

Students' Council Agenda

12:30 PM October 6, 2013

SLC 1120/1121 (Multi-Purpose Room)

I have tried to use a consistent formatting throughout the agenda. Underlined items denote items of significance, usually that a decision will be required of Council. Upright text is the text of an actual decision to be submitted to Council for consideration, rather than a reference to an attachment. Large italic text is descriptive but important text, and small italic text is commentary.

Some of the commentary, especially relating to the rules regarding bringing up new business is based on my personal interpretations of the procedures of Council in conjunction with Robert's Rules of Order. Council, however, is the master of its own rules, and is the body ultimately responsible for deciding how to interpret them. Accordingly, if any Councillor disagrees with my interpretation, then I encourage them to appeal to Council to allow Council to discuss and decide the issue.

Preliminaries

Approval of the Agenda

An agenda is not a comprehensive list of everything that might come up at the meeting, but instead it is a list of what subjects will be considered and in what order. The adoption of the agenda cements the relative priority of each item of business. Adding items to the agenda requires a two-thirds vote, although new items of business can still be raised without needing that vote once the entire agenda is complete.

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

Consent Agenda

Per Council Procedure 9, items on the consent agenda will be considered in gross, without debate or amendment. Items will be moved from the consent agenda to the regular agenda upon the request of any member. The purpose of the consent agenda is not to suppress debate but to allow Council to quickly consider and approve uncontroversial items.

Reports

2. Councillor Reports
 - a. Applied Health Sciences ([attachment 01](#))
 - b. Math ([attachment 02](#))

Regular Agenda

Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of a meeting are the official record of what happened at that meeting, and contain the authoritative versions of the actions taken at the meeting. No motion or vote is required to adopt the minutes, once corrections are made. If there are significant reservations about the minutes, the approval may be dispensed with, and the minutes will be returned at the subsequent meeting for approval.

3. **Minutes:** BIRT the minutes of the September 15 meeting in [attachment 05](#) be approved.

Reports

Reports are submitted to Council by various officers and committees of Feds and of Council. Motions arising directly out a report, including to adopt motions recommended in the report, may be considered immediately after the report without having to wait until later in the meeting. No action is required to receive a report. If Council decides to adopt or accept a report, then it is endorsing the entire report and not just the recommendations.

4. Executive Reports

- a. Vice-President, Education ([attachment 03](#))
- b. Vice-President, Internal
- c. Vice-President, Operations and Finance ([attachment 04](#))
- d. President

5. Executive Presentations

6. Executive Q&A Period

7. Councillor Reports

8. Officers of Council

a. **Speaker**

To be delivered orally. Notes will be sent to the mailing list.

b. **Secretary**

9. Standing Committees

(none)

10. Special Committees

a. **Council Improvement Committee**

To be sent to the mailing list on Thursday. Amendments to the minutes procedure will likely be recommended.

Special Orders

A special order is an item which will take precedence over all business pending at the time set for the special order. Council will interrupt whatever it is doing at the time to deal with to the special order. As it suspends the normal rule that one item must be disposed of before another can be brought up, setting a special order (or ignoring one already set) requires a two-thirds vote.

11. At 1:15 PM: Presentation about University Student Leadership Strategy

Jeff Henry, Manager, Student Development will give a short presentation on the University's student leadership strategy, at what student input is needed.

General Orders

A general order is an item of business that is ordered to be taken up at a meeting. The most important thing that the agenda does is set general orders and their relative ordering.

12. Motion (Vice-President, Education): Procedural Affairs Committee

WHEREAS the Bylaws of the Corporation should be a responsibility of the Board of the Directors;

BIRT that Section D, *Bylaws, Policies, and Procedures Committee*, of the *Committees of Students' Council* Procedure be replaced with the following:

D. Policy & Procedure Committee

1. Responsibilities

- a. Ensure that Students' Council policies and procedures are consistent with the bylaws of the corporation;

- b. Propose amendments and renewals of policies and procedures to Council;
- c. Ensure that any unwritten procedure commonly utilized by the Corporation be proposed in the form of a written procedure;
- d. Ensure that the policy and procedure manual is updated and complete.

2. Membership

- a. The President who shall be the Chair;
- b. Two (2) voting members of Students' Council;
- c. Two (2) at-large members; and
- d. The Speaker of Students' Council, as a non-voting resource member

3. Meetings

- a. Meetings shall be held at least two weeks prior to each scheduled meeting of Students' Council

13. Motion (Elizabeth McFaul): Use of Preferential Ballot in General Elections

Councillor McFaul will make a motion to recommend to the Board that the bylaws be amended to provide for the use of Instant Runoff Vote in the election of executive, and for the use of Single Transferable Vote in the election of Council Representatives, and to make related changes to the Elections Procedure.

RESOLVED, Students' Council recommends that the Federation of Students change to Instant-Run-Off (IRV) voting for single-seat elections, and Single Transferable Vote (STV) for multi-seat elections; and, be it further

RESOLVED, Students' Council recommends that the Board of Directors include a motion to change the voting systems, with the appropriate by-law changes, for consideration at the Fall 2013 General Meeting.

14. Motion (Elizabeth McFaul): Preparation of Instructions for Ranked Ballots

Councillor McFaul will make a motion to request that the Bylaws, Policies, and Procedures committee (or the Procedural Affairs Committee; see item 11) prepare instructions for the use of Ranked Ballots at Council.

WHEREAS, Students' Council has been operating using ranked voting for committee appointments at the past few meetings; and

WHEREAS, many individuals may not have knowledge of this system, including scrutineers tallying ballots; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, Students' Council tasks BP&P with creating an instruction sheet on tallying ranked voting for the next meeting; and be it further

RESOLVED, Students' Council tasks BP&P with amending the procedures to reflect the change to ranked voting for committee appointments.

15. Discussion: SoapBox

16. Motion: Meet & Greet

RESOLVED, Feds Council holds a meet & greet with the membership with the goal to engage and consult students.

RESOLVED, that VP Pozega shall set the date for the meet & greet.

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.

BIRT Council creates an ad-hoc nomination committee, as below:

Nomination Committee

1. Responsibilities

- a. Solicit nominations for student-at-large vacancies of standing committees, ad-hoc committees, and working groups and recommend individuals to Students' Council to fill such vacancies .

2. Membership

- a. The President who shall be the Chair;
- b. Two (2) voting members of Students' Council; and
- c. One (1) other member of Students' Council.

3. Nomination Period

- a. The Committee shall open nominations for any at-large committee seats for at least two weeks. Nominations will close at least one week before a council meeting.
- b. The committee shall review any nominations and conduct interviews with candidates if necessary. The committee shall make recommendations on all candidates, and provide these recommendations to council.

4. Meetings

- a. Meetings shall be held in person to review nominations.

Nomination Committee:

Councillor Seats (2): McIntosh, Ramdev

Other Council Member: Hunt

Policy & Procedure Committee:

Councillor Seats (2): McFaul, McGinnis

At Large Seats (2): Elizabeth Bates,

Motions:

add to Committee motion that *RESOLVED*, the secretary's assistant shall receive up to the same honorarium as the secretary.

task David Collins with finding a secretary's assistant by next meeting

