

Federation of Students' Council Minutes

PHYSICS 308, UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO

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

ATTENDANCE

The following members were present:

- Wu, Richard
- Gerrits, Matthew
- MacMillan, Kurt
- Richardson, Savannah
- O'Sullivan, Elizabeth
- Chen, Junru*
- Cheng, Linyi
- Small, Jason
- Arnold, Katie(EngSoc B representative)
- Saleh, Rana*
- Lee, Alex* (MathSoc representative)
- Velling, Seneca
- Richard, Austin (SciSoc representative)
- Scambia, Miranda (ASU representative)
- Akhtar, Bilal*
- Hua, Deon*
- Li, Rongzhao*
- Cortes, Amandreo*
- Mohan, Andrew*
- Hou, Yu Chen*
- Cadler, Ethan
- Renison University College representative
- Shimoda, Mariko (Engineering Society A Representative)
- Tran, Tomson (AHSUM Representative)
- Mirlees, Carly (ESS representative)
- Plante, Connor (Co-op Affairs Commissioner)

* remote † arrived late

The following members were absent:

- Baik, Vincent
- Kocko, Chris*
- GBDA representative
- SoPhs representative

- Campbell, Oliver
- Smith, Jessica* (ASU vacancy appointment)

* excused

The following gallery were present and wished to recorded:

- Siemons, Jacob
- Yang, Edward
- Hunte, John

PRELIMINARIES

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present for the conduct of business, Elizabeth O’Sullivan called the meeting to order at 12:37 PM. Speaker Elizabeth O’Sullivan directed the Secretary to check attendance. Attendance was recorded in the register.

Secretary’s Note: the meeting on March 17th, 2019 was called by the Speaker due to cancellation and rescheduling of the original March 10th meeting caused by inclement weather.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Be it resolved that Council approve the March 31st, 2019 Meeting agenda, as presented.

Vice President Savannah Richardson requested an earlier adjournment time. Councillor Jason Small noted that the intention of the late adjournment time was to prevent the occurrence of the prior meeting with the meeting being ended prior to business being conducted.

Be it resolved that Council amend the agenda to set the scheduled time of adjournment at 16:30.

Secretary Seneca Velling and Science Society Designate Austin Richard.

Motion carries with Councillor Jason Small opposed and EngSoc B President Katie Arnold in abstention.

Councillor Linyi Cheng questioned by a motion referred to Policies and Procedures Committee regarding mailinglists was not brought back to Council on this Agenda as required. Speaker Elizabeth O’Sullivan referred this to the Chair of Policies and Procedures Committee, President Richard Wu who indicated he would review the minutes and get back to the COuncillo.r

Councillor Jason Small withdrew an item regarding the *Task Force Dissolution* due to the Board extending the mandate of the Committee. Vice President Savannah Richardson

inquired if the item could be withdrawn unilaterally, Secretary Seneca Velling advised Speaker Elizabeth O'Sullivan that the item was not yet in possession of the assembly as it had not been moved or seconded and thus could be withdrawn by member who had proposed it for the Agenda. Speaker Elizabeth O'Sullivan ruled the item could be withdrawn.

Be it resolved that Council consider reports at the end of the meeting's general orders, preceding other business.

Councillor Bilal Akhtar and Councillor Deon Hua.

EngSoc B President Katie Arnold asks if this was all reports or just Councillor reports. Councillor Bilal Akhtar noted it was all reports.

Motion carries

With no further opposition, the Speaker adopted the agenda, as amended.

TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Pursuant to Federation Policy 50, Indigenous Engagement and Inclusivity, the Federation of Students' Council acknowledges:

The University of Waterloo is on the traditional territory of the Neutral, Anishnaabeg, and Haudenosaunee peoples. The University of Waterloo is situated on the Haldimand Tract, land promised to the Six Nations, which includes six miles on each side of the Grand River.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Be it resolved that Council approve the minutes of the March 16th, 2019 meeting, as presented.

Secretary Seneca Velling and Science Society Designate Austin Richard.

Councillor Linyi Cheng noted concerns with a statement he made being improperly recorded. The Secretary presented the raw minutes of the meeting and noted he had take a verbatim quote due to the nature of the quote. The Councillor apologized and retracted his statements.

Vice President Matthew Gerrits noted there was an omission of a name due to a command error in L^AT_EX. The Vice President also brought up a change from CTAT to CTAPT in the course evaluation review.

Vice President Savannah Richardson noted the meeting occurred on the 16th not the 17th as recorded in the minutes. The Secretary noted the correction.

Councillor Rongzhao Li noted that the reconsideration motion preceded the note regarding legality of the motion. The Secretary noted this was a formatting choice to make the distinction in the section, not a representation of order. The Councillor expressed that this was fine in that case and withdrew the concern.

Motion carries as amended, with EngSoc B President Katie Arnold, Councillor Jason Small, Vice President Kurt MacMillan, President Richard Wu, Councillor Rongzhao Liin abstention.

CONSENT AGENDA

Be it resolved that Council adopts the Consent Agenda.
Speaker Elizabeth O'Sullivan and Deputy Speaker Jason Small.

Secretary's Note: All items on the Consent Agenda are moved by the chair on behalf of the assembly.

Councillor Jason Small raised a request to move the item *Motion to Allow CLAC to Approve RAISE's Council Procedure* to the beginning of General Orders. Speaker Elizabeth O'Sullivan noted the item was moved from the Consent Agenda per the Councillors request.

The Consent Agenda included only those items adopted below.

ADVOCACY POLICY ON OPPOSITION TO CLASS-G UNIVERSITY POLICIES

Be it resolved that Council refers the advocacy policy on Opposition to and Reform of University Class G Policies to the Education Advisory Committee (EAC) for review and further amendment;

Be it further resolved that the EAC shall return the amended policy by the first meeting of the next governing year with a recommendation on the adoption of the policy;

Be it further resolved that Council appoint member-at-large *Jacob Siemons* to the EAC as a pro tem. member during discussion of this policy.

STATEMENT ON ALLEGATIONS OF MARXISM

Be it resolved that Council categorically rejects any claims or comments that itself or Feds as a whole supports or follows Marxist ideologies.

MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY 43

Be it resolved that Council adopt amendments to Policy 43, endorsed by the Board of Directors

COMMISSIONER PROPOSAL

Whereas the Society Relations Commissioner has experienced gaps in expectations of the role compared to the reality of Society needs;

Whereas the administrative duties of the Society Relations Commissioners have already been delegated to different staff members within the Federation of Students;

Whereas there is an opportunity to enhance Feds ability to commit to and execute equity goals;

Be it resolved that Students' Council ratifies the dissolution of the Society Relations Commissioner;

Be it further resolved that Students' Council ratifies the creation of the Equity Commissioner under the Vice President, Student Life.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

AMENDMENTS TO POLICY 20

Be it resolved that Council adopt amendments to Policy 20 presented, as recommended by PPC.

President Richard Wu and Science Society Designate Austin Richard.

President Richard Wu noted this was a response to a submission by Councillor Alex Eyre on the Execs capacity to carry out OUSA policy recommendations. The original request was to have Council approve items, but the Policies and Procedures Committee (PPC) recommends the onus be on Council to express this sentiment, otherwise the executives were unreasonably restrained from exercising their duties. The new potential framework that could be invoked was that to overturn a policy would require a two-thirds vote in the negative. In addition, other items were fleshed out with respect to presentation.

