seats on the Council based on the by-laws formula. Vice President Matthew Gerrits and Aisha Shibli (RPO) stated without having answers present, they would need to ask for time to get back to Councillor Small.

Vice President Matthew Gerrits offered that perhaps both EngSoc A and B were both accidentally counted as voting members when really only the on-term president has voting rights. EngSoc A President Mariko Shimoda agreed, that this would seem correct and may reconcile the problem as per Feds' bylaws EngSoc A & B count as "one voting member". Vice President, Education emphasized that this was purely speculation as the cause of the error by Board is not known as of yet. Speaker Elizabeth O'Sullivan reiterated Vice President Matthew Gerrits's point and requested a motion or no further discussion on the matter.

Be it resolved that the Students' Council formally requests provision of any and all such calculations for distribution of the current Council seats from the Board of Directors and requests re-issuing of seat distributions to reflect actual student head-count population data prescribed by the formula in the bylaws.

Councillor Jason Small and Seneca Velling.

Councillor Jason Small notes he would like evidence of their calculation, further information, and re-assessment of seats immediately by the Board.

Speaker Elizabeth O'Sullivan and Seneca Velling agree that this is a matter of importance. The Chair heard an amendment from Councillor Benjamin Easton to require that no councillor should already elected or acclaimed should be removed from Council due to the re-distribution of Council seats by Board of Directors that Councillor Jason Small was moving:

Be it further resolved that Students' Council requires the Board of Directors's action in re-distribution of Council seats to remove no existing councillor from Council for this 2018-19 Council term due to the seat redistribution.

Councillor Benjamin Easton and Councillor Jason Small.

The motion is considered friendly and with no opposition is added to the primarily motion. The primarily motion is now again on the floor.

Vice President Matthew Gerrits asks for informal approval for the addition or removal of seats in the current by-election time period by Board to address the issue. The Vice President, Education also notes that Board carries out the formula as prescribed in the bylaws and this might create conflicts with the Council's wish not to remove Councillors. This objection by the Vice President raises substantial cross-debate from some members of the assembly.

To address these concerns the Speaker and Deputy Speaker note that Council could force them to refuse to include any agenda items or indefinitely post-pone any agenda items that would ratify removal of Councillors due to this conflict in particular.

Motion carries unanimously with amendment.

Be it resolved that Council shall permanently allow online nominations through vote.feds.ca for nominations to Council and tasks the Officers of Council to implement any such necessary changes to the Elections & Referenda procedure to comply with this order.

Seneca Velling and President Richard Wu.

Councillor Seneca Velling notes this would address some of the concerns raised by Councillor Rebecca George as to the poor handling of online nominations.

Motion carries unanimously.

Be it resolved that Council appoints *Simon van Hoeve* as the Elections & Referenda Officer (ERO).

President Richard Wu and Aisha Shibli (RPO).

Aisha Shibli (RPO) speaks on Simon's behalf noting he is a 4th year political science student and the PoliSci Society VP. She believes he is a qualified ERO. Aisha Shibli (RPO) notes that as ERO he will report to RPO and work within the framework of Elections procedures.

Motion carries unanimously.

Be it resolved that Council elects _____, _____, and _____ to the Elections & Referenda Appeals Committee (ERAC).

President Richard Wu and Aisha Shibli (RPO).

Secretary Seneca Velling notes that per procedure, one of the above members should be Speaker of Council.

The Deputy Speaker nominates Speaker Elizabeth O'Sullivan for the ERAC. Councillor Jason Small self-nominates as does President Richard Wu.

Motion carries with two (2) abstentions from President Richard Wu and Councillor Jason Small.

Be it resolved that Council authorizes ERAC, under advisement from the ERO and President, to assign polling clerks.

President Richard Wu and Seneca Velling.

No discussion, question is called.

Motion carries unanimously.

RATIFICATION OF SPRING SERVICE COORDINATORS

Be it resolved that Council ratifies the Service Coordinators for the Spring 2018 Term.

Vice President Savannah Richardson and Councillor Linyi Cheng.

Vice President, Student Life requests the list be pulled up on the screen by Speaker. Speaker complies.

Vice President Savannah Richardson **moves** to strike *Vivien Liang* from list of coordinators by friendly amendment because she is no longer a coordinator due to her resignation. With no opposition the primary motion is amended and discussion returns to the primary motion.

The Vice President, Student Life notes she has posted a job description for the positions that still require volunteer coordinators.

The Deputy Speaker requests that in the future, the hiring of coordinators be done by a committee or subcommittee of Council chaired by Vice President, Student Life and her staff rather than the current process of *ex post facto* ratification. The Vice President, Student Life thought this a reasonable idea and requested it be brought forward to the Campus Life Advisory Committee for consideration.

