

Federation of Students' Council Minutes

SLC 1120/1121, UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO

Speaker: JASON SMALL Secretary: SENECA VELLING

ATTENDANCE

The following members were present:

- Wu, Richard
- MacMillan, Kurt
- Gerrits, Matthew
- Cadler, Ethan*
- Chen, Junru*
- Cheng, Linyi
- Small, Jason
- Arnold, Katie (EngSoc B representative)
- Baik, Vincent
- Mirlees, Carly (ESS representative)
- Ourchane, Yussef*
- Saleh, Rana
- Campbell, Oliver†
- Mohan, Andrew*
- Lee, Alex (MathSoc representative)
- Velling, Seneca
- Richard, Austin (SciSoc representative)
- Cortes, Amandreo*
- GBDA Society representative*
- Scambia, Miranda (ASU representative)
- Smith, Jessica (ASU vacancy appointment)
- SJUSU representative
- GBDA representative
- SoPhs representative
- Akhtar, Bilal
- Hua, Deon
- Hou, Yu Chen
- Kocko, Christopher

* remote † arrived late

The following members were absent:

- Richardson, Savannah*
- O'Sullivan, Elizabeth*
- Mbandi, Joshua*
- Codini, Jack

- German-Doucet, Jacque
- Shimoda, Mariko (Engineering Society A Representative)
- Renison University College representative
- Tran, Tomson (AHSUM Representative)

* excused

The following gallery were present and wished to recorded:

- Beauchemin, Michael
- Hunte, John

PRELIMINARIES

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present for the conduct of business, Jason Small called the meeting to order at 12:38 PM.. Deputy Speaker Small directed the Secretary to check attendance. Attendance was recorded in the register.

RATIFICATION OF TEMPORARY COUNCILLOR

Whereas the Arts Student Union Council has selected Miranda Scambia to temporarily fill the vacant arts councillor seat.

Be it resolved that Council ratifies the appointment of Miranda Scambia as temporary arts councillor until such seat is filled through an election.

Councillor Jason Small and Science Society Designate Austin Richard.

Motion carries with Arts Student Union President Jessica Smith in abstention.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Be it resolved that Council approve the **February 10th, 2019 Meeting agenda**, as presented.

Councillor Linyi Cheng moves to amend the order of the agenda to consider the resolution on safe pedestrian crossings as the second item under General Orders:

Be it resolved that the agenda be amended to consider the resolution on safe pedestrian crossings as the second item under *General Orders*.

Councillor Linyi Cheng and Science Society Designate Austin Richard.

Vice President Matthew Gerrits requested the resolution on adoption of the policy be instead a resolution on adoption of a standing order. Councillor Linyi Cheng did not consider this friendly. Prior to further debate, Deputy Speaker Small ruled out of order further debate pending discussion under the appropriate item on the agenda.

Motion carries

Councillor Linyi Cheng requested the third item on the agenda to be considered as the second item. Secretary Seneca Velling requested that this be considered in regular order. Councillor Linyi Cheng withdrew his motion.

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.

CONSENT AGENDA**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Be it resolved that Council adopts the Open and Online Learning Policy and the Co-operative Education and Experiential Learning Policy, recommended for approval, under the stipulation the clerical changes will be made to replace "Principle", "Concern", and "Recommendation" statements with "Whereas", "BIRT", and BIFRT" statements.

Lenny moves divide the question and move the Co-operative Education and Experiential Learning Policy to the regular agenda:

Be it resolved that Council divide the question between the Co-operative Education and Experiential Learning Policy and the all others.

Councillor Linyi Cheng and Councillor Bilal Akhtar.

Councillor Linyi Cheng requests the Co-op policy be moved to *Business Arising from the Minutes*.

Pursuant to Council Procedure 9, Deputy Speaker Small moved the item to the regular agenda upon request of the Councillor.

The following motion remained under consideration with the consent agenda:

Be it resolved that Council adopts the Open and Online Learning Policy, recommended for approval, under the stipulation the clerical changes will be made to replace "Principle", "Concern", and "Recommendation" statements with "Whereas", "BIRT", and BIFRT" statements.

Motion carries unanimously.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

PRESIDENT (RICHARD WU)

The President indicated that a large majority of his time has been spent on the General Election and Referenda. In addition, included in his report were updates on his action plan. President Richard Wu welcomed comments or questions from Councillors.

Councillor Alex Eyre asked about sponsored ads on Provincial Government's changes to post-secondary education policy (*i.e.*, Students' Choice Initiative, "SCI"). The Councillor sought clarity as to why sponsored Facebook ads were used as this is a waste of student money. President Richard Wu responded that this was an executive decision and the Marketing Department boosted the post/new-story as they determined this is a priority based on Executive demands. The President deferred further SCI specific questions to the Vice President, Education. Councillor Alex Eyre clarified for Matt that this was brought up for discussion because this anti-SCI stance was not approved by Council or OUSA's GA, and some consultation prior to condemnation was appropriate. Vice President Matthew Gerrits explained that generally if changes hurt students Feds lobbies to protect students, and given that no policies or procedures outlined opinion or rules for this matter there was likely no error on the part of Executives. The VP Education understood the Councillors concerns, but given the timetable and other competing demands, the Executives used their discretion to oppose changes that generally hurt students at Waterloo.

Secretary Seneca Velling asked whether Councillor Alex Eyre's concerns were really focused on whether it was the stance or the lack of consultation. The Secretary sought clarity for the minutes. Councillor Alex Eyre said his focus was on the concerns of ancillary fees response in particular. The Councillor explained this was important enough it warranted a discussion by Council considering its impact on Students and the Executives failed to consult Council. Councillor Alex Eyre felt it was inappropriate to put funding or resources into this lobbying without such consultation.

Councillor Jason Small asked about the vote.feds.ca project team listed in the President's report. President Richard Wu noted that this was designed as a user focused experience; he was working with IT to ensure that vote.feds.ca and information pages (feds.ca) were well integrated. Next steps on integration were being explored.