Councillor Alex Eyre noted this had undergone changes since originally introduced, but he was glad to see that Feds has the final say for what Feds is advocating for, since it is in the best interests of Waterloo students to retain this control.

expressed concerns about this policy. If Feds is part of a group, a collective, of institutions that decides to take action, how can one member of that group then oppose the change and not support the item. The Vice President stated that individual Councillors could not do this for Council. expressed opposition to opposing the collective decision. Secretary Seneca Velling spoke to the difference of a fiduciary body and a governing body, stating that Councillors could certainly oppose Council decisions and historically have and spoken vehemently and publicly of their opposition, but generally it was encouraged that Councillors exercise respect for the outcome even if they disagree with it. In this sense, the Secretary found no procedural conflict of the policy with the Federation's membership in OUSA.

Councillor Jason Small asked about the last clause was included as it might create unnecessary work on the part of the marketing department, but suggested striking the last clause on plain English summaries of policies.

Councillor Alex Eyre responded to Vice President Savannah Richardson noting that OUSA helps Feds, but where it does not Feds job is to represent and support Waterloo students' interests, not Ontario students' interests. In addition, the high bar of two-thirds to overturn such a policy would be difficult to overcome unless a policy truly undermined Waterloo's interests.

Vice President Matthew Gerrits noted he had originally raised concerns about the onus being on the Executives, but was very happy with how that turned out in the finalized version of the policy.

Secretary Seneca Velling inquired how many policy conflicts the Federation has with OUSA and how they are dealt with. Vice President Matthew Gerrits noted that as part of the OUSA review membership panel, the RPO did a review of this; Feds does not have many policies that talk about things on a provincial level. The biggest conflict is the OUSA stance of Freedom of Expression. Currently, when Steering Committee (SC) advocates for things for OUSA desires with MPPs or other stakeholders, the way it is structured unofficially is that if there is something a particular SC member has uncomfortable advocating on directly he then the SC would organize the meeting such that other members lobbied on those points. The only potential problem may be presented with a Feds delegate being OUSA president, but this can be dealt with when the need arises.

Be it resolved that the last clause of the amendment be struck.

Councillor Jason Small and .

Councillor Jason Small said he thinks the marketing effort is not necessary. Speaker Elizabeth O'Sullivan said she saw value to this clause and sometimes things are surprisingly unclear to people and this may help.

Secretary Seneca Velling spoke to the value of advocacy communications and marketing to the student population. The Secretary noted it was something students recognized the value of and cared for but the Federation had historically undervalued relative to many other things that ought to be lower priorities.

Vice President Matthew Gerrits noted that the current OUSA summary contains two-page briefs for summaries of the policies, but this is something where Feds can save marketing work by making reference to the briefs. This is a long standing policy,

Speaker Elizabeth O'Sullivan noted that a two-page summary is too long for most students to care for and perhaps infographics and simple marketing of results would do more to impact and inform students.

Motion was Withdrawn from Consideration by Council

Be it resolved that the last clause be struck and replaced with:

Be it further resolved that the VP Education will work with the Marketing & Communications Dept, or equivalent, to determine effective communication of OUSA initiatives to the membership.

and President Richard Wu.

Vice President Matthew Gerrits asked what was envisioned by this change.

Councillor Alex Eyre noted that 's amendment was excellent and would allow for things like posters and digital signage, or similar, regarding relevancy of OUSA advocacy objectives to be prioritized by Feds and communicated to the student body.

Secretary Seneca Velling answered Vice President Matthew Gerrits's point that perhaps infographics and simple descriptions of objectives would be a means of this, but that the discussion was quickly becoming too operational whereas the intent of the motion was to inform students as a policy of the corporation.

called the question on the item. With no further discussion pending the Speaker brought the item to the floor for a vote.

Motion carries

The main motion then proceeded to the floor.

Motion carries

Point of Order: Councillor Alex Eyre rose a point of order on the Freedom of Speech & Expression policy by OUSA conflicting with the Feds policy on the same. The Councillor moved that the Education Advisory Council be tasked to review conflicts between Feds and OUSA policies this matter.

Be it resolved that the Education Advisory Council shall review the conflicts between the Federation of Students and Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance policies on Freedom of Speech and/or Expression.

Councillor Alex Eyre and Councillor Linyi Cheng.

Motion carries with Councillor Jason Small in abstention.

RECONSIDERATION OF SECURE AND PROTECT FEDS ELECTION INTEGRITY

Be it resolved that Council reconsider the motion entitled Secure and Protect Feds Election Integrity which was adopted at the 17 March 2019 Meeting of Council.

Speaker Elizabeth O'Sullivan and Deputy Speaker Jason Small.

Point of Information: Councillor Rongzhao Li rose to a point of information whether the item can be re-adopted after reconsideration as the Senate by-election that had originally vitiated the adopted motion for non-compliance with the bylaws was no longer running. Secretary Seneca Velling confirmed with President Richard Wu that no by-elections were in progress. Speaker Elizabeth O'Sullivan noted in this case the motion could then be re-adopted.

Point of Information: Vice President Matthew Gerrits rose to a point of information as to what the impact of this was, Deputy Speaker Jason Small explained the logic and the potential for the item to be re-adopted or to fail and not enter into force.

Speaker Elizabeth O’Sullivan called the item to the floor.

Motion carries

Be it resolved that Council adopt the Secure and Protect Feds Election Integrity resolution.

Vice President Matthew Gerrits noted that the motion had a mover so they can speak to it.

Point of Privilege: Councillor Rongzhao Li rose to a point of privilege that Councillor Deon Hua had been disconnected from the call and the prior motion should be voted on again. Speaker Elizabeth O’Sullivan clarified his vote would not have impacted the outcome of the prior motion, but instructed Deputy Speaker Jason Small to ensure Councillor Deon Hua could reconnect to the call.

Speaker Elizabeth O’Sullivan invited Councillor Rongzhao Li to introduce the motion. Councillor Rongzhao Li stated that given some contention on the item he was open to it being referred to committee, but the intention was that there were certain red lines in elections that if crossed would yield immediate disqualification from the election. Regardless of what a committee might want to do for policy reform, there are certain items that Candidates should never be permitted to engage in.

Vice President Matthew Gerrits noted that he would vote against the motion as currently written. Where many of these points are worth discussion, but cited a desire to wait for the elections report to return to Council.

Councillor Alex Eyre noted that he supported Vice President Matthew Gerrits’s idea to wait for the elections report. He also inquired what the difference between “bribery” and “distribution of money, goods, and alcohol” was. Councillor Rongzhao Li explained that bribery is buying favours, but distribution could be paying to come out to the voting booth or get food at our event or similar. It did not matter who to vote for but does impact results.

President Richard Wu stated that has he invited Councillors to participate in the policy and procedure overhaul for elections in the past and would like Councillor Rongzhao Li to attend those discussion. The President noted that the elections team is still going through elections debrief. Councillors would like to move this but this is a work in progress.

Secretary Seneca Velling asked if the President could confirm the invitation of Councillors and other parties to participate was still standing. President Richard Wu noted this was the case.

Be it resolved that Council table the item until the Elections report is received by Council.

Science Society Designate Austin Richard and Vice President Savannah Richardson.

Motion carries .

Councillor Deon Hua requested the vote count:

- 9 in favour,
- 8 opposed,
- 4 abstentions.

SPECIAL MEETING FOR OUSA DEBRIEF

Secretary's Note: This item was not dispensed with due to the adjournment of the 16 March 2019 meeting prior to its consideration.