Motion carries unanimously.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE SELECTION

Policies & Procedures Committee

Be it resolved that Council elects _____ and _____ to the Councillor seats and appoints _____ and _____ to the student-at large seats, and the speaker defers her ex officio seat to Deputy Speaker Seneca Velling for the Policies & Procedure Committee (PPC).

Elizabeth O'Sullivan and Seneca Velling.

Speaker Elizabeth O'Sullivan appointed Deputy Speaker has her delegate on the committee's *ex officio* seat.

Council heard self-nominations for the Council seats on PPC from Councillor Alexander Eyre and Councillor Oliver Campbell. Councillor Alexander Eyre spoke to his solutions driven manner and stated he wished to help out with Feds policy development. He joked that he reads policies and constitutions for fun, and assured the body that his main priority will be to promote Mental Health reform through a policy-approach on this committee. He informed the assembly he intends to bring a Mental Health policy forward at the next meeting for First Reading. Councillor Oliver Campbell stated he is a St. Jerome's University councillor and as an aspiring member of the PPC he wishes to see more student input on the important work of the committee. He said that as a political science major this fits his interests and expertise well as he has a strong affinity for research and policy. He will be RPO for St. Jerome's policies body.

Council heard nomination for At-large membership from: Austin Richard, Awn Duqoum, Rachel Thevenard, and Asif Nawaz.

Vice President Matthew Gerritsyields his time to student-at-large Rachel; Rachel self-nominates. Rachel highlights that as her work on WPIRG and Engineers Without Borders; she wants to do more in policy consultation with the student body and believes this committee would be served well through redoubling its consultation efforts.

Secretary Seneca Velling reads statements collected for those at-large members who contacted him in advance for consideration

- Austin Richard — "I'm a former executive of the Science Society, having served as the Vice-President Internal for two terms through Fall 2017 and Winter 2018. I've gained experience writing policy for the Society over this time and have personally written three separate pieces of policy for the Society. I'm quite interested in Government affairs including law and I regularly read provincial and federal events/on-goings/legislation."
- Awn Duqoum — "My name is Awn Duqoum, I am a 4th year mechatronics engineering student currently enrolled in the Artificial Intelligence (AI) Option. My love of being involved and helping out has led me to take on a number of leadership positions on campus, since my 1A term I've held a minimum of 3 positions every term (coop and academic). At the height of things I've estimated my involvement time commitment to be around 35 hours for academic terms and 30 hours for coop terms. I've selected PPC, PAC, and CLAC as the committees because they align with my overall goals of improving campus life, imparting knowledge, and engaging students. Lastly, it is my belief that I will have time for these 3 committees, for while I have been heavily involved in the past, I do intend to start stepping back my involvements to allow for me to sit on any or all of these positions. Having served as both speaker for engineering council and engineering's Joint Annual General Meeting (JAGM), as well as a number of external chair roles I believe I have the experience required assist the student body in the writing of motions and translating their opinions into a standardized council format. Furthermore these roles have allowed me to demonstrate my ability to interpret bylaws, draft changes to them, and ensure their implementation. Lastly, this position will assist me in my

larger goal to ensure FEDS procedures are more transparent to the student body, and that any road blocks prevent students from being involved are removed."

- Asif Nawaz — "My name is Asif Nawaz, and I am second year international undergraduate student at the School of Accounting and Finance, University of Waterloo. I have been very fortunate to experience the diverse experiences that the University of Waterloo has to offer in form of the clubs and societies, academic and co-op opportunities, and co-curricular activities. I have been an engaged member of the student community in my capacity as a club executive for various clubs on campus, and as a teaching assistant at the School of Accounting and Finance. As such, I believe it is my responsibility to leverage the diverse range of experiences I have had at the University of Waterloo – as an arguably successful international student – and contribute towards the continuous improvement that is a hallmark of University of Waterloo. I believe I can best serve on following committees, based on my background and interests – I have included a brief description of my qualifications to justify my choices as well.... Policies Procedures Committee (PPC): as the Director of Finance with UWMUN, I had the opportunity to work very closely with FEDS, and I found there to be a cognitive dissonance in terms of the utility and reasoning for the implementation of certain policies and procedures, and I would like to participate in addressing this issue."

The Chair appointed Aisha Shibli (RPO) as scrutineer. The election results are Councillor Alexander Eyre and Councillor Oliver Campbell for the Council seats, and Asif Nawaz and Austin Richard to the student-at-large seats.

The Chair assumed a privileged motion to accept the acclaimed and elected seats as the Council appointments to the committee.

Motion carries unanimously.

Campus Life Advisory Committee

Be it resolved that Council elects ____ and ____ to the Councillor seats and appoints ____ and ____ to the student-at large seats of the Campus Life Advisory Committee (CLAC).

Elizabeth O'Sullivan and Vice President Savannah Richardson.