EngSoc B President Katie Arnold inquired as to why some student were unable to vote on vote.feds.ca. President Richard Wu explained that there were concerns raised because some students were unable to vote online even though they were students. The President noted that it came down to what data the voting list had for online voting. Students unable to vote online were able to vote at physical polling stations. President Richard Wu noted Feds informed polling clerks of the rules and allowed students to vote via paper ballot. EngSoc B President Katie Arnold asked if accommodations were made for the nearly ≈ 4000 Faculty of Engineering students who were off campus and may have not been able to vote because of the errors in the data set used by Feds. President Richard Wu noted Feds explored different options on updating the voter list. However, to the President's understanding of the matter, IT indicated this would be problematic to the voting process and destabilized the system to change it during voting.

Councillor Deon Hua inquired why there were no updates for the President's committees. He asked what those committees were doing, including both Task Force and Waterfowl committee). President Richard Wu noted that given other more serious priorities, the Waterfowl Committee has been put on the back-burner. The Task Force for GM Engagement and Council Reforms was meeting soon, and would be providing bylaw amendments and procedural recommendations to the Board and Council in the coming weeks.

Councillor Linyi Cheng noted that at the start of the elections, during the first one and a half hours, no voting options were available to some students. President Richard Wu said he was surprised to hear this. Secretary Seneca Velling explained that Engineering students did not have access to referenda for this period of time due to an error in overlap of the Engineering Society and Feds elections occurring simultaneously. Director and then candidate Michael Beauchemin had recognized the error and reported it to IT who promptly addressed the problem.

Science Society Designate Austin Richard returned to the line of questioning with regards to the national letter to speaking out against ancillary fee changes. He clarified he had no significant concerns, but given the advertisements and given that the President wrote "collective disappointment" on behalf of the entire student government without first inquiring with even the Speaker or Council about the matter, he had some concerns of the process. President Richard Wu noted that Council could not meet during the elections timeline which is what had further complicated this decision, but understood some of Science Society Designate Austin Richard's concerns regarding whether proper consultation occurred. Science Society Designate Austin Richard asked the process was. President Richard Wu noted this was an extension of the general campaign by the Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance and other institutions. The President noted the letter was written in collaboration with seventy-six (76) signatory institutions across the nation. Western proposed the idea and Feds jumped on board. All schools edited and inputted suggestions. In terms of the press release, Western's team packaged the media release but other schools were asked to consult students and put the information online. Science Society Designate Austin Richard asked if other schools did consult. President Richard Wu expressed uncertainty.

No further questions were asked of the President.

VICE PRESIDENT OF STUDENT LIFE (SAVANNAH RICHARDSON)

Secretary's Note: Vice President Savannah Richardson was excused from the meeting. Provided with the agenda for information were the Services End-of-Term Reports referred from the Campus Life Advisory Committee (CLAC).

Science Society Designate Austin Richard noted that a number of policies were sent to the Committee of Presidents, he noted that the Policies and Procedures Committee had sent for consultation the society designate policy among others. EngSoc B President Katie Arnold responded, noting the Society Designate's policy had not been brought up in Committee, but that the Committee had unanimously voted in favour of subsuming the President's Advisory Committee under the Committee of Presidents and transfer of duties of that Committee.

Councillor Rongzhao Li noted that a fraternity was trying to join MathSoc. Mathsoc noted that the fraternity used less than honest tactics to try to get approval for being a subsidiary. Councillor Rongzhao Li said this was referred to Feds, but he has not received

a response about this legal response or otherwise and MathSoc would like guidance and response soon. MathSoc Designate Alex Lee provided some clarity for this (the fraternity had some to the MathSoc GM) and had tried to suggest edits to the minutes with information that did not occur and were inventive of history. The fraternity has regularly withheld information from MathSoc's governing bodies. Councillor Rongzhao Li further added that when the group did not get their way they sent passive aggressive messages to the Chair of the Board about the Chair. The MathSoc President further stated that if Feds had legal mechanisms to make them cease and desist he would like to explore them immediately. For clarity, MathSoc Designate Alex Lee noted this has been an ongoing problem since last term.

VICE PRESIDENT OF OPERATIONS & FINANCE (KURT MACMILLAN)

Vice President Kurt MacMillan noted that he sent his report in advance and welcomed questions. Council heard no questions and proceeded to the VP Education.

VICE PRESIDENT OF EDUCATION (MATTHEW GERRITS)

Vice President Matthew Gerrits apologized for the delayed report and noted he would go through his report. He indicated he was piloting a new one page report format to supplement current reports to make a compact report. Vice President Matthew Gerrits noted his highlights about the SCI, much of his time was spent dealing with reactions regarding tuition, ancillary fees, and financial aid. Other items have also been underway include progress on course evaluations and instructors at the University on how to use course evaluations to change instruction techniques and harmonize evaluation across campus. This work was also aimed to prevent assessment of teaching quality by students, who are not experienced to critique this as experts. The Vice President, Education has also been having a lot of one-on-one meetings over the last term and with Co-op students council to see what students would like to see discussed for the rest of the term. Vice President Matthew Gerrits invited questions including by email after the meeting.

Councillor Linyi Cheng noted that during the previous meeting Vice President Matthew Gerrits had agreed to present new statistics from the Co-op department. The Vice President, Education recalled that following the prior meeting he had immediately spoken with Co-op Affairs Commissioner after the request. The reason Co-op did not wish this to be publicized yet is that the department was in the process of updating their website to correct employment states to make the states more consistent and honest. This will likely reduce the employment rates by one to three percentage points (1 – 3%pts) going forward. The department was also backdating the statistics to ensure there was comparable data for comparison from prior data sets.

Vice President Matthew Gerrits asked for presentation on the next Agenda as a Special Order. Secretary Seneca Velling noted this would be conveyed to Speaker Elizabeth O'Sullivan following the meeting.

Councillor Bilal Akhtar thanked Vice President Matthew Gerrits for salvaging UPASS that most all students take advantage of. The SCI would have affected transit passes and the Councillor asked if there were other oversights in the original announcement could be protected. Vice President Matthew Gerrits recalled to Council that the UPass was a bit

of an oversight in the original announcement (due to being a grey area). He noted that OUSA and Feds highlighted the value transit passes provide to students and predictability of funding to municipalities/regions. Vice President Matthew Gerrits does not see many opportunities in other grey areas that affect the province on such a large scale they would change their views.