Whereas I have been approached on multiple occasions from numerous delegates both from Waterloo and other institutions with information detailing disturbing misconduct by other member institutions of Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance (OUSA) delegates from the most recent General Assembly (GA) between the days of March 1st to March 3rd,

Whereas much of this information is substantiated and shown to be truthful in the live recording of the plenary session of the OUSA GA on March 3rd,

Whereas Feds was the host organization for this most recent OUSA GA and as a host seeks to provide an open and friendly environment for policy writing and healthy debate to allow for robust exchange of ideas and ensure disagreement may be expressed fairly,

Whereas it would be in the best interest of Students' Council to hear from the delegates who attended the most recent OUSA GA,

Be it resolved that a special meeting of Council be held to conduct a debriefing, with a time and place chosen at the discretion of Speaker prior to the next Council meeting, subject to established procedures;

Be it further resolved that the summoned persons are to be all Waterloo delegates of the Winter 2019 OUSA GA; attendance shall be compulsory for all delegates who were also Officers, Executives, Councillors, or Directors of the Federation at the time of their tenure as a delegate, with the attendance of all other Waterloo delegates being requested but voluntary;

Be it further resolved that the summoned persons will be asked to give their testimony to characterize what constituted egregious behavior, unfair actions, or unethical actions conducted by delegates from the McMaster Student Union or the OUSA Steering Committee (SC);

Be it further resolved that that all SC members and the LGBTQ+ Students paper authors will be requested for a written report of what happened, so long as such a report does not negatively impact their health or wellness;

Be it further resolved that that the VP Education work with other SC members to review relevant OUSA bylaws or policies that may pertain to GA procedures and rules;

Be it further resolved that the spirit of this investigation is to determine how to improve the GA process in the future to avoid the possible issues that arose.

Science Society Designate Austin Richard and EngSoc A President Mariko Shimoda.

Science Society Designate Austin Richard spoke to the motion, noting wished to express extreme disappointed that this item was not considered at the prior meeting. He feels that the actions that might have arisen at the last meeting would have happened before this Council meeting whereas no during exam time. Science Society Designate Austin Richard noted there were people who wished to make amendments from a special meeting to maybe an *ad hoc* committee with fewer members to prevent the need for a special meeting during exams. But if Council now feels this is beyond the period of relevancy, he understood as it had been a month since the incidents underlying the item, but if Council feels this way then he implores the VPED to follow through with the spirit so that OUSA's SC prevents the recurrence of these events. Science Society Designate Austin Richard stated that what happened at the last OUSA GA should not happen again. He advised that Feds work with OUSA to take proper precautions.

Vice President Matthew Gerrits wanted to say that with respect to the final two BIFRTs, they are already underway and Vice President Matthew Gerrits is reaching out to the LGBTQ+ authors about what they did and did not see and what they want changed in process. Vice President Matthew Gerrits explained there was a paper at the last GA that was tabled for rewrites that came up unexpectedly for Waterloo's delegates and most others, it was harmful for the mental state of the authors in how the school bringing up the problems handled it. The Vice President, Education stated he did not like to see that, but that OUSA's SC is committed to prevent this in the future.

Vice President Matthew Gerrits also spoke against the BIFRT that presumes unfair actions and unethical conduct by members of the McMaster Students Union (MSU), especially considering members of Waterloo's delegation had supported the changes.

Secretary Seneca Velling spoke in favour of the motion, noting that while he have voted in favour of the changes at the OUSA General Assembly because he believed and had been reasonably convinced that greater intersectional approach to the paper was needed to ensure it would help all students, the manner the proposed changes were handled did amount to unethical and unfair behaviour by the MSU. Notably the Councillor pointed to the fact that members of the MSU delegation had liberal and continued access to the author's personal rooms even after being requested to leave, had threatened to vote down the paper multiple times without their changes being adopted by the authors for presentation to the assembly. In turn, those MSU-proposed changes were not reviewed by members of the assembly first when delegates were asked to vote. In effect the MSU had compelled the authors to participate in *ex parte* decision making and compromised the policy development process. Further to this, the use of threats to force changes was an unethical practice. The Councillor also highlighted how numerous delegates expressed concern with how the changes at the General Assembly were proposed. Secretary Seneca Velling encouraged the Council to investigate this matter.

Be it resolved that Council strike first BIRT regarding calling a special meeting of Council and replace it with:

Be it resolved that Council task the EAC to conduct the review.

Motion is considered friendly and adopted

Science Society Designate Austin Richard stated that had this been taken up two weeks prior this would have been dealt with already. Speaker Elizabeth O'Sullivan said that was irrelevant.

Vice President Matthew Gerrits noted that quorum could be challenging with the Education Advisory Council, and this could be challenging but could come before the May meeting of Council.

Secretary Seneca Velling proposed an *ad hoc* committee with the mover, VPED, and two others. EngSoc B President Katie Arnold noted that this could bias the assessment. Vice President Savannah Richardson suggested a committee of people who did not attend the OUSA GA.

Be it resolved that Council strike references to EAC and replace it with an *ad hoc* Committee composed of _____, _____, _____, _____.
Secretary Seneca Velling and Councillor Alex Eyre.

Vice President Matthew Gerrits objected to the motion.

Motion carries with President Richard Wu, , Vice President Kurt MacMillan, Vice President Matthew Gerrits in opposition.

Councillor Alex Eyre asked how many meetings would occur. Speaker Elizabeth O'Sullivan said as needed and Deputy Speaker Jason Small noted that there might be a report writing component.

Nominations for the Committee: EngSoc B President Katie Arnold, Councillor Alex Eyre, Science Society Designate Austin Richard,

Be it resolved that Council appoints EngSoc B President Katie Arnold, Vice President Matthew Gerrits, Science Society Designate Austin Richard, and Councillor Alex Eyre to the Committee.

Motion carries with EngSoc B President Katie Arnold in abstention.

Motion carries with Science Society Designate Austin Richard in favour, Vice President Savannah Richardson in opposition, and EngSoc B President Katie Arnold in abstention.

GENERAL ORDERS

MOTION TO ALLOW CLAC TO APPROVE RAISE'S COUNCIL PROCEDURE

Secretary's Note: item was moved from the Consent Agenda of this meeting to the General Orders.

Whereas Students' Council delegated Campus Life Advisory Committee (CLAC) authority over all actions related to establishing RAISE;

Whereas RAISE has not been formalized in the council procedures;

Be it resolved that Students' Council delegates its final authority to CLAC to approve RAISE's formalization in Council Procedure.

and Secretary Seneca Velling.

noted that in the Fall term the MATES Council procedure was proposed and that when the RAISE Council procedures it would require changes retroactively. Now that RAISE has been established and been launched, would like to make sure formalized council procedures are prepared. This was to be respectful of Councillors time during exam season. Since CLAC ran the process, they would be well placed to do this.

Deputy Speaker Jason Small said he liked the idea, but was wary of devolution of procedural authorities to committees.

Seneca Velling proposed COPS instead of CLAC since they were the executive committee of Council with decision making rights on behalf of the assembly between regular meetings. Vice President Savannah Richardson said she preferred this going to CLAC.

EngSoc B President Katie Arnold asked if this should come back to Council.

Councillor Jason Small moved to make this subject to Council ratification at the May meeting. He supports the idea as trivial, but he thinks it's a good safe guard to prevent future precedent.

Be it resolved that Council require the approved procedural amendments for inclusion of the RAISE service be ratified at the May Meeting of Council.

Deputy Speaker Jason Small and EngSoc B President Katie Arnold.

Motion is considered friendly and adopted

Motion carries with EngSoc B President Katie Arnold and Secretary Seneca Velling in favour.

“RATE MY WORK TERM” CONTINGENCY PLAN

Whereas the “Rate my Work Term” feature allows students to anonymously submit ratings and write reviews of their work term, which enables future co-op students to make informed decisions and filter out workplaces with repeated complaints;

Whereas students highly support this feature;

Whereas the “Rate my Work Term” feature was first planned to be created by EngSoc back in Winter 2016 - over three years ago - and was passed on to CECA instead;

Whereas three years is more than enough time to collect student reviews and ratings of their workplaces;

Whereas the Co-op Office has promised on several occasions to launch the feature by Fall 2019;

Whereas numerous students believe that the Co-op Office places employers’ interests above students’ interests and has a history of lack of accountability;

Be it resolved that if the “Rate my Work Term” feature is not launched by Fall 2019, the Federation of Students shall, in consultation with faculty society, develop its own “Rate my Work Term” system.