Secretary Seneca Velling noted that Out-going Council requested committee membership expansion, and calls a motion for the same:

Be it resolved that the size of CLAC shall be increased by two (2) Councillor seats and one (1) at-large seat; and

Be it further resolved that the PPC shall make procedural edits for this change.

Secretary Seneca Velling and Vice President Savannah Richardson.

Motion carries unanimously.

The motion now reads:

Be it resolved that Council elects ____, ____, ____ and ____ to the Councillor seats and appoints ____, ____, and ____ to the student-at large seats of the Campus

Life Advisory Committee (CLAC).

Elizabeth O'Sullivan and Seneca Velling.

The assembly heard nominations for the following Councillors:

- Councillor Amandreo Cortes (self-nominated) —He is going for this committee because he's been here for 3 years and has served and done work at Athletics and Bomber and St. Jerome's executive in prior years, he works at Stratford. He works on many student life projects, he went to the Oscar Omero Center and brought in leaders from St Jerome's and a Committee.
- Councillor Alexander Eyre (nominated by Councillor Jason Small) —He jokes he's returning after PPC. Need to make services as effective as possible, and advertise them better. People need to know how to access services and how to have a more wholesome experience on campus. He's also team lead of the UW Sat. Design team. He knows how to achieve specific goals with deadlines.
- Councillor Deon Hua (self-nomination) —Back when he was in Software Eng he serves as the Mental Health Awareness director and talked to students about their experiences and how it needs to be a better part of student life and how important it is to our student experience. He wants to work on this at Council and CLAC.
- Councillor Seneca Velling (self-nomination) —Continue work on CLAC reforming the committee. Seneca drafted memo for restructuring of the committee in consultation with Jill Knight (former Vice President, Internal), Savannah Richardson (new Vice President, Student Life), and outgoing Officers of Council. Wants to make committee functional as a review and supervisory body it is supposed to be.
- Councillor Christopher Kocko (self-nomination) —Chris has experience in student life from serving on MKV Residence Council and in orientation as the president and founder of polish society.
- Councillor Jacque German-Doucet (nominated by Seneca Velling) —Councillor was absent.

The assembly heard nominations for the following at-large members:

- Carlene Mangahas (nominated by Councillor Seneca Velling) —No supporting statement was provided by this member who sought nomination.
- Katherine Sebben (nominated by Councillor Seneca Velling) —"My name is Katherine Sebben and I am a third year ARBUS student here at UW. Growing up in a family where political discussion was encouraged, I've always had an interest in the University politics and was an active participant and member of Feds; attending the GM's voting for excellence, etc. My involvement increased this past term when I became a Feds Employee. Working for Feds helped me to understand the inner workings of the system as well as the capacities and resources that Feds posses. Being involved with these committees would have significant value for myself and for Feds as I feel there is a lot of inefficiencies within the system. I would provide practical and logical insight and through my role on the committees hope to create a stronger student voice and more student friendly atmosphere. With a keen interest in finance, it is also my goal to ensure Feds operates in a manner that is fiscally responsible, making the most of student dollars. I feel my academic path in ARTS has allowed

me to become well versed in many subject matter, giving me a well-rounded world view that is reflected by our student population When I'm not busy being involved with/working for Feds I enjoy reading, swimming, painting and the occasional night out at Phils"

- Asif Nawaz (nominated by Councillor Seneca Velling) —See above for preamble, "... as an international student at the University of Waterloo, I experienced first-hand some of the core challenges that a vast portion of our student population encounter while adjusting to a different culture, and lifestyle. As a member of CLAC, I would like to focus on addressing those issues."
- Edana Golbourne (nominated by Councillor Seneca Velling) —"Edana Golbourne is looking to be a part of the Campus Life Advisory Committee (CLAC) and Internal Administration Committee (IAC). She is looking to be a part of these committees to become more involved on campus. Currently, she is in her 2B term of Science and Business and was a floor representative for St. Paul's Activity Council in her first year. Edana plans to use her experiences on various teams and committees in high school to contribute to both CLAC and IAC. CLAC is focusing on the implementation of the new racialized student service which is something Edana is interested in being apart of. Overall, she wants to make sure everyone is given an equal voice and that the service starts off on the right foot on campus. Later in the year, CLAC will be in charge of evaluating how effective student services are in reaching their target audiences, which is something Edana is also interested in having a hand in. Edana is interested in IAC because they play a role in making sure clubs are abiding by the policies and procedures that are in place. In her 2B term, she has become involved with various clubs on campus and believes she will be able to look at issues from both sides. Edana has a high standard of professionalism and looks forward to the opportunity to contribute to CLAC and IAC."
- Nickta Jowhari (nominated by Councillor Seneca Velling) —No supporting statement was provided by this member who sought nomination.
- Hannah Sesink (nominated by Councillor Seneca Velling) —"Hannah Sesink is interested in serving on the Campus Life Advisory Committee for the 2018-2019 year. Hannah is a fourth year student doing a Joint Honours in Recreation and Leisure Studies and Social Development Studies. Hannah has been involved in student life since her first year at University, starting at Renison as an Ambassador, Don and Peer Leader. She started working with Feds at the end of her second year as a member of Waterloo Team Feds in its last term. Since then, Hannah has been a Clubs Support Team Member, Welcome Week Coordinator, Feds FOC and Warrior Tribe Coordinator. She was recently elected to Senate, Board of Directors, and the Student Services Advisory Committee, where she hopes to have even more significant impacts on student life and the student experience. Hannah would be an excellent candidate for the Campus Life Advisory Committee with her wealth of knowledge and experience working with Feds and various services across campus, and in partnership with her membership on the Student Services Advisory Committee."