REPORTS FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Chair of the Board provided an oral report to Council highlighting major aspects of the Board's work in the last month, beyond what had been addressed by the Executives.

The Chair noted the hard work of Vice President Matthew Gerrits in fighting for Waterloo students and lobbying against the SCI changes forthcoming where he was able. Science Society Designate Austin Richard thanked Matthew Gerrits for his work. Vice President Matthew Gerrits noted a correction to the Chair's remarks that he did not travel to queens park all that much but spent more time on work with the Ministry. Vice President Matthew Gerrits also clarified the crisis management firm was not hired and funding which was noted in the Board's resolution was not actually required, thankfully.

REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS OF COUNCIL

DEPUTY SPEAKER OF COUNCIL (JASON SMALL)

Deputy Speaker Small noted the collected records of the "Executive Feedback Session Meeting". He specified for interested Councillors wishing to see the report to see himself after meeting.

Councillor Jason Small noted that Board applications were online and Councillors were encouraged to apply to Council-Director seats. The screening process would commence following the appointment of Board membership on the committee.

Councillor Jason Small reported that following outreach about impending expulsion votes, Councillor Jacque German-Doucet and Councillor Jack Codini had resigned.

Be it resolved that Council accepts the resignations of Councillor Jacque German-Doucet and Councillor Jack Codini, effective immediately.

Councillor Jason Small and Councillor Deon Hua.

Science Society Designate Austin Richard says that because of the excessive absences (third expulsion vote) for Councillor Jack Codini he does not deserve the right to resign. The Councillor argued that Councillor Jack Codini should be expelled from Council as an affirmative measure by his fellow Councillors. Councillor Jason Small clarified to Council that the resignations were in response to notice of their impending removal.

Councillor Deon Hua asked if that it was possible to reject the resignation. EngSoc B President Katie Arnold noted this was possible.

Secretary's Note: to connect a Councillor calling into the conference line, Councillor Jason Small performed parkour maneuvers. Councillor Oliver Campbell joined the conference line at 1:26 PM.

Be it resolved that the question be divided into consideration of each member individually.

Science Society Designate Austin Richard and Councillor Deon Hua.

Councillor Rana Saleh said that was ridiculous to not accept the resignation and encouraged Council to allow the resigning Councillors to move on with their lives. Councillor Alex Eyre stated that Councillor Jack Codini was a good guy, but said Council did not need to be petty about the process.

Vice President Matthew Gerrits noted that both Councillors are in a similar situation, he does not think that targeting Councillor Jack Codini compared to Councillor Jacque German-Doucet was fair.

Motion was Withdrawn from Consideration by Council

Be it resolved that Council recess for five minutes.

Assumed as privileged y Deputy Speaker Small.

Reconvened at 1:42 PM.

Motion carries the resignations of Councillor Jacque German-Doucet and Councillor Jack Codini were accepted. The Speaker instructed the Secretary to notify the relevant Societies for appointment of a *pro tempore* member.

SECRETARY OF COUNCIL (SENECA VELLING)

Secretary Seneca Velling noted that Councillor Muhammad Atlaf was up for expulsion and had not replied to email contact regarding attendance for his expulsion vote. The Secretary notified the assembly that ordinarily the member had had regular attendance and responded punctually to communications but had not in some time. Secretary Seneca Velling informed the assembly of their rights to request the removal vote.

Be it resolved that Council remove Councillor Muhammad Atlaf of the Engineering Caucus in accordance with the Bylaws and Procedures.

Councillor Rongzhao Li and Science Society Designate Austin Richard.

Point of Order: Councillor Rongzhao Li rose a point of order that the vote to remove a Councillor from office for absenteeism under the bylaws and procedure is by simple majority vote. Deputy Speaker Small noted that under the rules and standing precedent, the point of order is not sustained. Councillor Jason Small ruled the request out of order. Councillor Rongzhao Li appealed the ruling of the chair.

Be it resolved that the Assembly overrule the Chair.

Councillor Rongzhao Li and Councillor Deon Hua.

Secretary Seneca Velling spoke in favour of aligning precedent with the bylaws. The Secretary noted that while the Speaker could not openly oppose the rules of order, as the *acting* Speaker was the Deputy Speaker who served as Parliamentarian for Council, he believed the Officers of Council had unanimously expressed support for lowering the threshold from two-thirds to simple majority to align precedent and the bylaws.

EngSoc B President Katie Arnold asked about holding one Councillor to a different standard than the prior Councillors.

Motion carries Katie noted in opposition.

The decision of the Speaker was not sustained. Under the precedent set by the Council on 10th of February 2019, the threshold for removal of a Councillor due to absenteeism, is a simple majority of votes cast. Deputy Speaker Small declared that the ruling of the chair was not the ruling of the assembly.

Secretary's Note: A new precedent was established allowing for removal of Councillors for absenteeism to be determined by a simple majority. These and other Council precedents will then be relied upon by future Parliamentarians/Officers in advising the Speaker, effectively eliminating a higher voting threshold as a barrier going forward.

Councillor Jason Small spoke in support for removal.

The Deputy Speaker sent an electronic ballot for the removal. The ballot carries with seventeen (17) in favour, zero (0) opposed, and seven (7) abstentions.

Be it resolved that Council ratify the ballot for the expulsion of Muhammad Altaf.

Vice President Matthew Gerrits and Secretary Seneca Velling.

President Richard Wu requested decorum from the assembly.

Motion carries and accordingly Muhammad Altaf is expelled by the Council.

Other Inquires for the Secretary

Councillor Linyi Cheng inquired about his prior motion which had been adopted that required having voter turn out, referendum, etc. on Feds website. The Councillor asked why this was still not up on the website. Secretary Seneca Velling explained that the governance portion of the website was being entirely reconstructed and it would be included with that when the new site launched. Secretary Seneca Velling noted that part of the reason this was competing priorities and part of the organization's focus had been ensure students could vote.