Councillor Linyi Cheng and EngSoc B President Katie Arnold.

Secretary’s Note: EngSoc B President Katie Arnold wished it noted that she seconded the item to speak in opposition to it.

Councillor Linyi Cheng stated that the Rate-my-Workterm feature was created by EngSoc years ago, it was passed on to CECA in 2016. But CECA intends to do this and launch in 2019, but if CECA does not Feds can creat and release such a platform

EngSoc B President Katie Arnold noted she was on EngSoc’s Council when this was brought forward. The Society wanted a rate your work term for Engineering Students, but it cannot be made public if the results are not anonymous. Anonymity requires a threshold of respondents before it can be rolled out. When the project was transferred to CECA it was done so with this understanding and has continued to be monitored for implementation. CECA is committed to rolling this out but with the intent of anonymity.

Councillor Deon Hua noted that the CECA commitment is good and he agreed with EngSoc B President Katie Arnold. Co-op Education Council has seen good analysis of results so far, and the Mathematics Society is excited for students to see it in the potentially the fall term. Regardless of this if we do the same work at Feds this will be a lot of time and effort building something that is a waste of money an redundant.

Secretary Seneca Velling spoke against the motion but invited Councillor Linyi Cheng to create the item himself if he wished. Secretary Seneca Velling noted the cost of creating such a system, particularly in a year with Students’ Choice Initiative (SCI) which would reduce some revenues.

Councillor Bilal Akhtar noted interncompas.io had a similar function and many Waterloo already used it, this would be redundant for Feds to create something similar.

Connor Plante, the Co-op Affairs Commission, wanted to give perspective from Co-op. Connor when he saw this on the agenda he reached out to CECA about it. Fall was the current target, but it was not likely to be rolled out by Fall, but it will likely come by Winter 2020 due critical thresholds for anonymity requirements. Another term of

patience would suit Feds well at this point noted the Commissioner. CECA has a full data analytics team working with WaterlooWorks and IST on this project. Feds lacks this capacity as well as them, and it has been going on for sometime to collect the data. Commissioner Plante recommends waiting for 2020.

Vice President Matthew Gerrits Calls the question.

Motion fails with Councillor Linyi Cheng in favour.

ETHICAL TREATMENT OF CO-OP STUDENTS

Whereas there are hundreds of anonymous testimonies on r/uwaterloo of students being mistreated by Co-op advisors in ways that would violate Policy 33: Ethical Behaviour, and would likely lead to termination of said advisors in typical corporate setting;

Whereas SciSoc had collected hundreds of testimonies of further unethical behaviour of Co-op advisors in its survey titled: “Student Survey regarding CECA - May 2017”;

Whereas the continuous onpour of unethical behaviour by some Co-op advisors suggest repeated problems are not adequately addressed by the Co-op Office;

Whereas the Federation seeks to work with the Co-op Office to source out problems but is also willing to take matters into its own hand;

Be it resolved that the Federation of Students officially requests from SciSoc the raw testimonies of SciSoc’s survey titled: “Student Survey regarding CECA - May 2017”, that the nondisclosure agreement be voided, and that all incoming Councillors shall receive a copy of said testimonies in order to better understand and empathize with students’ complaints against the unethical actions of the Co-op Office;

Be it further resolved that if the Federation deems the Co-op Office to be inadequately addressing repeated student complaints of unethical behaviour, the Federation shall:

1. Create a database of student complaints, along with the names of the co-op advisors whom the students complain about. This database shall not be deleted and backups will be made;
2. File, on behalf of the student, Policy 33: Ethical Behaviour against the co-op advisor;
3. Formally request UW HR to investigate against co-op advisors whom students have repeatedly complained about Work with students newsgroups to provide non-invasive information about complaints

Councillor Linyi Cheng and EngSoc B President Katie Arnold.

Councillor Linyi Cheng stated he had little hope for this motion passing, but that, contrary to popular belief, he did not hate the co-op department rather he likes some of the work it does. This resolution was not aimed at accusation of the co-op department over

all, but rather the abuse of power, sweeping problems under the rug, and repeated issues with certain repeated co-op advisers. There are two components to the resolution: first that Feds requests the hundreds of testimonies from the Science Society and provides these to incoming councillors to help them empathize with problems faced by co-op students; and second to help them document repeated issues of unethical behaviour. The Councillor expressed how this would help the co-op office as well.

Secretary Seneca Velling spoke to the raw data noting it was accessible to student and university governing bodies and administration, but citing that it was redacted for good reason as much of it was profane. The Secretary noted that the responses had been collected with the intention of anonymity and publishing them after the fact was then a violation of student trust. The commentary had already been shared and discussed with Co-op who had made huge strides to improve and address the issues presented, the Secretary acknowledged.

noted there's an entire University Office with investigators to investigate policy 33 complaints already and emphasized this was squarely the university's jurisdiction.

Vice President Matthew Gerrits spoke against the motion and said that he was not sure Feds could even file on behalf of someone else, this would force them to attend something and partipate in a process they may not want to participate in.

Vice President Matthew Gerrits also noted the co-op policy spoke to improvements to the co-op advising process. The Co-op Student Experience Review has begun and this will provide opportunities for feedback. Much of the intention of this resolution was already underway via Feds or the Co-op and Experiential Education (CEE) Department already.

Councillor Deon Hua spoke to discussion that had occurred at Co-op Students' Council already about this matter. In 2019, Co-op emphasized they would be focusing on improving the student advising experience. Councillor Deon Hua namely inquired about whether the survey could include questions about advisors ratings; in addition co-op is considering a co-op ombudsman in the CEE Department. In addition, some advisors have been put on performance improvement plans. This discussion was underway and actions were being taken to help the student experience. The resolution being proposed by Councillor Linyi Cheng might be detrimental to that willing cooperation.

EngSoc B President Katie Arnold noted that in the words of the Engineering Society's VP Academic Benjamin Beelen, that the data base just exacerbates the divide between students and their co-op advisors rather than solving the problem.

Councillor Linyi Cheng spoke to having a third option with the data base still being useful.

Motion to Call the Question

Vice President Matthew Gerrits and EngSoc B President Katie Arnold.

Motion carries with EngSoc A President Mariko Shimoda in opposition, Councillor Linyi Cheng in abstention.

The question proceeds to the floor.

Motion fails with EngSoc B President Katie Arnold noted in opposition, Councillor Linyi Cheng in favour.

MOTION TO TEMPORARILY SUSPEND PROCEDURE

Whereas with the turnover in governing years between April and May impedes the ability for new clubs to be approved by IAC in the spring term;

Be it resolved that the Executive, clubs assistant, Clubs Manager, and Director of Campus Life are given authority to approve new club applications until IAC is struck.

Be it further resolved that the outgoing and incoming VP Student Life will work on a long-term solution for the challenges IAC face in approving new clubs at the beginning of the governing year.

and Vice President Matthew Gerrits.

noted that when she began in May, the turnover in governance made it difficult to strike the Internal Administration Committee (IAC) at the beginning. But with transition coming up, she wanted to provide the opportunity to approve clubs and reduce this sticking point for the incoming VP Student Life. clarified there would not be consideration of contentious items, just basic club approvals so things can get off the ground more quickly.

Vice President Matthew Gerrits noted that IAC has clear and consistent principles and the clubs manager is good at applying those. IAC infrequently disagrees with the clubs manager. The Vice President, Education expressed that this motion was not an unreasonable request in his opinion.

Councillor Alex Eyre noted that being on IAC last year, this is a good idea, but he asked that contentious issues get sorted by the relevant IAC members when struck.

agreed and noted the strict clubs procedures and manual would be followed.