The Chair appointed Aisha Shibli (RPO) as scrutineer and called for election by secret ballot. After ballots were counted, the results were Councillor Amandreo Cortes, Coun-

cillor Alexander Eyre, Seneca Velling, Councillor Christopher Kocko for the Council seats and Asif Nawaz, Hannah Sesink, and Katharine Sebben for the at-large seats.

The Chair assumed a privileged motion to accepted the acclaimed and elected seats as the Council appointments to the committee.

Motion carries unanimously.

Internal Administration Committee

Be it resolved that Council elects _____ and _____ to the Councillor seats and appoints _____ and _____ to the student-at large seats of the Internal Administration Committee (IAC).

Elizabeth O'Sullivan and Seneca Velling.

The assembly heard nominations for the following at-large members from Councillor Seneca Velling:

- Councillor Jason Small (self-nominated) —indicated he has been involved with various FEDS clubs but as he is not an executive, he foresees no conflict of interest problems.
- Councillor Andrew Mohan (self-nominated) —has a lot of experience working with clubs; worked for the clubs support team and worked with IAC and Jake (Feds' Clubs Manager); he would hit the ground running and make a good contribution on this committee.
- Councillor Alexander Eyre (nominated by Councillor Benjamin Easton) —Councillor Alexander Eyre declines the nomination.
- Councillor Christopher Kocko (self-nominated) —Notes that he created a club and worked with Jake a lot so he knows the process and feels qualified to serve on the committee.

The assembly heard nominations for the following at-large members from Councillor Seneca Velling. Seneca Velling notes that he reached out to all the nominated candidates and interviewed them, all but Uqbah replied. Councillor Jason Small reminds members that anyone can nominate anyone else beyond these brought forward.

- Uqbah Subzwari —No supporting statement. Did not reply to email outreach.
- Edana Golbourne – see above statement of support.
- Tristan Potter – Tristan spoke on his behalf noting he had served on Council as for the past three years as a secretary for some of that time and that he was the former president of MathSoc. He said he was enrolled as a part-time student during the next term and would love to continue to help out in a lesser capacity. He had enjoyed IAC when serving on this committee in the past.

The Chair appointed Aisha Shibli (RPO) as scrutineer and election was held by secret ballot. After ballots were counted, the results were Councillor Christopher Kocko and Councillor Andrew Mohan for the Council seats and Tristan Potter and Edana Golbourne for the at-large seats.

The Chair assumed a privileged motion to accepted the acclaimed and elected seats as the Council appointments to the committee.

Motion carries unanimously.

Education Advisory Council

Be it resolved that Council elects _____, _____, and _____ to the Councillor seats of the Education Advisory Council (EAC), and authorizes the committee to appoint students-at-large to be ratified by Council.

Seneca Velling and Vice President Matthew Gerrits.

Vice President, Education **moves** to suspend procedures to appoint at-large and Councillor members of EAC simultaneously.

Vice President Matthew Gerrits and Seneca Velling.

The Vice President, Education provided Accompanying explanation that such a move would allow more rapid constituting of EAC. EngSoc A President Mariko Shimodadi-directed a **Point of Inquiry** as to what this means. The Speaker noted this just speeds up how quickly EAC can start performing business because it doesn't have to appoint and come back to Council for ratification.

Motion carries unanimously, the procedures for appointment to EAC are now suspended.

The assembly heard nominations for the following Councillors:

- Councillor Jason Small (self-nominated)
- Councillor Deon Hua (self-nominated)
- Councillor Linyi Cheng (self-nominated)

With three (3) nominations and three available seats, the Councillors are acclaimed to their positions.