EngSoc B President Katie Arnold asked to confirm the priority to IT was making sure students could vote. Secretary Seneca Velling confirmed that it was his understanding that IT was helping ensure students could vote on referenda.

REPORTS OF COUNCILLORS

APPLIED HEALTH SCIENCES CAUCUS

Written report submitted. No questions or further commentary.

ARTS CAUCUS

President Jess Smith presented on behalf of ASU. ASU had their first Council meeting and is working on their Arts Gala. Arts Endowment Fund was helping fund the Gala. The ASU is in contact with SLEF for replacement of chairs in AL 116 and their Office/Tuck Shop. In addition, recent focus had been on expanding executive team by amendment to the ASU constitution.

ENGINEERING CAUCUS

Councillor Jason Small noted that his office hours did not occur as it was the day before Iron Ring Stag and Ceremony. He is planning office hours in the coming weeks. EngSoc B President Katie Arnold stated that a particular highlight of her report was that for orientation week EngSoc met with SSO and EngFOC given the shift of the dates. All Orientation leader contracts were set to begin on August 31st and any one off term is about to lose their lease (300-500 students) will have nowhere to live for the first twenty-four to forty-eight hours of Orientation. Kate McCray's recommendation was a leader camp (tents on a lawn) or hotels (but not financially viable budget wise). Discussion ensued on how moving back from co-op often meant having cars with all personal belongings in them and paying for parking with no places to live either.

It was suggested to have Feds petition for free parking on campus. MathSoc Designate Alex Lee, speaking on behalf of MathFOC, echoed all the Orientation concerns that EngSoc B President Katie Arnold had brought forward, with the timing of Orientation this year. Secretary Seneca Velling proposed a motion to address the matter arising from the report:

Be it resolved that Council require the Federation President to lobby the University for free parking for orientation leaders until regular housing arrangements are made for those leaders.

Secretary Seneca Velling and EngSoc B President Katie Arnold.

Councillor Christopher Kocko noted that free parking was a thing last year up until the start of classes. EngSoc B President Katie Arnold noted that she had been informed there were a maximum of fifteen (15) passes for engineering and only for day parking. Councillor Jason Small wished to amend the language of the motion:

Be it resolved that Council replace "free parking" with "free parking and suitable accommodations".

Councillor Jason Small and Secretary Seneca Velling.

Motion is considered friendly and adopted

Richard wished to include tasking the President-elect as well:

Be it further resolved that Council replace "President" with "President and President-elect"

President Richard Wu and .

EngSoc B President Katie Arnold noted this was not procedurally possible as Micheal Beauchemin was not yet President, and could not be compelled by the assembly.

Motion is ruled *Out of Order* by the Speaker.

Motion carries unanimously as amended.

Be it resolved that Feds begin arrangements for tents on the V1 Green or elsewhere on campus.

Secretary Seneca Velling and MathSoc Designate Alex Lee.

Vice President Matthew Gerrits suggests recommending it to incoming Council for budget allocation considerations. Councillor Alex Eyre noted that the city requires permits and so the process would need to begin sooner. Secretary Seneca Velling spoke to the fact that the arrangements could be made and Council was an institution so could approve expenses in advance of the incoming Council. The Secretary also highlighted the history of Feds providing tents on the V1 Green before V1 was constructed.

Be it resolved that the Executive shall update Council via the mailing list if they cannot reasonably make such arrangements.

Secretary Seneca Velling and Vice President Matthew Gerrits.

Motion is considered friendly and adopted

Motion carries unanimously

ENVIRONMENT CAUCUS

ESS President Carly Mirrles noted that ESS and AHSUM are revamping the ESS Constitution to allow for creation of policies and bylaws. In addition the Society has been working with WESEF to hold a Town Hall on OSAP fees and Opt-outs changes. ESS had invited the Dean's Office and was encouraged to halt this process for now until the Faculty has more information to provide. Last but not least, some events had been rescheduled due to the weather last week (which had caused the cancellation of classes).

MATHEMATICS CAUCUS

Councillor Deon Hua apologized for failing to submit a written report due to busy weeks. He reported from MathSoc that his work is currently focusing on co-op. He also noted that MathSoc is holding events to help with co-op process, resume critiques, etc. Separately, he is working on exam banks and textbook lobbying. Councillor Rongzhao Li updated that as part of outreach efforts they have scheduled a meet and greet with all new Math Councillors, Execs, and MathSoc for before the MathSoc GM. Regarding budget approve for the Society,

the vote has been postponed due to the event on par with the apocalypse (*i.e.*, the closure of Waterloo for inclement weather). MathSoc Designate Alex Lee noted that on the last day of voting, he encouraged foring. Staff were also encouraged to vote as well. Councillor Bilal Akhtar noted that as part of his office hours he set up work on the legal service to create awareness of the service. Councillor Deon Hua asked for support for Math Councillors office hours.

Secretary Seneca Velling noted that the prior meeting had authorized the re-direction of resources and staffing support, at the discretion of the Executive Committee, for Councillor Office hours marketing support or other resources. The Secretary encouraged the Councilors to reach out to the President of VP Operaitons & Finance for more information.

SCIENCE CAUCUS

Secretary Seneca Velling and Science Society Designate Austin Richard spoke to UW Food Services (UWFS) report. Following the introduction of the report, the Councillors spoke to the UWFS response and changes to Casual Part-Time Hires (student employees) being asked to work while ill (if their managers believed them they were still burdened to find a replacement for themselves). A reformed process meant that it was the supervisors responsibility to find shift coverage. Similarly if a manager makes an error with respect to student scheduling, the manager has the obligation to reschedule now. Administration has expressed they will be cracking down on policy abuses and ensuring appropriate enforcement. Science Society Designate Austin Richard and Secretary Seneca Velling also noted the new Advisory Board's subcommittee on Casual Part-Time Hires and student employee satisfaction was being struck under the department. As a final note, the Verified Illness Forms policy was being overhauled and there would be stricter rules on its use and only for chronically truant employees. The caucus encouraged the VP Operations & Finance to continue to monitor the situation and for the Federation to be a voice for students. President Richard Wu noted that Feds Executive would continue to monitor the situation and make sure changes were implemented.