Science Society Designate Austin Richard noted that this is an annual problem and stated while he was fine to make an exception currently, he would like to see solutions going forward. Vice President Savannah Richardson noted that a longer term solution would be needed but this is just a trial. Proposals will be provided to IAC for consideration before being brought to Council.

Secretary Seneca Velling asked for clarification on the use of the word “Executive” in the proposal.

EngSoc B President Katie Arnold asked what defined a contentious club problem. Also asked if document on clubs documentation would be given to new members. noted that overlap with other clubs or services mandates or similar was often cause for contention normally. Documentation was part of the committee’s transition noted the Vice President, Student Life.

Secretary Seneca Velling noted the documentation was online and strictly followed by the committee historically.

Motion carries with Deputy Speaker Jason Small in abstention.

SOCIETY SEAT RESERVATION

Be it resolved that Council adopt the new procedure Society Seat Reservation as attached, to go into immediate effect.

Deputy Speaker Jason Small and EngSoc B President Katie Arnold.

Deputy Speaker Jason Small noted that he will be abstaining on this item as he sits on the EngSoc's Board and therefore had a conflict of interest. EngSoc B President Katie Arnold also declared a Conflict of Interest on the item.

Vice President Matthew Gerrits spoke in favour of the motion, noting it complied with the new bylaws and gave two voting seats to the Engineering Society and their sub-components Society A and Society B.

Secretary Seneca Velling asked if there were other faculties to which this applies as well. Vice President Savannah Richardson made clear that the others were already awarded these seats as a function of being the only such societies in those constituencies. It was agreed this should be codified in the future though. The Vice President, Student Life noted societies and constituency affairs would become the President's responsibility on 1 May 2019, and as such noted the incoming President should work on this item.

Motion to Call the Question

Vice President Matthew Gerrits and Councillor Deon Hua.

Motion carries with Councillor Linyi Cheng noted in opposition because he was next on the Speaker's list.

Motion carries with Councillor Linyi Chengin abstention and EngSoc B President Katie Arnold, Deputy Speaker Jason Small and EngSoc A President Mariko Shimoda present and not voting.

ONLINE VOTE FOR APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

Be it resolved that Council authorizes online votes during the month of April, subject to ratification at the May meeting, on appointments to committees of Council for the 2019-2020 governing year.

Deputy Speaker Jason Small and Science Society Designate Austin Richard.

Deputy Speaker Jason Small noted this is one more transitional thing that himself and more people are trying to figure out. This gives some flexibility, it does not require the option be pursued but allows some options to the Officers.

asked Deputy Speaker Jason Small to confirm it would be the 2019-2020 Councillors to do the voting. The Deputy Speaker replied in the negative, but noted he was amenable to make an amendment to that effect.

Be it resolved that the motion be amended to clarify the vote be an "online vote of the incoming Councillors".

Deputy Speaker Jason Small and Vice President Savannah Richardson.

Motion is considered unfriendly Vice President Savannah Richardson asked if incoming Councillors could even vote since they were not councillors.

Secretary Seneca Velling explained concerns with incoming Councillors doing it, noting they were not familiar with the committee's mandates and had not yet been transitioned so we were not well placed to vote. The Secretary however did confirm for Vice President Savannah Richardson that the Councillors could indeed vote and the online vote would later be ratified to bring it into force.

Deputy Speaker Jason Small noted that this would be done after the Councillors are informed at transition.

Vice President Savannah Richardson noted that reception for postings in April was not great. The Vice President, Student Life believed this was not a great use of time and needs more consideration.

Vice President Matthew Gerrits spoke in support of 's interpretation of the impact of this on at-large students.

Speaker Elizabeth O'Sullivan clarified the motion on the floor.

Motion carries with Secretary Seneca Velling and Deputy Speaker Jason Small noted in abstention.

Motion fails with Deputy Speaker Jason Small and Secretary Seneca Velling in abstention.

AMENDMENTS TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE 6: ELECTIONS AND REFERENDA PROCEDURES

Be it resolved that Council approves the amendments to Council Procedure 6 and refers them to Policies and Procedures Committee (PPC) for lexicographical editing.

Objection to the Consideration of the motion was raised by: Secretary Seneca Velling on the basis that the elections report has not been provided to Council so Council is not well placed to act on this item.

Motion fails to achieve two-thirds majority required to prevent consideration of the item, the item proceeded to the floor.

Councillor Linyi Cheng and .

Councillor Linyi Cheng introduced the item and noted that the first change it to bring back Elections & Referenda Committee and to conduct surveys to find which issues students actually care about. This would decrease barriers of entry by providing some campaign materials to candidates rather than candidates campaigning for special interests. The next change requires vetting of platform points via the ERO, this came from the senatorial by-election with no platform points listed by candidates. This makes it difficult to have an informed choice. If you take the time to get 100 nominations you should take the time to have a platform.

Vice President Matthew Gerrits spoke against this motion when Council dissolved having an the Elections & Referenda Committee (ERC) when there used to be an ERC. When there are contentious referenda or elections there are a slew of allegations, each allegation took 5-10 minutes to dispense with which is efficient but cumulatively cost a ton of time. This led to a reform of the ERC and restriction of the rules around appeals and gave the ERO the power to enforce the rules on a first level. This reduced the workload of the ERC considerably. A reversal to this pragmatically is not great in terms of work load and function. This does not principally add anything to the Elections and Referenda Appeals Committee (ERAC) that increases quality of elections or referenda.

President Richard Wu asked Councillor Linyi Cheng why moving oversight of the ERO by the Chair of the Board. Councillor Linyi Cheng pointed to his head and said he got the idea in his own brain, the Chair of the Board expressed strong dissent to this proposal. President Richard Wu said he does not think this belongs at the Board, and he's been reviewing with the RPO other school's procedures. This is being reformed this year based on best practices and environment scans. He's reviewing this already and would encourage councillors to oppose the item. Secretary Seneca Velling also spoke in opposition to politicization of the Board of Directors.

Councillor Deon Hua spoke against §3.2.4, "...ERC conduct surveys to find issues students care for ..." as it skews the ERC to care about a specific political disposition rather than impartiality. Councillor Linyi Cheng invoked direct response, but asked if it would assuage concerns if have the survey's passed to Council before going to ERC, Councillor Deon Hua said no this would likely just further polarize Council.

EngSoc B President Katie Arnold stated that §3.1.1 required the ERO to report directly Chair or non-executive, non-candidate Director, but later this specifies that the ERO reports to the Council. This was ambiguous and prone to future issues. Further, the member raised concerns with §2.4.4, noting it was not the Federation's job to spoon feed campaigns to candidates.

Secretary Seneca Velling spoke about the risks of politicizing the Board and about trust in the institution. He noted he would be opposing the motion.

Motion to Call the Question

Councillor Bilal Akhtar and EngSoc B President Katie Arnold.

Motion carries with Councillor Linyi Cheng opposed.

The main motion proceeded to the floor:

Motion fails with Councillor Linyi Cheng in favour, Secretary Seneca Velling opposed.

CAPTURING COUNCILLORS' IDEAS BEFORE THEY LEAVE

Be it resolved that Council adopts the resolution in Knowledge Sharing.pdf effective immediately.

Councillor Linyi Cheng and Councillor Jason Small.

Councillor Linyi Cheng asked Councillor Jason Small to talk about his motion for him. Councillor Jason Small stated that many people in the room might have ideas that they might have wanted to accomplish but did not and this allows sets of documents to be contributed to with ideas for the org. Councillor Jason Small then introduced his own opinion: that he likes the idea of the documents existing, but opposed it being on the website, and since the content is not endorsed by Council as a whole this should just be a running list of ideas.

Be it resolved that Council amend the motion to strike the listing on the webpage from the entire document.