The assembly heard nominations for the following at-large members from Councillor Seneca Velling:

- Megan Town (nominated by Vice President Matthew Gerrits) —Vice President Matthew Gerrits spoke to Megan's accolades noting she is a 3rd-year Chemical engineering student who is passionate about academic advocacy. She has worked with Feds and other institutions on mental health and academic issues on EngSoc. She is on the EngSoc board of Directors and advises on financial and legal matters. She works with a club she founded and is interested in rounding out her abilities.
- Jacob Siemons —No statement was submitted.
- Austin Richard —"I've sat on this committee for the past year with Andrew Clubine as its Chair and I've become particularly fond of the operating style of this committee and of the initiative and motivation that the members involved bring to the table every meeting. I've made sure to keep good attendance with this committee and to participate regularly in discussion, even if it's just questions for the sake of clarification. I'd like to continue to do this on a committee that oversees topics of high interest and high importance to myself as a student-at-large."
- Maya Venters —No statement was submitted.
- Carlene Mangahas —No statement was submitted.
- Nickta Jowhari —No statement was submitted

- Pat Duong —"Dear student council, My name is Pat Duong and I am strongly interested in continuing being a part of the Education Advisory Council (EAC) for the 2018-2019 term. For the last 16 months, I have been the VP Academic of the Engineering Society and have opened channels for open dialogue between the university, my faculty, program quality assurance, and various departments with their students. Going forwards, I am on the curriculum review, co-op engagement , and program restructuring committees within my department, Chemical Engineering. There, I am helping to cement and further develop a culture of constant improvement and student engagement. On the side, I do informal research with engineering education, and am presenting a poster at the Canadian Engineering Education Conference in Vancouver, BC this June. I am passionate and engaged with academic and education issues. In the student-at-large role at the EAC, I would continue to contribute a holistic perspective on education with perspectives linking to mental health, university operations, student feedback, and experiential learning. Please accept my application for the student-at-large role on the Education Advisory Council and I look forwards to hearing back from you all. Thank you."

The Speaker stated those persons for whom no pre-submitted statement was submitted to Council and who did not attend to speak to their qualifications should not be heard and ruled out of order an attempt by a Councillor to continue to speak to these individual. Councillor Seneca Velling challenged the speaker:

Motion to over-rule the chair and allow statement of support from Councillors. The motion was seconded. The question was called, the vote failed to reach the required $\frac{2}{3}$ majority required to over-rule the chair. The motion failed, the order stood.

The Chair appointed Aisha Shibli (RPO) as scrutineer and election was held by secret ballot. After ballots were counted, the results were Councillor Jason Small, Councillor Deon Hua, and Councillor Linyi Cheng for the Council seats and Maya Venters, Megan Town, and Austin Richard for the at-large seats.

The Chair assumed a privileged motion to accepted the acclaimed and elected seats as the Council appointments to the committee.

Motion carries unanimously.

Co-op Students Council

Be it resolved that Council elects _____, _____, and _____ to the Councillor seats, _____ and _____ to the student-at large seats to the Co-op Students Council (CSC).

Seneca Velling and Vice President Matthew Gerrits.

The Speaker reminds the assembly that per procedure the councillor and at-large members of the committee must be students in the co-op program.

The assembly heard nominations for the following Councillors:

- Councillor Linyi Cheng (self-nominated) —concerned about co-op and worried about the institution's direction. He looks forward to representing the interests of over 20k co-op students and advocating for them. Having worked for large companies over the last few years and having experienced both helpful and unhelpful experiences with the institution and its resources/services (like WaterlooWorks). He wants to use his experience to address some of these issues.

- Councillor Subhan Altaf (self-nominated) —wants to see co-op reforms and represent his faculty.
- Councillor Junru Chen (self-nominated) —very concerned about Co-op resources and had unnecessary meetings. He wants to make the institution more open.
- MathSoc President Jason P'ng (self-nominated) – interested in representing students from Math and giving better math representation.
- Seneca Velling (nominated by Vice President Matthew Gerrits) – Seneca Velling declined the nomination, but noted that as an Deputy Speaker either himself or Elizabeth would routinely be participating as *ex officio* resource members of the committee.

The assembly heard nominations for the following at-large members:

- Rebecca George (nominated by Seneca Velling) —she served on CSC last year as an Env Councillor and has worked a co-op term at CECA, and was an enlightening experience as to wastefulness in the institution; looking at student support from the co-op institutional side; she's had failed work term issues and knows the petitions process and can provide insight on this; she would like to continue to serve.
- Jennifer Guillen (nominated by Seneca Velling) —Jennifer Guillen served on EAC and other education and internal portfolio committee's last year. She was a former Councillor and an opinionated co-op student who would offer independent but also constructive commentary and student perspective on the committee.
- Yussef Ourchane —"Dear Councillors, I am writing to express my interest in the at-large co-op committee seat. My variety of previous volunteer experience with an assortment of clubs can be brought to the committee. In the 2016 - 2017 year I founded and was president of the University of Waterloo Model Parliament club. That year the club ran a weekend long event with over 40 attendees. Additionally I was a member of the University of Waterloo Model G20 executive, where we ran a large national conference emulating the G20. Along with my executive positions I have been a member of the UWMUN, UW Finance, and UW ActSci clubs. The most important factor that will make me a good candidate for this committee is by far my experience as a co-op student. As a co-op student in his 3b term I have had three co-op terms where I participated in the job search. I have both found jobs through Waterloo Works and arranged my own positions. I have written multiple work term reports and completed a variety of PD courses. As such I am well versed in the issues that affect a co-op student, and I believe I can bring this knowledge to the committee. Thank you for your consideration, Yussef Ourchane"
- Carlene Manghas —No statement was submitted.