The caucus overviewed a second report expected for one of the March Meetings regarding increased support for Accessibility Services.

STRATFORD CAUCUS

Councillor Amandreo Cortes noted that GBDA society is planning their Gala and a fourth year student. Separately, four other students placed within the top 25 students in a major design competition. A very successful design leadership conference was held. At Stratford all lies well, reported the Councillor.

ST. JEROME'S UNIVERSITY CAUCUS

Councillor Oliver Campbell noted that St. Jerome's University Student Union (SJUSU) said that on March 15th they are planning their Green and Gold Gala and for the first time ever they are doing a film festival scheduled for March 19th, which would include student films.

Submission is free, anyone who wishes to participate can submit one by the 19th. Theme is mental health, but any student submissions are welcomed.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

CO-OP POLICY

Be it resolved that Council adopts the Co-op policy, recommended for approval.
Science Society Designate Austin Richard and President Richard Wu.

Lenny proposed an amendment to the section on Waterloo Works:

Whereas the development of WaterlooWorks extended beyond 5 years and totaled over \$5,700,000, in which the first attempt took 3 years, costed approximately \$3,000,000, and was funded entirely through co-op fees,

Whereas the ongoing annual maintenance fee of WaterlooWorks is paid through student co-op fees and has a maximum cost of \$129/student/payment term as of FY2019,

Councillor Linyi Cheng and Secretary Seneca Velling.

Lenny noted this clarifies for posterity what the actual substantial cost of Waterloo works was and continues to be in real dollars. Building was a lot of money, but the cost to maintain is still occurring. Lenny says that calling out co-op for waste is appropriate and needed.

Vice President Matthew Gerrits asks what Councillor Linyi Cheng meant by it is “important to include this cost even if it is not convenient”. Councillor Linyi Cheng noted that pointing out the cost might not be convenient for the department because it paints the people behind WaterlooWorks poorly.

Motion carries with Vice President Matthew Gerrits and Science Society Designate Austin Richard in abstention.

Motion carries Unanimously.

REFERRED FROM THE POLICIES PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

Be it resolved that Council adopts the Accountable Bylaw Amendment Process Policy, recommended for approval.

Science Society Designate Austin Richard and Secretary Seneca Velling.

Science Society Designate Austin Richard said the Policies and Procedures Committee (PPC) recommended the Policy for approval and the item had been referred to the Board. The Vice Chair of PPC yielded his remaining time to Secretary Seneca Velling to speak to the Board’s opinion of the item. Secretary Seneca Velling introduced the Board’s opinion referencing his report from the January meeting of Council. The Board was in favour of the policy.

Motion carries Unanimously.

GENERAL ORDERS

IMPEACHMENT SALARY LOOPHOLE

Be it resolved that Council recommends the Board to investigate why impeached Executives would continue to receive their salaries until the end of the fiscal year,

Be it further resolved that the Board inform Council of their findings;

Be it further resolved that Council recommends the Board to work with the the University's HR staff to close this loophole, such that if an Executive were to be impeached, the Executive would no longer receive salary, nor a severance pay.

Councillor Linyi Cheng and Councillor Rongzhao Li.

Councillor Linyi Cheng noted that:

1. No impeachment is occurring and no hidden agenda here,
2. He learned about this from a former Councillor and Director regrading recall mechanisms,
3. He meant to bring it up in January but there was not time permitting.

Councillor Linyi Cheng said that if Executives are no longer on the job they will still get paid. The Research and Policy Officer had informed Councillor Linyi Cheng that staff contracts require going to the Board because they are Human Resources related.

Secretary Seneca Velling noted he would bring it to the Board to be looked into if it was what Council wished.

Motion carries Unanimously with Secretary Seneca Velling and Vice President Kurt MacMillan in abstention.

SAFE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

Be it resolved that Council adopts the attached proposed Advocacy Policy: Safe Pedestrian Crossings at Lester/University or Sunview/University to Reduce Jaywalking Accidents to go into effect immediately.

Councillor Linyi Cheng and Councillor Deon Hua.

Councillor Linyi Cheng noted as a preliminary it is the Federation's role to advocate for students especially to the Region of Waterloo. The Councillor noted that students tend to jaywalk at this intersection. He could not speak to the reasoning for jaywalking (though he noted multiple reasons for do so), but that the Federation of Students ought to seek to protect these students. This is a serious danger for students and drivers alike.

Councillor Yu Chen Hou spoke to collisions with vehicles. The Councillor noted this was bound to happen because students jaywalk there all the time. Councillor Yu Chen Hou asked if any actions had already been taken on this file. Vice President Matthew Gerrits noted in direct response that as soon as he had heard about this he recalled that two years

ago there had been a Council resolution on pedestrian safety at this intersection. He has already met with Municipal Affairs Commissioner to point out the request from a few years ago and to once again revisit this discussion given the timeliness. Vice President Matthew Gerrits directed to Councillor Jason Small's request on his dialogue with the Region's Traffic Engineering Department.

Councillor Bilal Akhtar pointed out that the usual criticism against a hypothetical crosswalks are it is too close to other streets. He noted that with the right amount of political will and lobbying this can make students safer. Numbers are on side of students because of growth of businesses on these streets. The projection of the neighbourhood is a good time to ask for greater pedestrian safety. Councillor Bilal Akhtar noted that the changes in the last few years justify this change. We are asking for a study.

Councillor Jason Small contacted the Region of Waterloo's Traffic Engineering Department about the matter. The Region are currently conducting a pedestrian delay study in the area. Councillor Jason Small also spoke to his background in traffic work, he also noted that during the municipal elections a city councillor supported this item. He noted that the Region was already doing this work and he encouraged waiting for the action of Region.

Vice President Matthew Gerrits supported the item but wished to make it a resolution not a policy. Secretary Seneca Velling agreed with this course of action.

Be it resolved that Council amend the motion to consider it as a resolution rather than a policy.

Vice President Matthew Gerrits and Secretary Seneca Velling.