Councillor Jason Small and Secretary Seneca Velling.

Point of Information: Vice President Matthew Gerrits rose to a point of information regarding what item was being discussed. Speaker Elizabeth O’Sullivan explained the nature of discussion.

Councillor Linyi Cheng moved to amend the amendment to only the second and third references (2nd and 3rd BIRT statements) be struck.

Secretary Seneca Velling suggested voting reference by reference in splitting the question, chair assumed this motion with consensus:

1. First reference — struck by friendly amendment.
2. Second reference — unfriendly to Councillor Linyi Cheng.

Councillor Linyi Cheng spoke to this being about at large students and how past students thought about feds and what the institution has been or could be. Councillor Linyi Cheng said he did not care what hosts it but thinks it is a good idea to have this up. stated that she believes Councillor philosophies to be the policies, and insights are part of transition. She did not believe the website was a place to archive everything Feds has, only a place to access the most relevant information. EngSoc B President Katie Arnold noted that the Secretary records all of these ideas that get presented in the minutes and lauded the secretary for dedication. Councillor Deon Hua stated that putting this on the website would be a reflection of Council which it was not.

Struck by unfriendly amendment.

3. Third reference — struck by friendly amendment.

Secretary Seneca Velling noted there was considerable overlap with Council transition handbook, but some ideas were novel and with the changes of not being on the website he was supportive of the proposal.

Motion fails with Councillor Linyi Cheng in favour, Secretary Seneca Velling noted in favour, and Councillor Jason Small in abstention.

MISCELLANEOUS AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Whereas publicly sharing Executives’ progress on campaign goals enables stronger accountability;

Whereas there are advocacy resolutions or incomplete resolutions that are buried within pages of minutes and are likely to be forgotten unless they are made more accessible.

Be it resolved that Council recommends the Executive Committee to establish a website that keeps track of the progress of Executives' campaign promises. The Committee can hire co-ops or competent IT staff to build it. An example is the TrudeauMeter.

Be it further resolved that Council recommends the Officers to make a separate document on the Students' Council webpage that contains all existing advocacy resolutions or incomplete resolutions since September 2018. Eg, Resolution on displaying results of past GMs/referenda/etc., Two-Ply Toilet Paper Advocacy Resolution, Lester/Uni Crossing Advocacy Resolution.

Be it resolved that Council recommends the Federation to allocate a small portion of money to create a Freedom of Information Request fund, which shall be used to learn more about the University and its operations.

Councillor Linyi Cheng and Secretary Seneca Velling.

Secretary's Note: Secretary Seneca Velling wished it noted he seconded the item to speak in opposition.

Point of Privilege: asked about microphone being closer to Councillor Linyi Cheng as he spoke. Speaker Elizabeth O'Sullivan instructed the Councillor to hold the microphone closer.

Councillor Linyi Cheng proposed an amendment:

Whereas the university has its sunshine list as mandated by the province, the Federation will create one,

Whereas the university has its sunshine list as mandated by the province, the Federation shall create one;

Be it resolved that that The Federation shall create a sunshine list for anyone making above 70k.

Secretary Seneca Velling and Vice President Matthew Gerrits noted this already exists. Councillor Linyi Cheng asked how much Executives made. Speaker Elizabeth O'Sullivan responded that it was between \$45-50k depending how benefits were counted.

Point of Order: Vice President Matthew Gerrits requests Speaker Elizabeth O'Sullivan rule this out of order as it is *ultra vires*. Deputy Speaker Jason Small offered that if Councillor Linyi Cheng were to treat this as a recommendation then it would not be out of order.

Councillor Linyi Cheng agreed to this and the assembly found the amendment unfriendly. The item was resubmitted as a recommendation to the Board.

Secretary Seneca Velling noted this was likely not in compliance with University HR policies Feds has to follow even if it were recommended to the Board, so likely no changes would occur.

Motion fails

Councillor Linyi Cheng proposed an amendment:

Whereas students are interested in accountability of WaterlooWorks,

Be it resolved that Fed submits a Freedom of Information Request (FOIA) request for the annual maintenance costs of the program.

Point of Order: Secretary Seneca Velling noted that this change was not germane to the main motion and asked it be withdrawn and introduced during new business. Councillor Alex Eyre noted that this is Council's job and this can be achieved through strengthening reporting and accountability.

Motion to Call the Question

Councillor Deon Hua and Vice President Savannah Richardson.

Motion fails to achieve two-thirds threshold.

Point of Order:: President Richard Wu asked if the item actually failed and asked for confirmation from the Secretary on the vote count. Secretary Seneca Velling confirmed the motion failed narrowly.

echoed Councillor Alex Eyre's point that this is Council's duty and there's regular reports to Council including updates on action items and other things. Vice President Savannah Richardson noted the first resolution was a not great use of resources for the organization either, and offered instead termly action plan updates, this would be more reasonable in terms of finances and resources available. Councillor Deon Hua agreed with the point Councillor Alex Eyre mentioned, this is Council's role to keep Executives accountable. For the Organization itself to do so would be odd and can be misconstrued by students and future Councils. This can also be solved with more timely action plan updates.

Motion to Call the Question

Vice President Matthew Gerrits and Vice President Savannah Richardson.

Motion fails

Secretary Seneca Velling noted he intended to do this personally as an incoming Executive, but recommended against voting in favour of the item because it was not easily doable for all Executives necessarily or financially reasonably for the organization. The Secretary proposed a trial basis initially.

Motion to Divide the Question Vice President Savannah Richardson supported splitting the question due to broadness.

Motion carries

On the first resolution:

Be it resolved that Council adopt the first resolution of the main motion.

Motion to Call the Question

Motion carries

Motion fails with Councillor Linyi Cheng in favour.

Recess Point of Order: Vice President Matthew Gerrits rose to a point of order for a procedurally mandated recess. Speaker Elizabeth O'Sullivan recessed

the assembly for fifteen minutes.

Speaker Elizabeth O'Sullivan recalled the Council to order at 15:23.

Continuation of Session On the second resolution:

Be it resolved that Council adopt the second resolution of the main motion. Councillor Deon Hua noted that updates on such policies should be provided during reports of Committees and Executives.

Point of Privilege: Councillor Bilal Akhtar rose to a point of privilege that the microphones were muted.

Councillor Linyi Cheng stated that it would be more accessible year to year as he structured things.

Point of Information: Vice President Matthew Gerrits inquired if this was going on the website, Deputy Speaker Jason Small noted that as written, yes it would be on the website.

noted this was Council's role to follow up on, it was not a good use of time for the Officers and it is repetitive. Caucuses can do reports themselves as well.

Secretary Seneca Velling stated that this wasn't a bad idea necessarily but should be the responsibility of the Secretary really, and that lack of knowledge of decisions should not be an excuse, but can quickly become an excuse.

Vice President Matthew Gerrits expressed that he was agnostic to the resolution, but noted that with respect to staff input that if we want our website to be effective, the layering of information is important. Councillors asking things is important, but the website needs to be concise enough to find what you're looking for and be clear. Council has made it clear that governance is a priority for the website so that is what has been worked on this year and will continue to be improved.

Secretary Seneca Velling spoke to the function and role of transition and that this might be redundant. This could be subsumed under a more effective and better funded transition.

The motion is tied, in accordance with procedure the Speaker broke the tie. Speaker voted in opposition. The motion **fails**.

On the third resolution:

Be it resolved that Council adopt the third resolution of the main motion. Councillor Jason Small noted that as an individual he filed a FOIA request against the university for his own reasons, but unless there's specific reasons this is not really called for on the part of the Federation.

In light of SCI, Vice President Savannah Richardson noted that budgeting for a FOIA requests under the governance budget might not be the best use of funds.

asked Councillor Linyi Cheng to speak to the motion. Councillor Linyi Cheng introduced the motion and cited the purpose to be learning about the confidential actions of the University to find out stuff about the university for as little as five dollars.