The Chair appointed Aisha Shibli (RPO) as scrutineer and election was held by secret ballot. After ballots were counted, the results were Councillor Subhan Altaf, MathSoc President Jason P'ng, and Councillor Junru Chen for the Council seats and Jennifer Guillen and Rebecca George for the at-large seats.

The Chair assumed a privileged motion to accept the acclaimed and elected seats as the Council appointments to the committee.

Motion carries unanimously.

Honorary Lifetime Membership Committee

Be it resolved that Council appoints _____ to the director seat, elects _____ and _____ to the Councillor seats as well appoints _____, _____, and appoints _____ to the student-at large seats of the Honorary Lifetime Membership Committee.

Elizabeth O'Sullivan and Seneca Velling.

The Chair heard a **motion** to refer the director elections to the Director Seats on the Committee to the Board of Directors.

Seneca Velling and Vice President Matthew Gerrits.

Motion carries unanimously.

The assembly heard nominations for Councillor Jason Small from Councillor Alexander Eyre. With no other nominees, Councillor Jason Small was acclaimed to his seat on the Honorary Lifetime Membership Committee.

The Chair heard a **motion** to allow executives the appointment of remainder of the seats Councillor and at-large.

Seneca Velling and Vice President Savannah Richardson.

Motion carries unanimously.

The Chair assumed a privileged motion to accepted the acclaimed and elected seats as the Council appointments to the committee.

Motion carries unanimously.

Leadership Awards Committee

Be it resolved that Council appoints _____ to the director seat, elects _____ to the Councillor seats of the Leadership Awards Committee (LAC), and authorizes the committee to appoint the student-at-large to be ratified by Council.

Elizabeth O'Sullivan and Vice President Savannah Richardson.

After some consideration of the redundancy of this committee with the terms of IAC and the overlap in mandates between the two committees, the Vice President, Student Life recommended termination of the committee: **Motion** to strike from the agenda this item and subsume the committee under IAC with the other awards selection already administered by the IAC.

Seneca Velling and Vice President Savannah Richardson.

Motion carries unanimously.

Task Force for General Meeting Engagement & Council Reforms

Be it resolved that Council elects _____, _____, and _____ to the Councillor seats on Task Force for General Meeting Engagement and Council Reforms.

Seneca Velling and Councillor Benjamin Easton.

The assembly heard self-nominations for Councillor Benjamin Easton and Councillor Jason Small. With no other nominees, Councillor Jason Small and Councillor Benjamin Easton were acclaimed to their seats on the Task Force.

Given the remaining vacant Council seat on the body, the Chair heard a motion to allow the Officers of Council to determine the remaining member among their ranks: **Motion**

to allow appointment of remaining councilor seat by the Officers of Council.

Elizabeth O'Sullivan and Seneca Velling.

Motion carries with two (2) abstentions.

External Advocacy Organization Membership Review Sub-committee

Be it resolved that Council elects _____ and _____ to the Councillor seats as well appoints _____, _____, and _____ to the student-at large seats of the External Advocacy Organization Membership Review Sub-committee.

Be it further resolved that Council authorizes the Education Advisory Committee to determine the external advocacy organization(s) for annual review by the sub-committee.

Seneca Velling and Vice President Matthew Gerrits.

The Vice President, Education raised concerns that such a move would make little sense until the EAC had time to consider and recommend at-large membership. Further, Vice President Matthew Gerrits argued that he would like time to consider applicants and review procedural requirements before appointment.

Motion to table the motion until next meeting.

Vice President Matthew Gerrits and Councillor Benjamin Easton.

Motion carries unanimously.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

Be it resolved that Council adds the following agenda items for consideration:

- President's Advisory Committee; and
- Internal Funding Committee.

Seneca Velling and Councillor Jason Small.

The Secretary spoke to the oversight on his part of publication of the Agenda without these committees. There had been hundreds of pages and he had obviously mixed up the number of committees on his committee list. The Secretary apologized and asked Council to approve agenda amendments to populate the remaining Council Committees.

Motion carries with one (1) abstention.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE SELECTION BY AMENDMENT

President's Advisory Committee

Be it resolved that Council elects _____ and _____ to the Councillor seats as well appoints _____ and _____ to the student-at large seats of the President's Advisory Committee.

Seneca Velling and President Richard Wu.