Vice President Matthew Gerrits noted that this is very specific and deals with one issue. He wishes to consider a pedestrian safety study in Waterloo without ignoring other issues at other locations. The Vice President, Education was not opposed to a reactive short term stance, but if this is going to be a policy it should be more for more use cases.

Secretary Seneca Velling supported having a more fleshed out policy on general walkability, pedestrian safety, and transit. The Secretary noted that he supported the motion and wanted to see real action on it but this should be made a resolution rather than a policy.

Science Society Designate Austin Richard agreed wholeheartedly and spoke to the policy process and value of consideration of more generality of policy through committee review.

Vice President Matthew Gerrits noted dropping the resolution as a policy would lower the adoption threshold to a simple majority as well.

Councillor Linyi Cheng opposed making it a policy and stated that if adopted as a policy it could be amended later, but that without being a policy it would not be taken seriously. Vice President Matthew Gerrits invoked right of response to indicate that without the formalization he had already been taking serious action on this item.

Science Society Designate Austin Richard noted that resolutions are the reason short term very specific policies don't need to get amended over and over again. The Councillor noted that resolutions are binding and will be acted upon.

Councillor Linyi Cheng moved to amend the amendment:

Be it resolved that Council task the VPED to work with the Councillor to develop a draft policy to be submitted for first reading at the March 31st Meeting.

Motion is considered friendly and adopted

Motion is considered friendly and adopted with the aforementioned stipulation.

Motion carries

RESOLUTION ON ANONYMOUS COMPLAINTS FORM

Whereas Feds invites students to provide constructive criticism on itself and the University;

Whereas the idea of creating a “complaints form” was first introduced in the November 2017 Council meeting, albeit for students to “submit complaints against the university”;

Whereas some university institutions (eg, CCA/CECA) have complaints form, setting a model for Feds to follow;

Whereas creation of a complaints form aligns with the goals of the Proposed Corporate Policy: Making Data-Driven Decisions and Understanding Students’ Needs;

Whereas the “Not sure who to contact?” form currently on the Feds website isn’t suitable to collect anonymous complaints;

Be it resolved that the Federation establishes an anonymous complaints form on the Feds website to enable students to anonymously report problems or constructive criticism about Feds and the University by no later than the March Council meeting;

Be it further resolved that all appropriate submissions to the complaints form be forwarded to each Executive, the Officers of Council, and any Councillors who wish to receive them;

Be it further resolved that submissions to the complaints form will be made available for Councillors to read upon request.

Councillor Linyi Cheng and President Richard Wu.

Councillor Linyi Cheng noted that the spirit is to allow an anonymous complaint form about Feds, the University, Societies, etc. It would also permit students to lodge complaints with Feds or submit testimonies. This allows anonymous feedback to be collected from students. There may be the problem that complaints get squashed.

President Richard Wu spoke in favour of the mechanism but the debate about anonymity was that this is contentious. Secretary Seneca Velling confirmed to the President that the current system with co-op is anonymous.

Vice President Matthew Gerrits noted that he would be voting in favour of this item, but he recommended a motion to strike references to “complaints” with “feedback”.

Be it resolved that Council strike references to "complaint" in the main motion and substitute with "feedback".

Vice President Matthew Gerrits and Secretary Seneca Velling.

Motion is considered friendly and adopted

Science Society Designate Austin Richard asked about the feasibility of the March deadline. President Richard Wu suggests April at the earliest would be wiser.

Be it resolved that Council amend the motion to replace "by no later than March Council Meeting" with "by a deadline that is deemed feasible by the Executive Committee before the end of the governing year".

Science Society Designate Austin Richard and Councillor Linyi Cheng.

Councillor Jason Small noted that there are two meetings scheduled for March. Councillor Linyi Cheng stated there were 28 days to build a form, and he did not think this should take a month to perform, based on his experience in IT. President Richard Wu tends to agree with Councillor Linyi Cheng, but noting the current projects on IT's plate. For implementation rather than having a half way solution and handling is necessary.

Motion is considered friendly and adopted

Councillor Jason Small noted that he is in favour of having a feedback form, but he has concerns with the number of people on the receivables. The Councillor said this hampers feedback especially if feedback is about Executives and Councillors. Councillor Jason Small suggested filtering through a staff member first. Secretary Seneca Velling spoke to comments on what could become a rather toxic cesspool of commentary in this form if it gets abused and who the staff filtering through would be. Councillor Linyi Cheng noted Councillors should have access to this information because they are representatives of the students. President Richard Wu suggests a more detailed discussion via referral. Councillor Deon Hua noted that MathSoc has a complaint/feedback form which works, but is very hardly used.

Be it resolved that Council refer approval and implementation of the item to PPC.

Councillor Deon Hua and Science Society Designate Austin Richard.

Councillor Jason Small suggested the President's Advisory Committee instead. Secretary Seneca Velling suggested sending to Executive Committee as they were already discussing an information request form and these were interrelated in some capacity.

Be it resolved that Council amend the motion to strike PPC and replace with Executive Committee.

Secretary Seneca Velling and Vice President Matthew Gerrits.

Motion is considered friendly and adopted

Motion carries with EngSoc B President Katie Arnold in abstention.

PERFORMANCE BONUS FOR EXECS

Whereas Feds Execs are considered C-level executives of this corporation;

Whereas C-level executives of effective corporations tend to receive performance bonuses tied directly to their accomplishments;

Whereas tying performance bonus to accomplishments incentivizes getting more tasks done, setting stretch goals, increases accountability, promotes collaboration, and strengthens Council oversight;

Whereas compared to other Canadian university student unions, Feds Execs individually have the highest base salary; collectively, their salaries are around average (in 2016): (<https://www.ubyssey.ca/features/student-union-executive-salaries-canada/>)

Be it resolved that Council tasks/recommends the Board to investigate the feasibility of changing Executives' compensation structure to include performance bonuses, such as by swapping the honorarium with performance bonus, and provide a report on their findings to Council by the March 2019 meeting;

Be it further resolved that implementation of any performance bonus plans or changes to Exec's compensation structure must be ratified by Council with a two-thirds super-majority vote.

