

STUDENTS' COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING: OCTOBER 2014

The Regular Meeting of the Federation of Students Students' Council at 12:30 PM on Sunday, October 18th, 2014 in SLC 1120/1121. The Speaker in the chair was Doug Turner. Secretary Andrew Clubine was absent; Deputy Speaker Kianna Wan served as the secretary for this meeting.

The following members were in attendance: Councillors Wang (Jazbel), McCready, Nelson, Hamidzai, Domingo, Sidharta, Koo, Puri, Wang (Julian), Balram, Gaffoor, Wang (Allen), Liu, Lolas, and Wan. President Burt and Vice Presidents Balfour, Hamade and Yasin were also in attendance.

Councillors Khan, Ramdev, Nasif, Knight and Hayman excused from attending the meeting.

Unexcused absences: Councillor Thaker.

CALL TO ORDER

Speaker Turner called the meeting to order at 12:30PM.

PRELIMINARIES

ELECTION OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY

The meeting began with a blank motion for the election of the Assistant Secretary:

1. **"BIRT Council elects _____ as Assistant Secretary of Students' Council."**

No nominations for Assistant Secretary were made.

2. Moved by VP Hamade, seconded by VP Yasin:

"BIRT Council postpone the election of Assistant Secretary of Students' Council to the Students' Council Regular Meeting of November 2014."

-Carried unanimously-

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. Moved in amendment by Councillor Lolas, seconded by VP Balfour:

“BIRT the agenda for the September Regular Meeting be approved:

-Carried unanimously-

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the September Regular Meeting were approved unanimously.

SPECIAL ORDERS

HEALTH SERVICES PRESENTATION

Barb Schumacher from UW Health Services presented to Council.

CONSENT AGENDA

4. **“BIRT Council receive and approve the Consent Agenda for the August 2014 Regular Meeting.”**
 - a. Councillor Reports
 - i. Doug Turner (Arts)
 - ii. James Koo (AHS)
 - iii. Brandon Gaffoor (Environment)
 - iv. Julian Wang (Engineering)
 - v. Jill Knight (AHS)
 - vi. Anne Marie Hayman (St. Jeromes)
 - vii. Christos Lolas (Math)
 - viii. Kianna Wan (Science)
 - ix. Anand Balram (Environment)
 - x. Kavita Puri (Kitchener)
 - b. Committee Reports
 - i. Elections and Referenda Committee

-Carried unanimously-

REPORTS

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

President Burt, Vice-President Internal Yasin, Vice-President Operations and Finance Balfour and Vice-President, Education Hamade presented their executive reports, found in the agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS

EXTERNAL REVIEW PROCEDURE

5. Moved by VP Hamade, seconded by Councillor Lolas:

“BIRT Council amend Procedure 23 as follows:

- **All references to Education Advisory Committee shall be replaced by Governmental Affairs Committee;**
- **Reference to Provincial Affairs Commissioner shall be replaced by “a member of the Governmental Affairs Committee”; and**
- **Section 2.c). shall be struck.”**

-Carried unanimously-

FEDERAL ADVOCACY STRATEGY

6. Moved by VP Hamade, seconded by Councillor Lolas:

“BIRT The Federation of Students’ Federal Advocacy Strategy is to engage local MPs and meet with relevant decision makers in Ottawa, according to October 2014 statement from the Governmental Affairs Advisory Committee.”

-Carried unanimously-

COMMUNICATION POLICY

7. Moved by President Burt, seconded by Councillor Koo:

“BIRT Council approve the Communications Policy”

- a. Amendment by Councillor Lolas, seconded by Councillor Koo:

Add “Whereas Feds Council is responsible for determining the policies of the corporation” as a second Whereas statement under The Board of Directors and Students’ Council - Media Communications.

-Carried unanimously-

- b. Amendment by Councillor Koo, seconded by President Burt:

Change “any sort of communication” to “any stance” in the BIRT statement under The Board of Directors and Students’ Council - Media Communications.

-Carried unanimously-

- c. Amendment by President Burt, seconded by Councillor Nelson:

Change “cannot be disclosed” to “should not be communicated” in the BIRT statement under The Board of Directors and Students’ Council - Media Communications.

-Carried unanimously-

- d. Amendment by President Burt, seconded by Councillor Lolas:

Append “and the Feds Executive should not speak out against any stance adopted by Council” to the Whereas statement under The Board of Directors and Students’ Council - Media Communications, added in amendment ‘a.’

-Carried unanimously-

- e. Amendment by Councillor Lolas, seconded by President Burt:

Remove “as a formal stance of Feds” in the BIRT statement under Executives - Media Communication.

-Carried unanimously-

- f. Amendment by Councillor Lolas, seconded by Councillor Gaffoor:

Change the second Whereas statement under The Board of Directors and Students’ Council - Internal Communication to a BIRT statement.

-Carried unanimously-

- g. Amendment by Councillor McCready, seconded by Councillor Lolas:

Add “shall not be against any formal stance adopted by Council and” after “any form of communication made on behalf of the entire organization” in the Be It Resolved statement under Executives - Media Communication.

-Carried unanimously-

- h. Motion by Councillor Hamidzai, seconded by Councillor Koo,

BIRT Council task the President’s Advisory Committee and Policy & Procedures Committee with including a clause on Councillors and Directors speaking on behalf of the entire organization.

-Carried unanimously

- i. Motion by Councillor Lolas, seconded by Councillor Balram,

“BIRT Council postpone this motion to the November regular meeting of Council”

-Carried unanimously-

-Main motion postponed, as amended, until November regular meeting-

PROCEDURE AMENDMENTS

8. Moved by President Burt, seconded by Councillor Wan:

BIRT Council amend Procedure 2, replacing “The Federation of Students President or his/her designate shall appoint (a) representative(s)” with “If a student must be appointed, the Federation of Students President or his/her designate shall appoint the representative(s)”.

-Carried unanimously-

ADJOURNMENT

Speaker Turner adjourned the meeting at 3:27 PM.