Secretary Seneca Velling cited policy on this item and that the intention was already effectively in practice, the Federation helped students seek information on their questions. He stated he supported the idea but had concerns about the implementation method proposed and the impact on costs due to the hourly impact rate of FOIA requests imposed on the institution.

Motion fails

Each component of the motion failed. The motion is not adopted.

REPORTS

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

President (Wu)

President Richard Wu reported that it had been two weeks since the last Council meeting and the General Meeting had occurred. A quorum check was called but a lot of things were passed, business had been conducted for the most part. The President expressed the belief that the raffle prize and food helped increase quorum it seemed. In addition, the President was still going through review and amendment of the Elections & Referenda procedures. President Richard Wu inquired if it were amenable to the assembly to have a meeting style consultation on things or rather just propose it to Council. Secretary Seneca Velling asked to have public consultation so Council can have some debate on the procedural changes.

Secretary Seneca Velling also expressed opposition to the raffle prizes for the General Meetings as a waste of money and instead noted the hard work of the Engineering, Science, Mathematics, and other Caucuses for bringing students out and engaging them in governance. The Secretary noted nearly all the attendees were from these caucuses for the first time in some time, and that is not due to a raffle prize. Vice President Savannah Richardson noted that lots of architecture students came out too which was admirable! Councillor Alex Eyre asked why so many people left after food was served, could food not have been served later. President Richard Wu said he preferred to have it served at the end when possible. Science Society Designate Austin Richard congratulated President Richard Wu on being a good chair of the general meeting, but noted that after dinner every Councillor was hoping for not having a quorum check so business could continue. Science Society Designate Austin Richard asked to not sweep quorum problems under the rug and cited the President's claims of the raffle prize and food offerings as being not adequate proof of maintenance of quorum. President Richard Wu responded to Science Society Designate Austin Richard that the feedback was well taken, and that he acknowledged the societies who helped achieve quorum this year. However, President Richard Wu does think the raffle impacted things. Councillor Bilal Akhtar thanked President Richard Wu as well, but asked about Elections & Referenda procedures that had long been awaited and what a new timeline on this would look like. President Richard Wu stated that

he hoped for things to be completed by end of the governing year, but potentially June.

Vice President Student Life (Richardson)

Vice President Savannah Richardson noted that she submitted a written report and has nothing else to add, she enjoyed serving as Vice President, Student Life and thanked Council.

Councillor Rongzhao Li thanked Vice President Savannah Richardson for the amount of work she put into the Societies Memorandum of Understanding, the various Imprint issues, the SCI, and other additional things. He noted he had one question regarding SCI and the Societies, as to whether there had been a deadline on debundling fees. Councillor Rongzhao Li said every time he asks he get's a different date and there's not clear guidance. He asked for clear guidance on such a deadline. Vice President Savannah Richardson noted the total of the fee was not changing and so Societies could use their own internal mechanisms to approve a fee debundling, but that the reason for deadline shifting was because of working with the University on the appropriate standard date. The end of April is when the package needs to be received by the University. Vice President Savannah Richardson managed to push back the deadline, but the new date is set at April 14th.

Vice President Operations & Finance (MacMillan)

Vice President Kurt MacMillan noted he's meeting Budget & Appropriations Committee the week of the 8th and again thereafter. A lot of this is SCI related and Spring term budget approval related noted the Vice President, Operations and Finance. Vice President Kurt MacMillan noted he read the minutes and noted councillor's questions about Bomber from the last meeting and that survey has gone out about the Bomber. He thanked Councillors for promoting the survey. A lot of students had great ideas for above and beyond, this might mean having an opt-outable levied fee for the Bomber to support things (other schools do this).

Councillor Deon Hua asked about the Bomber and whether it is known when it might open again. Vice President Kurt MacMillan noted that the expected timeline was initially reopening in Fall 2019, but this was undoubtedly going to be impacted by SCI affecting funds. This will be pushed to Winter or Spring term 2020.

Science Society Designate Austin Richard asked how many people had taken the survey. Vice President Kurt MacMillan said when he last asked the marketing specialists on comm ops who said during first-week more than 200 people had taken it.

Councillor Deon Hua asked about mailing lists for MathSoc's Board of Directors. The Feds mailing list is being updated, the IT Manager was asking that we roll this out when May hits. He will make sure email contact goes to Councillor Deon Hua clarifying this.

Vice President Education (Gerrits)

Vice President Matthew Gerrits opted not to submit a written report for this meeting given the last meeting had a report which was two weeks ago. Since the last meeting the OUSA report has been completed. The report has been approved by the review panel and is at Education Advisory Council (EAC) for discussion. This is a matter of priority for Councillors and was due in January but it received extensions to get it in March.

The Vice President, Education welcomed any questions.

Secretary Seneca Velling asked what the vote count for the committee. Vice President Matthew Gerrits noted the review panel had voted unanimously, with EngSoc B President Katie Arnold failing to vote, in favour of the report's adoption.

Councillor Deon Hua asked if there was any input on CS/SE about international tuition. Vice President Matthew Gerrits noted nothing heard yet from University's finance department, but he was following up. Councillor Bilal Akhtar asked if this communication included the tuition grants to cover this difference in first year tuition. Vice President Matthew Gerrits stated that students were seeing greater increases than they should have been under the BoG internal guidelines for international tuition and that the increase to CS tuition to align with SE students and how this would affect people in years past first year was still being explored. Vice President Matthew Gerrits is following up with the University and will report back in May.

Councillor Jason Small inquired about the the OUSA review vote. This is currently something EAC has to produce a set of recommendations on regarding the panel's presented options. Councillor Jason Small stated his personal preference for what should occur following EAC's recommendation was an online vote. Secretary Seneca Velling stated he would prefer it go to COPS after EAC issues guidance and associated recommendations.

Be it resolved that Council authorize that an online vote take place to receive and respond to the OUSA review panel report when ready.

Deputy Speaker Jason Small and Councillor Bilal Akhtar.

Secretary Seneca Velling stated the report and gravity of the question merited consideration by Council or the Committee of Presidents, at the very least, and would be opposing the motion.

Motion carries with Secretary Seneca Velling in opposition to the online vote.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Chair of the Board reported on three items:

1. New Bylaw powers of Council would be coming into force on 1 May 2019. The Chair encouraged Councillors to review the new bylaws and reach out should they have questions. Transition documentation for Council was already being amended to reflect the changes by Deputy Speaker Jason Small, Speaker Elizabeth O'Sullivan, and Secretary Seneca Velling.
2. the Board and Executives are planning transition which would be occurring soon.

3. Board is looking into the impeachment salary loophole, as requested by Council. It has been tasked to the Vice President, Operations and Finance. In addition, the Board chose not to pursue performance bonuses recommendations by Council given the short time Executives are in office and the requirement from University HR that bonuses be issued in the Fall term, leaving little time for actual performance assessment on achievement of goals and long- to mid-term organizational objectives.

Councillor Linyi Cheng asked if a report would be coming on the impeachment matter. Vice President Matthew Gerrits and Chairperson Velling confirmed an investigation was underway and a report would be issued when finalized.

and Chairperson Velling highlighted requested by the Board of Directors of the Federation of Students for minor clarifying amendments to the Societies Memorandum of Understanding.

CONSTITUENCY CAUCUS REPORTS

Applied Health Sciences Caucus

AHSUM held an event with Engineering Society last week. AHSUM was doing transition currently.

Engineering Caucus

EngSoc B President Katie Arnold noted that after sixteen months, her Executive team is tired and excited to transition their new Executives. In addition, per Council's requested for the documentation, reports from the Engineering Society could be found on [the website](#) and should include all VP Academic mandated reports.