The assembly heard nominations for Councillor Jason Small and Councillor Oliver Campbell by Vice President Matthew Gerrits. With no other nominees, Councillor Jason Small and Councillor Oliver Campbell were acclaimed to the President's Advisory Committee.

The assembly heard nominations for the following at-large members:

- Maya Venters —No statement was submitted.
- Awn Duqoum —"Having held a significant number of leadership positions on campus I have accumulated a plethora of experiences on knowledge about student life and campus culture. As my time at Waterloo nears an end, I feel like it's time for me to share the knowledge I've gained to ensure that campus keeps getting better in future terms. This committee will align well with my goals to impart knowledge and improve campus life for future generations, a goal that's evident in my role as EngFOC."
- Katharine Sebben —See above statement.

The Chair appointed Aisha Shibli (RPO) as scrutineer and election was held by secret ballot. After ballots were counted, the results for at-large seats were Maya Venters and Katharine Sebben.

The Chair assumed a privileged motion to accepted the acclaimed and elected seats as the Council appointments to the committee.

Motion carries unanimously.

Internal Funding Committee

Be it resolved that Council elects _____ and _____ to the Councillor seats as well appoints _____ and _____ to the student-at large seats of the Internal Funding Committee. *Seneca Velling and Vice President Savannah Richardson.*

The Vice President, Student Life highlights that the role, per procedure, oversees internal funding opportunities through various funds and reviews proposals for support.

One (1) Councillor self-nominated, Councillor Subhan Altaf. With no other nominees, Councillor Subhan Altaf was acclaimed to the Internal Funding Committee.

Motion to open remaining Councillor seats to At-large members, unless Councillors choose to fill them.

Seneca Velling and Vice President Matthew Gerrits.

The assembly heard nominations for the following at-large members:

- Sarah Chan —"Dear FEDS Council, My name is Sarah Chan and I am interested in joining the Internal Funding/Endowment Fund Committee (IFC and SLEF). I am going into 4A Nanotechnology Engineering and am currently pursuing an accelerated masters in Chemical Engineering, where I am conducting stem cell and biomaterials research. I am a member of the iGEM 2018 team and am heavily involved in on campus research. I am interested in this role because I want to have a say in what student projects are funded by FEDS and I want to be able to advocate for STEM-related projects such as the Waterloo Nanotechnology Conference (WNC) and fourth year design projects (FYDP). Speaking to engineering students in different departments, I've noticed that many of them are not given any funding to make their projects

happen. As a result, students are left to work on a predetermined project given to them by a company or by a professor, which I believe hampers the idea that a capstone project should be your own and should be something you truly believe in, are passionate about and can be proud of. Many students use their FYDP to pursue a startup, several being from nanotechnology engineering, but can't apply to FEDS funding because it is related to a course. I believe that students should be able to come to FEDS for funding for a project they work so hard on, have little funding for and are passionate about, regardless if there is a course involved. The fact that FEDS will not fund these projects hampers creativity and innovation in the engineering design projects as students are limited by having a small amount of funding or not having funding at all and not knowing where to apply for funding. Many of the startups at UW started from these FYDPs and if FEDS helped fund these projects that originally started in the classroom, it would increase the number of people who want to pursue these projects afterwards and likely increase the number of startups at UW. As a member of the IFC, I would advocate for STEM student groups and projects and would like to increase awareness about these funding opportunities, which go unnoticed by the majority of students. I believe that students should be able to apply for funding for academic projects, such as engineering FYDPs, because there is limited funding for them and the lack of funding limits what students can do for these projects. These projects capture the spirit of innovation and creation of UW and it is sad to see that many of them will never be built because there is limited or no funding available to them. As a member of this committee, I would like to address these concerns and maybe see some change. Best regards, Sarah Chan"

- Bryan Chan —"Greetings, My name is Bryan and I am currently a second-year student in the Accounting and Financial Management (AFM) program in Waterloo. I have chosen and wish to serve on the internal funding committee / endowment fund. I believe the accounting and financial management program have developed a solid foundation in managing finances and overseeing the budget in order prevent misallocation and misuse of funds. In addition, having worked at PriceWaterhouseCoopers (PwC) on my first co-op has allowed me to develop a keen sense of professional judgement and skepticism. With these intangible skills, I believe it will be of enhancement to the committee going forward. The internal funding committee / endowment fund is perhaps the best platform in school to gain first-hand experience in managing such a big responsibility for the University of Waterloo students. The responsibility to enhance the students' lives here through the proper usage of funds and inspire other students of similar backgrounds to do the same is a huge value-add not only myself, but for the community as well. As an avid backpacker, I have traveled alone multiple times across different continents and will continue to do so in the future. As backpacking requires a solid budgeting plan, this experience would come in handy when overseeing the budget for the internal funding committee / endowment fund. All in all, I am an individual who excels in whatever I set my mind to and is passionate about. Thank you for reading my application and hope to hear from you soon. Sincerely, Bryan"
- Jennifer Guillen —See above statement.

