Federation of Students’ Council Agenda

Special Meeting

Online Meeting

Chair: Abbie Simpson  Secretary: Alana Guevara

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ATTENDANCE

Please convey regrets to the Speaker of Students’ Council at speaker@wusa.ca.

Attendees:

- Simpson, Abigail (Abbie) (President)
- Hunte, John (Deputy Speaker)
- Gondosiswanto, Evelyn (Assistant Secretary)
- Guevara, Alana (VP Operations and Finance)
- Town, Megan (VP Education)
- Abouelnaga, Nada (VP Student Life)
- Jolicoeur-Becotte, Marie
- Fatima, Aiman
- Ghuwalewala, Vidyut
- Singh, Jaineet
- Yanez, Jairo
- Narang, Aryan
- Dragusin, Rebecca
- Manas, Suri
- Couzens, Nathanial (President, ASU)
- Souza, Angela
- Hallen, Frances
- Ma, Joseph
- Lindstrom-Humphries, Delainey (President, EngSoc A)
- McGee, Ellen (President, EngSoc B)
- Yang, Edward
- Ye-Mowe, Stephanie
- Dhillon, Jaskaran
- Shi, Victoria (President, ESS)
- Schwarze, Matthew
- Dong, Catherine
- Sharma, Kanan
• Ukrani, Mahaveer Jai
• Zhu, Karl
• Wang, Yuqian (Ina) (President, MathSoc)
• Azam, M. Sikandar
• Dosen, Nick
• Macci, Sumayyah
• Parmar, Mokhash
• Roxas, Nikka (Niks) Ysabella

Expected Absences:
• Yang, Eumin (Edward)

• Surdi, Julian (President, SciSoc)
• Chen, Jason
• Helka, Amanda Nicole
• Ahmed, Mehida
• Ikeno, Victoria (Vicky) (Designate, RASC)
• Leo, Shanelle
• Easton, Benjamin (Chair of the Board)
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1 Preliminaries

Adding items to the agenda requires a two-thirds vote, although new items of business can still be raised without needing that vote once the entire agenda is complete.

1.1 Call to Order

Be it resolved that the Speaker calls the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

1.2 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.

1.3 Approval of the Agenda

Be it resolved that Council approve the Agenda, as presented.

The Speaker assumes the motion to adopt the Agenda, as presented or amended

2 General Orders

A general order is an item of business that is ordered to be taken up at a meeting. Time limits to discussions indicate the point at which the Speaker will end the discussion unless Council directs otherwise.

2.1 Ontario Police Services Funding

Whereas Executive Committee adopted a resolution and put forward the following quote to a newspaper,

WUSA supports the reallocation of police funding towards programs with proven efficacy. We believe a shift in funding would support increased provision of social services to improve issues like mental health, addiction, and homelessness. WUSA is concerned about systemic inequities and their interplay with traditional police services. Especially for this reason, we stand behind the restructuring of current policing systems to incorporate de-escalation tactics, harm reduction programs and training to address inherent biases.

Whereas, the provincial government recently announced $6 million dollars in funding for the Proceeds of Crime Front-Line Policing Grant.
Whereas, there are significant concerns with the current institution of policing, as presented by the Executive.

Be it resolved that the Waterloo Undergraduate Student Association holds the following principles, concerns and recommendations:

Principle: Public safety and wellbeing of students should be a key priority for the provincial government.

Principle: Investment in social services has been shown to decrease the prevalence of non-violent incidents currently handled by the police.

Concern: Current strategies for the funding and operation of law enforcement have adverse, dangerous impacts on marginalized individuals and communities.

Concern: Current strategies for the funding of law enforcement deprioritize funding available for proactive social services.

Recommendation: The provincial government should allocate more funding to urgent response programs for non-criminal events.

Recommendation: The provincial government should allocate more funding for community-driven, social services which act proactively to address concerns including crime, violence, homelessness, addiction, human trafficking, sexual violence and mental health.

Recommendation: The provincial government should invest in efforts to investigate systemic issues with policing in Canada and work to address any and all identified issues within the institution of policing.

Submitted By: Vice President, Education Town.

3 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Any Councillor may make an announcement not exceeding 1 minute in duration, which may be followed by up to 2 minutes of follow-up questions. No motions may be introduced from an announcement.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of Council is scheduled for August 23, starting at 10:30AM, on Microsoft Teams.

4 ADJOURNMENT

Be it resolved that the Chair adjourns the meeting no later than 4:00PM.
APPENDICES