Councillor Linyi Cheng and Councillor Rongzhao Li.

Secretary's Note: In accordance with Council Procedures, Vice President Matthew Gerrits and Secretary Seneca Velling Declare Conflicts of Interest with respect to this item.

Councillor Linyi Cheng noted that in other corporations their C-level Executives receive performance bonus. Executives going above and beyond their job description should be permitted to receive performance bonuses. Councillor Linyi Cheng noted this proves accountability better by tying income to accomplishments.

Councillor Deon Hua asked how this is managed in terms of contracts. President Richard Wu noted that this would need to go through the Board. Vice President Kurt MacMillan noted this would go through holiday bonus structure if implemented, also the HR structure for Executives would need to be reviewed. Vice President Kurt MacMillan also expressed concerns about honoraria structure.

Be it resolved that Council amend the language "task" to read "recommend".

President Richard Wu and Science Society Designate Austin Richard.

Motion is considered friendly and adopted

Councillor Rongzhao Li noted that due to complexity he would see the entire item referred to the Board as it pertained to HR.

Be it resolved that Council refer the item to the Board of Directors.

Councillor Rongzhao Li and President Richard Wu.

Councillor Jason Small permitted Secretary Seneca Velling to speak about why this should go to the Board. Secretary Seneca Velling stated that the impact on Executive Contracts, Holiday Bonuses, and a number of other HR considerations required Board consideration. Secretary Seneca Velling also expressed that Council would not have

approve powers for changes to such a performance rate beyond normal budget preparation which would always assume the maximum possible line-item expense (top-level bonus). The actual performance bonus would have to be administered by the Board.

Motion carries with Vice President Matthew Gerrits and Secretary Seneca Velling present and non-voting. The item is referred to the Board of Directors.

FEDS STUDENT-WIDE EMAILING LIST

Be it resolved that Council gives leave to introduce for first reading the attached Corporate Policy on Feds Student-wide Emailing List;

Be it further resolved that Council refers the policy to the Policy Procedures Committee (PPC) to revisions and return to Council for its March Council meeting.

Councillor Linyi Cheng and Councillor Rongzhao Li.

Councillor Linyi Cheng introduced the item and acknowledged that Vice President Matthew Gerrits is currently working on this already. Councillor Linyi Cheng noted that Feds is many things, but one of those is the student government (under which function should exist to collect feedback act on, broadcast messages, etc). A mailing list would do much more in marketing to students, stated Councillor Linyi Cheng. Councillor Linyi Cheng noted that as the Federation was an independent corporation it should have this right.

Secretary Seneca Velling spoke to Vice President Matthew Gerrits's work in formalizing an Memorandum of Understanding with the Registrar's Office.

Councillor Jason Small recognized member John Hunte. Member Hunte noted that OneClass has a student mailing list and it was so abused. Secretary Seneca Velling highlighted the issue from last year and work done to address it since (respecting OneClass spam). Vice President Matthew Gerrits noted he does not condone harassment but stated the phone number for the corporation showed up if searched.

Vice President Matthew Gerrits amends to strike BIFRTs on ratification and renewal of the MoU:

Be it resolved that Council strike the following resolutions:

Be it resolved that ratification of the MoU requires a majority vote by the Board and two-thirds supermajority vote by Students' Council;

Be it further resolved that renewal of the MOU requires two-thirds supermajority vote by the Board and by Students' Council;

Vice President Matthew Gerrits and Secretary Seneca Velling.

Vice President Matthew Gerrits spoke to the amendment and noted that powers over contracts were the power of the Board and not those of Council. The Vice President, Education noted the resolutions were very operational with respect to interaction with Marketing to send out information deemed appropriate. Councillor Linyi Cheng asked what the process was currently. Secretary Seneca Velling explained the approval

process via the Board, with review by Council per policy outlines, and then co-signing by the President and VP Operations & Finance.

Councillor Linyi Cheng noted that the executives can force through things with minimal additional votes on the Board. Councillor Linyi Cheng noted that Councillors as students' delegates should get the say or at least review the MoU. Secretary Seneca Velling cited Policy 52 noting the review already takes place.

Councillor Linyi Cheng asked if Board could ignore the recommendation. Secretary Seneca Velling stated that was correct but that the Board would do its best to comply with policy but may have to ignore policy in some cases.

Motion to Call the Question

Councillor Alex Eyre and Councillor Deon Hua.

Motion fails

Point of Order: Secretary Seneca Velling noted that the motion may be in violation of the bylaws and moved to rule it out of order. Deputy Speaker Small interpreted the bylaws to permit policy regulation of the process which would bind the Board, subject to the laws and other agreements that may be in effect. Deputy Speaker Small dismissed the request to rule the motion out of order.

Secretary Seneca Velling noted his support for the motion, but wishes to see the Vice President, Education's amendment be passed.

Motion is considered unfriendly

Councillor Bilal Akhtar moves an amendment:

Be it further resolved that that the Federation ask IST or the Registrar to take into consideration security in access to a campus wide mailing list.

Councillor Bilal Akhtar and Vice President Matthew Gerrits.

Councillor Bilal Akhtar highlighted by example that UWaterloo.ca domain does not require SPF or DKIM checks on any emails sent from uwaterloo.ca email address, so there is a huge capacity for spoofing and pretending to be someone else and the only requirement for that is to be on campus. And If someone gets on the mailing list by impersonating Feds Vice President, Education would be bad.

As proof of the ease, Councillor Bilal Akhtar spoofed the President's **email**.

Vice President Matthew Gerrits stated that he was convening a working group between the Registrar and the Feds IT team. The University's IT officer is already in favour of this agreement. Vice President Matthew Gerrits requested Councillor Bilal Akhtar provide further information to inform security considerations.

Motion is considered friendly and adopted

Secretary Seneca Velling asked if the consensus of Council was that the Vice President, Education could continue to make MoU arrangements and potentially prepare for Board approval of this. Council agreed upon this by consensus.

Motion carries Unanimously.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Director Screening Panel Appointments

Be it resolved that Council appoint councillors _____ and _____ as well as at-large members _____ and _____ to the Director Candidate Screening Panel.