The Winter Joint General Meeting of the Society had just completed and unlike the Federation's General Meeting had survived two quorum checks. The General Meeting resulted in debundled fees, after review of five years of termly data and yielded two potential bundling structures. EngSoc B President Katie Arnold expressed frustration with a two day warning period for the debundling prior to the Engineering Society GM, but thanked Vice President Matthew Gerrits and Vice President Savannah Richardson for their support over that weekend.

Further, the Engineering Society's board of directors wrote a letter to the Chair of the Board of the Federation indicating that the society's presidents would not sign any amendments to the Societies Memorandum of Understanding without further consultation.

Councillor Linyi Cheng noted that some students spoke about issues around residents in ICON having furniture with normal wear and tear but ICON said it needed replacing and asked for \$700 in damages. Vice President Matthew Gerrits responded that Councillor Linyi Cheng had sent a follow up email about this to Municipal Affairs Commissioner Benjamin Easton.

Councillor Jason Small noted that in addition to planning and coordinating Council Transition he's been provided additional support for Engineering Councillors to help transition them into their roles.

Mathematics Caucus

Mathematics Society held their General Meeting last week and adjourned on time with quorum. Their fee restructure emergency leave provision was adopted, allowing the Society to approve fee debundling.

In addition, Mathematics Society has had continued issues with Imprint using their MathNEWS stands. MathNEWS has removed Imprint's papers from their stand and placed them in the Society's main office for return to Imprint. Despite requests by MathSoc, Imprint has threatened legal action and refused to take their papers off this stand. Secretary Seneca Velling asked if this was new information since the prior update or not. Councillor Rongzhao Li replied that it was not.

Councillor Deon Hua stated on the co-op side, students were told they would fail their co-op term for renegeing offers. Because this was not previously on the website, he has been working with the co-op office to ensure this is reflected on the website going forward. The Caucus' primary focus currently was on the CS tuition hike. While it does not impact current students, it will affect incoming ones. Councillor Deon Hua noted that Faculty sent out information informing to incoming students of the increase after some students rescinded their offers due to the changes. First year tuition will be subsidized to the original level, but no confirmation for second year or upper years yet.

REPORTS FROM THE OFFICERS

Deputy Speaker

Deputy Speaker Jason Small has been organizing Councillor Training with the other Officers. It will be occurring this coming Saturday April 6th all day, including a team building session and a group dinner. The Deputy Speaker encouraged attendance by outgoing Councillors to help liaise and execute the event.

MathSoc Designate Alex Lee asked for date and time information to be put up on the event. Deputy Speaker Jason Small confirmed it would be.

Vice President Savannah Richardson asked if there was funding for this. Secretary Seneca Velling confirmed he had inquired about funding line items with this with the Vice President, Operations and Finance. He also note that he would plan to budget for it in next years budget or transition budget with the BA Committee as needed. MathSoc Designate Alex Lee thanked the Deputy Speaker for coordinating live meeting updates as they were incredibly helpful to follow debate. Deputy Speaker Jason Small asked to what extent it was useful, Councillors noted it was helpful and encouraged it to continue.

Deputy Speaker Jason Small thanked Council for letting him serve, and noted he was excited to return next year.

Secretary

The Secretary welcomed feedback on the new Agenda template built in L^AT_EX. Councillors expressed support and thanked the Secretary for the work. Council directed the Officers to continue the use of this template.

The Secretary also noted the draft version of the Council handbook that he had prepared with the assistance and review of some of the other officers. The handbook was supposed to be a high-level summary of major powers, responsibilities, etc... of Council. It also outlined basic information on meetings and Robert's Rules.

STANDING COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS, AND SERVICE REPORTS

Commission Reports

Vice President Matthew Gerrits noted that Council was working on a brief discussed at the last meeting about use of the Co-op Affairs Commission.

Vice President Savannah Richardson noted the references to the Societies Relations Commissioner needed to be removed from all relevant documents.

Be it resolved that the Secretary strike references to the Societies Relations Commissioner from all relevant governing documents and policies.
and Vice President Matthew Gerrits.

Motion carries unanimously

NEW BUSINESS

ELECTIONS & REFERENDA REPORT

Councillor Rongzhao Li expressed concerns with the President continuously resting on the Elections & Referenda report.

Be it resolved that the Office of the President has two weeks to prepare the Elections & Referenda report and associated procedural amendments.

Councillor Rongzhao Li and EngSoc B President Katie Arnold.

Councillor Rongzhao Li noted the report was brought up repeatedly and used to prevent procedural changes being adopted. That report had not come out for a very long time since the elections and was thus hindering Council's ability to conduct business.

EngSoc B President Katie Arnold stated that with all due respect to the smooth sailing operations of the Federation of Students, elections were a huge issue this term and we Council cannot make change if the President continuously hides behind this report. If other executives had taken lead on the Bomber situation and Students' Choice Initiative, the President should be able to focus on and complete this elections related work. President Richard Wu rejected the claim that this was him trying to bury changes he disliked, and he noted that on multiple occasions

he had invited participation on Councillors. So far mostly Policies and Procedures Committee and Elections and Referenda Appeals Committee had participated in procedural overhaul. President Richard Wu stated that if this passes, he hopes two weeks would be sufficient.

asked what the value of the two weeks specifically were. Councillor Rongzhao Li stated he wanted a two week hard stop to permit the outgoing Councillors to review the changes and provide recommendations.

Motion carries with EngSoc B President Katie Arnold, Councillor Rongzhao Li, Councillor Bilal Akhtar, , Councillor Linyi Cheng, Councillor Deon Hua in favour.

Be it resolved that Council adjourn the meeting.

Vice President Matthew Gerrits and .

Secretary Seneca Velling noted that some other Councillors had new items.

Motion was Withdrawn from Consideration by Council

FUNDING FOR RESEARCH BY INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Science Society Designate Austin Richard raised an item that was to introduce an item on research funding for international students.

Be it resolved that Council is in favour of research funding for international students.

Science Society Designate Austin Richard and Vice President Matthew Gerrits.

Vice President Matthew Gerrits noted he was already exploring this and is looking for UCRU to advocate for this on the Federal scene.

Matt moves:

Be it resolved that Council tables the item for the next regular meeting.

The motion dies without a second.

Be it resolved that Council refers the item to Education Advisory Council to consider and return to Council in the future.

Councillor Bilal Akhtar and Councillor Deon Hua.

Motion carries

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION REPORT FOR THE FEDERATION OF STUDENTS

Secretary Seneca Velling noted that he had discussed with member at-large Kyera Mapp the inclusion on the Council agenda of an item from the last General Meeting agenda that had not been considered due to loss of quorum. The Secretary suggested mandating consideration of the item on the first meeting of Council in the new governing year.

Be it resolved that the Officers shall include a discussion item on the May agenda for the review and creation of a Diversity and Inclusion Report for the

Federation of Students.

Secretary Seneca Velling and .

Secretary Seneca Velling noted he would follow up with member at-large Kyera Mapp about the item in the meantime.

Point of Information: Vice President Matthew Gerrits inquired if Feds needed to consult equity services like RAISE, Women’s Centre, and others before such a motion. Secretary Seneca Velling stated that yes this would need to happen, but this seemed to be just a discussion item on whether it was worth looking into for the Federation and perhaps tasking the RPO and Vice President, Student Life to kick-start the process.

Motion carries with Deputy Speaker Jason Small in abstention.

ADJOURNMENT

Be it resolved that Council adjourn the meeting.

Speaker Elizabeth O’Sullivan and Deputy Speaker Jason Small.

Motion carries unanimously. Speaker Elizabeth O’Sullivan adjourned the meeting at 16:48.

Secretary’s Note: the next scheduled meeting of Council shall occur on 12 May 2019.