With no other nominees, the three at-large members were acclaimed to their seats. The Chair assumed a privileged motion to accepted the acclaimed seats as the Council appointments to the committee.

Motion carries unanimously.

Be it resolved that Council orders the destruction of all ballots for all elections to Council Committees.

Councillor Jason Small and Vice President Matthew Gerrits.

Motion carries unanimously.

AMENDMENTS TO PROCEDURE 23

Be it resolved that Council approves amendments and editorial changes to Procedure 23: *Review of Memberships with External Advocacy Organizations.*

Vice President Matthew Gerrits and Vice President Savannah Richardson.

Council heard a motion from Vice President, Education to postpone the approval until after EAC and the review sub-committee members were selected and sent to Council for ratification:

Be it resolved that Council table the motion until the next meeting.

Vice President Matthew Gerrits and Seneca Velling.

Secretary Seneca Velling notes that the edits he and Vice President Matthew Gerrits had worked on allowed the sub-committee to exist in the first place as the existing language referred to a committee (Government Affairs Committee) which no longer existed. In order for the review committee to be constituted the procedural updated would need to go into affect. Seneca Velling requested the motion be withdrawn and the original motion be passed by Council.

Motion withdrawn by Vice President Matthew Gerrits, at request of Secretary Seneca Velling. The primary motion returns to the floor.

Motion carries unanimously.

Budget Committee

Be it resolved that Council ratifies the election of *Director Seneca Velling, Director Connor Plante, Councillor Elizabeth O'Sullivan,* and *student-at-large John Hunte,* to the Budget Committee at the Winter GM.

Vice President Kurt MacMillan and Vice President Matthew Gerrits.

Motion carries with one (2) abstentions from Vice President Kurt MacMillan and Seneca Velling.

MEETING DATES

Be it resolved that Council approves _____, _____, and _____, for the June, July, and August meeting dates, respectively.

Elizabeth O'Sullivan and Seneca Velling.

Concerns were raised that Councillors did not know their schedules immediately and that the Officers needed time to determine proper dates to comply with procedure:

Be it resolved that that Council refers the determination of meeting dates and times to Officers of Council to be conducted through polling to determine the availability of Councillors.

Elizabeth O'Sullivan and Vice President Matthew Gerrits.

The Vice President, Student Life brought up concerns that no meetings should be placed during August exam period:

Be it resolved that no meeting of Council shall take place in August during the exam period.

Vice President Savannah Richardson and Elizabeth O'Sullivan. The motion is considered friendly, and with no opposition from Council, it is added to the original motion. The primary motion now returns to the floor.

The Vice President, Education raises further concerns that the Executive Board would like dates yb no later than Monday June 4th:

Be it resolved that the Officers of Council shall conduct all such polling and determine such meeting dates and times as to provide final decisions by no later than June 4th 2018.

Vice President Matthew Gerrits and President Richard Wu. The motion is considered friendly, and with no opposition from Council, it is added to the original motion. The primary motion now returns to the floor.

The Chair calls the question.

Motion carries unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

ONLINE VOTING FOR MEETING DECISIONS

Councillor Junru Chen suggested that meetings could be made more efficient if voting periods and nominations were conducted online to avoid taking up substantial time that could otherwise be used for deliberation. Oral statements in particular were delaying the meeting.

CSC COUNCILLOR SEAT CHANGE

Councillor Junru Chen resigns from Co-op Student Council. He nominated Councillor Linyi Cheng.

With no opposition, Councillor Linyi Cheng is acclaimed to the available Co-op Student Council seat.

Be it resolved that Council appoints Councillor Linyi Cheng to the Co-op Student Council to fill the Councillor vacancy left by the resignation of Councillor Junru Chen.
Councillor Junru Chen and Councillor Linyi Cheng.

Motion carries with three (3) noted abstentions from Vice President Matthew Gerrits, Councillor Linyi Cheng, and Councillor Junru Chen.

FILLING REMAINING SEAT ON WATERFOWL MASCOT COMMITTEE

Councillor Christopher Kocko inquires as to whether he can still fill the remaining third Councillor seat on the Waterfowl Mascot Committee.

President notes yes this is acceptable. Speaker notes this is fine as long as no councillors object to the motion under New Business.

Be it resolved that Council appoints Councillor Christopher Kocko to the remaining Councilor seat on the WaterFowl Mascot Committee.
Councillor Christopher Kocko and President Richard Wu.

Motion carries unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Be it resolved that Council adjourn until the next meeting.
Seneca Velling and Councillor Benjamin Easton.

With no new business the meeting was called to adjourn at 3:54 PM.

Motion carries unanimously.