

**Federation of Students  
STUDENTS' COUNCIL  
January 15, 2017, SLC MPR**

**Present:** Alexander Wray† (Chair), Sacha Forstner† (Secretary), Reba Nauth† (Assistant Secretary), Christos Lolas, Brian Schwan, Deanna Priori, Sarah Wiley, Adrian Machado, Antonio Brieua, Marcus Abramovitch, Matthew Gerrits, Midori Armstrong, Natasha Crasto, Razan Qaoud, Spencer Dobrik, Tomson Tran, Tristan Potter.

**Phone-In:** Alexa Fuentes Valdez, Charles Teasdale, Harsh Mistry, Ilia Sucholutsky, Jeremy Spira.

**Absent:** Alexander Liu, Antonio Clarke\*, Aryeh Fortinsky, Denton Liu\*, Hayley Barnes, Injeong Yang, Mohammed Tahir, Norman Hu, Patrick Melanson\*, Quentin Cheung.

†*Non-Voting Member*

\**Excused*

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of Students' Council assembled at 12:30 in the SLC MPR. Speaker Alexander Wray took the Chair, and Sacha Forstner acted as Secretary. The Chair verified that the meeting was properly constituted in accordance with the corporation's bylaws, policies, and procedures, that due notice had been given to all members, and that a quorum was present.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:39.

### **I. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Council heard a motion to approve the agenda for the meeting as distributed.

*Gerrits and Tran. Carried.*

### **II. CONSENT AGENDA**

Council heard a motion to receive and approve all items on the consent agenda, including:

1. The minutes from the meeting of December 4, 2016;
2. The reports of the Executive and the Engineering Councillors;
3. The Feds Services Fall 2016 End-of-Term Reports;
4. A motion to strike Section VII (Entrepreneurship Committee) from Council Procedure 10.

*Schwan and Sucholutsky. Carried.*

### **III. REPORTS**

*President Lolas*

General election and Senate nominations will be closing at 4pm on Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup>, all interested students are encouraged to stand for election.

The SLC/PAC Expansion design stage has concluded, and all plans are ready to be sent out to tender.

The FOC team has commenced Orientation Leader hiring for Fall 2017, including coordinator and general positions.

The University is making gradual progress on its student service transformation.

A Councillor asked for an update on the plan to put tables in the Davis Centre hallways. The project is moving very slowly in spite of being fully funded, and has been escalated within the University to the executive director of Plant Operations.

*Vice President Operations and Finance Schwan*

The first Bomber Wednesday of the term was a success due to changes in the ticket/line management process designed to improve throughput.

A new Grab & Go line has been launched, as have Campus Bubble/Wasabi poke bowls. The poke bowls have been selling at a rate of over 150/day due to the 50% off special for their first week.

The used bookstore has been very busy, and is expected to continue to be so until the end of January.

Part-time training processes are currently being revised and overhauled. Cell phone charging stations have been added on each floor of the SLC and seem to be getting lots of use.

Discussions are ongoing with the University regarding a potential campus store satellite location in the SLC.

Students with feedback on any changes to the Feds Commercial Services are encouraged to contact [feedback@feds.ca](mailto:feedback@feds.ca).

*Vice President Internal Priorities*

Winter Welcome Week has finished. This year, it combined with Get Involved Week to provide a variety of events.

Updates from the Feds Services: Coop Connection is now in seven major centres worldwide; MATES was accessed by 168 individuals in Fall 2016, 113 of whom were recurring visitors, and provided a total of 377 sessions encompassing 840 volunteer-hours; Warrior Tribe marched in the Santa Claus Parade in partnership with ICSN; ICSN is taking 50 students to Quebec City; the Volunteer Centre access is up by over 500 users compared to previous terms.

*Vice President Education Wiley*

The federal government recently lifted the 2% cap on PSSSP funding for indigenous students, as per Feds' request via Advocan. Progress is continuing on the syllabus repository – Feds is chairing a working group with senior university administrators and will be presenting to Dean's Council next week.

