

The regular meeting of the Federation of Students Students' Council was called to order at 12:42 PM on Sunday, October 6, 2013, in SLC 1120/1121. The Speaker was in the chair and Julia Meriel served as secretary *pro tem*. The minutes of the previous meeting were dispensed with.

Council considered a motion to adopt the agenda. After amendment, the agenda was adopted as follows:

### **Preliminaries**

#### **Approval of the Agenda**

#### **Consent Agenda**

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

#### **Regular Agenda**

Approval of the Minutes

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

Reports

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**
  - b. **Secretary**
9. **Standing Committees**  
(none)
10. **Special Committees**
  - a. **Council Improvement Committee**

Special Orders

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

#### **General Orders**

12. **Motion (Vice-President, Education): Procedural Affairs Committee**  
*WHEREAS* the Bylaws of the Corporation should be a responsibility of the Board of the Directors; and  
*WHEREAS* Students' Council Policies are developed by various committees, and do not need to be reviewed for consistency by a

separate Committee; and  
*WHEREAS* the nomination process for student-at-large vacancies of standing committees can be made more efficient to encourage more students to be involved,  
BIRT that Section D, *Bylaws, Policies, and Procedures Committee*, of the *Committees of Students' Council Procedure* be replaced with the following:

D. Procedural Affairs Committee

1. Responsibilities

2. Membership

3. Meetings

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

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

New Business

The meeting proceeded as follows:

Council received reports from the AHS and Math Councillors in the consent agenda.

Councillor Hamade moved to dispense with the reading and approval of the minutes. The motion was adopted.

The Vice-President, Internal; the Vice-President, Operations & Finance; and the Vice-President, Education delivered reports and the executives answered questions. The Arts, Environment, Engineering, and Science Councillors and the Speaker delivered reports.

The Speaker reported on behalf of the special committee formed on June 9th to investigate ways to improve Council. On behalf of the committee, Councillor Harrison moved the adoption of a series of resolutions, which after debate and amendment were adopted as follows:

*WHEREAS* Students' Council has had difficulty in getting minutes prepared in a timely fashion, or at all, and

*WHEREAS* Students' Council has had difficulty in retaining a permanent secretary, be it therefore

*RESOLVED*, that Council shall appoint an assistant to the secretary, and

*RESOLVED*, that in the procedure "Students' Council Meetings", rename section C. Students' Council Minutes, to C. Students' Council Minutes & Proceedings, and amend it to read as follows:

The minutes of Students' Council meetings shall be prepared as described in Robert's Rules of Order, with the following exceptions:

1. On the request of any Councillor, a motion shall be recorded in the minutes.
2. On the request of any Councillor, a vote shall be counted and the count shall be entered in the minutes.
3. On the request of any Councillor, that Councillor's vote shall be recorded in the minutes.

Along with the minutes, the proceedings of Students' Council shall be prepared as described in Robert's Rules, containing all motions made along with an abstract of each speech on each motion. The abstracts shall capture the main points of each speech. The proceedings shall be approved along with the minutes at each meeting.

The minute and proceedings of a meeting shall be sent to the Council mailing list within two weeks of the meeting, with a "draft" watermark.

Once the minutes & proceedings are approved, they shall be posted to the Feds website within two weeks.

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

Councillor McIntosh moved to task David Collins with finding a secretary's assistant by next meeting. The motion was adopted.

Jeff Henry, Manager, Student Development, delivered a presentation to Council.

Vice-President Garcia moved a motion which, after debate and amendment, was adopted as follows:

During debate on the motion, Councillor McGinnis made the point of order that the motion was to create a new standing committee, and was therefore out of order as procedure requires a committee to be a special committee for 3 terms before it is made a standing committee. The Speaker ruled that the point was not well taken, as while procedure 17 had language to this effect, that procedure was rescinded at the June 7 meeting.

After debate on the same motion, Councillor McFaul made the point of order that the text relating to standing committees was incorporated into procedure 26. The Speaker ruled that the point of order well taken as he had been referencing an outdated copy of procedure 26. Procedure 26 did contain text to the effect that a special committee, after having been active for 3 terms, was eligible to become a standing committee. By the principle of the exception proving the rule, this line would not need to be present in the procedure if a special committee was always eligible to become a standing committee, and so accordingly it follows that this is the only way that a new standing committee could be created would be by making it first a special committee and having it be active for 3 terms. Accordingly, the Speaker ruled the motion to amend the procedure to be null and void.

Councillor McFaul moved a motion regarding STV and recommended that Council vote it down then bring forward a motion of creating a nominating committee –the motion was adopted.

Councillor McFaul moved the adoption of the following resolutions, which were adopted after debate:

*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.

VP Pozega brought to the Council's attention Soapbox –the discussion included supporting points from Council members McIntosh, McGinnis, Patel, and Hakuno.

Councilor Hamade called a motion to moving onto the next item of the agenda, and was approved by Speaker Hunt.

Councillor Nelson moved a motion which, after debate and amendment, was adopted as a motion to adopt the following resolutions:

*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.

Councillor McFaul moved a motion which, after debate and amendment, was adopted as follows:

*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.

Councillor Hamade moved to suspend the rules to allow for reintroduction of the motion to establish a Procedural Affairs Committee. The motion was adopted 13-6. Councillor Hamade moved a motion which was adopted as follows:

*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

Council proceeded to fill the positions on the Nominating Committee and the Policy & Procedure Committee. Councillors McIntosh and Ramdev were selected to occupy the voting Councillor seats on the Nominating Committee, and the Speaker was selected to occupy the remaining seat. Councillors McFaul and McGinnis were selected to occupy the voting Councillor seats on the Policy and Procedure Committee. Elizabeth Bates was selected to occupy one of the at-large seats, and consideration of the remaining seat was postponed to the next meeting of Council.

Council adjourned at 3:30 P.M.