Work has begun on the development of a long range advocacy plan for the VP Education portfolio, with a general view to some of Feds' other advocacy efforts. The plan should ensure continuity of long-term priorities and institutional memory in Feds. It is in its early stages, but will eventually be presented to Council.

A Councillor asked for an update on the implementation of a stop signal at University and Lester, as discussed in the Fall term. The suggestion has not gained much traction in discussions with public officials, but meetings and efforts are ongoing.

Councillors were reminded of the approaching deadlines for the Feds Teaching Award, the University of Waterloo Distinguished Teaching Award, and the Amit & Meena Chakma Awards for Teaching Excellence, and were encouraged to have their constituents submit nominations.

#### **IV. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

The Chair sought nominations for Council and At-Large seats on the Student Life Endowment Funding Committee, Co-op Students Council, the OUSA Delegate Selection Committee, the Policies and Procedures Committee, the President's Advisory Committee, the Leadership Awards Committee, the Elections and Referenda Appeals Committee, and the Honorary Lifetime Membership Committee.

##### *Student Life Endowment Funding*

Councillors Spencer Dobrik and Tomson Tran were nominated and acclaimed to the two councillor seats on this University committee.

Hannah Beckett, Reba Nauth, and Jazbel Wang were nominated for the two at-large seats on the committee. The candidates and their nominators spoke to their particular qualifications. Beckett and Nauth were selected via a secret ballot vote.

##### *Co-op Students Council*

Councillors Midori Armstrong, Spencer Dobrik, and Adrian Machado were nominated and acclaimed to the three councillor seats on the committee.

Hannah Beckett, Cencen Li, Jason Small, and Weiyu Wang were nominated for the two at-large seats on the committee. The candidates and their nominators spoke to their particular qualifications.

Beckett and Small were selected via a secret ballot vote.

##### *OUSA Delegate Selection*

Councillor Abramovitch was nominated and acclaimed to the one councillor seat on the committee (seat previously held and vacated by Councillor Tran).

##### *Policies and Procedures*

Reba Nauth and Jason Small were nominated and acclaimed to the two at-large seats on the committee.

##### *President's Advisory*

Councillors Matthew Gerrits and Tomson Tran were nominated and acclaimed to the two councillor seats on the committee.

Suzanne Mayharty and Zhuoyuan Zhang were nominated and acclaimed to the two at-large seats on the committee.

### *Leadership Awards*

Vice President Priori was nominated and acclaimed to the committee as a previous award recipient.

Councillor Tomson Tran was nominated and acclaimed to the councillor seat on the committee.

### *Elections and Referenda Appeals*

President Lolas was nominated and acclaimed to the councillor seat on the committee.

Alexander Wray and Hannah Beckett were nominated and acclaimed to the two at-large seats on the committee.

In accordance with Council Procedure, Wray was named Chair of the committee.

### *Honorary Lifetime Membership*

Councillors Antonio Brieva and Spencer Dobrik were nominated and acclaimed to the two councillor seats on the committee.

Councillor Razan Qaoud, Councillor Tomson Tran, and Vice President Wiley were nominated and acclaimed to the three at-large seats on the committee.

Council heard a motion to ratify all committee appointments, as selected.

### *Priori and Machado. Carried.*

Council heard a motion to destroy the ballots from the nomination votes for the Student Life Endowment Funding Committee and Coop Students Council.

### *Lolas and Gerrits. Carried.*

Council heard a motion to refer the appointment of the director seats on the Leadership Awards Committee and Honorary Lifetime Membership Committee to the Board of Directors.

### *Priori and Dobrik. Carried.*

## **V. ANCILLARY FEES POLICY REVIEW**

Speaker Wray presented Council with information regarding the Ancillary Fee Policy Review previously tasked to the Policies and Procedures Committee. Councillors were encouraged to read all slides and contact the Speaker or the President with any follow-up questions.

Slides used in the presentation may be found here: [goo.gl/9rKVdR](https://goo.gl/9rKVdR)

## **VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councillor Gerrits informed Council that he is developing a draft Feds policy on sexual violence response, and encouraged interested councillors to contact him with input.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment was moved at 13:47.

*Lolas and Wiley. Carried.*