Councillor Jason Small and Secretary Seneca Velling.

Point of Information: Vice President Matthew Gerrits rose to a point of information, inquiring if the Speaker could clarify the terms of membership and what restrictions if any existed for the seats. Deputy Speaker Small noted the restriction is that no member may serve on this committee if they are an incoming Executive or intending to apply for Directorship. The Deputy Speaker also noted that the appointments could not be filled by an Executive without suspension of the rules of order.

Science Society Designate Austin Richard asked how this restriction worked, that was that if he were to nominate himself or accept a nomination he could not simultaneously apply for Directorship. This interpretation was correct, by choosing to serve on the Committee, members were removing themselves voluntarily from the eligible list of applicants.

Committee nominations:

- Councillor Seats:
 - Councillor Jason Small nominates himself.
 - Austin Richard was nominated by Secretary Seneca Velling.
- The Secretary reported to Council students who reached out with interest to screen candidates from the At-Large member Pool. At-Large Seats:
 - Rebecca George nominated by Secretary Seneca Velling.
 - Benjamin Easton nominated by Secretary Seneca Velling.

Be it resolved that Council amend the agenda to include these nominees.

EngSoc B President Katie Arnold and Vice President Matthew Gerrits.

Motion carries with with President Richard Wu and Secretary Seneca Velling and Science Society Designate Austin Richard and Councillor Jason Small in abstention.

EngSoc B President Katie Arnold inquired if commissioners were prohibited from becoming Directors by any Council policies, Board procedures, or Bylaws. Secretary Seneca Velling and EngSoc B President Katie Arnold discussed the item and the Secretary clarified that policy in committee included such prohibition at the recommendation of current Executives and Directors to prevent a power disparity of a Director being paid by and accountable to an Executive. Councillor Jason Small ruled that Council had elections rules powers in the Bylaws and this was reasonably constituted as an interpretation of the power of Council to impose such regulations based on standing policies. EngSoc B President Katie Arnold asks why the requirement wasn't in effect yet if it was on the form already. Councillor Jason Small noted that while the policy bill was in committee (*viz.* Commissioners Policy proposal currently tabled with the Executive Committee) the Council may refuse to ratify such appointments.

Motion carries

Ratification of Committee Appointment to PPC

Be it resolved that Council ratify the appointment of Councillor Deon Hua to vacancy on the Policies and Procedures Committee.

Councillor Jason Small and Councillor Deon Hua.

Science Society Designate Austin Richard, the Vice-Chair of PPC, spoke to open position on the Committee since the beginning of the term due to the resignation of a member on co-op. Both himself and President Richard Wu had reached out to members-at-large through job/volunteer opportunity postings on the Feds website and to Councillors through the email list. Councillor Deon Hua reached out and expressed interest to serve on the committee. The Committee considered his request, his history of policy development and unanimously voted to name him to the vacancy.

Councillor Jason Small noted that per Council's prior standing order, Committees may fill their own vacancies subject to ratification by Council.

Motion carries with Councillor Deon Hua in abstention.

NEW BUSINESS

ELECTIONS

Secretary's Note: Secretary Seneca Velling promptly declared a conflict of interest prior when MathSoc Designate Alex Lee indicated the discussion would be about Elections. The Secretary recused himself and ordered the minutes be taken by the Assistant Secretary Councillor Christopher Kocko.

Be it resolved that that Federation of Students' services should remain independent during Feds elections.

MathSoc Designate Alex Lee and Councillor Rongzhao Li.

Secretary's Note: the following minutes were recorded by the Assistant Secretary.

MathSoc Designate Alex Lee noted that during the general election which had just concluded, that some, but not all, services had reached out to candidates. He want to propose that the services remain entirely independent and neutral during Feds elections. He noted that he did not think there was bias outright, but there was opportunity for abuse of the practice in the future.

A motion to amend the main motion to refer the appropriate course of action was considered by the assembly.

Be it resolved that Council task Elections and Referenda Appeals Committee to draft procedure regarding the conduct of Federation of Students' services during elections which requires that services must stay independent during elections.

Councillor Jason Small and President Richard Wu.

The President noted that this was currently an ongoing conversation at the Committee and its working groups. President Richard Wu noted this request and said procedures would be prepared for consideration by Council on what fair engagement looked like. As the motion currently stands, President Richard Wu noted that it would demand services be independent, but there may be times when engagement was warranted or requested. Councillor Jason Small agreed that the scope could be expanded to tasking Elections and Referenda Appeals Committee to investigate the role of services during elections.

Be it resolved that Council task Elections and Referenda Appeals Committee to investigate the role of services during elections and issue appropriate procedural recommendations.

President Richard Wu and MathSoc Designate Alex Lee.

Motion is considered friendly and adopted

Councillor Jason Small clarified for the assembly that tasking Elections and Referenda Appeals Committee still means that it has to come back to Council for consideration at a later point.

Motion is considered friendly and adopted the motion is now amended.

The motion as amended now reads:

Be it resolved that Council task Elections and Referenda Appeals Committee to investigate the role of services during elections and issue appropriate procedural recommendations.

Motion carries with Councillor Alex Eyre in abstention.

Secretary's Note: the Vice President, Education was requested to inform Secretary Seneca Velling to return to the Council chambers. Secretary Seneca Velling returned and resumed taking minutes from hereforward.

CHANGE OF RESPONSE TO STUDENTS' CHOICE INITIATIVE

Be it resolved that Feds will stop using its budget to fund advertisements regarding the provincial government's OSAP and ancillary fee policies.

Councillor Alex Eyre and Councillor Christopher Kocko.

Secretary Seneca Velling spoke to policies requiring informing students of the matter and noted his opposition to the motion on the floor. Budget needed to be used to inform students about the impact this may have on them. Secretary Seneca Velling also stated that the decision to use material resources and budget for informing students this way did not contravene any Feds policies to his knowledge and was within the discretionary authority of the Executives. Councillor Alex Eyre rebutted that there was difference between informing students of the facts and pushing a narrative or particular opinion.

Councillor Rana Saleh noted that she strongly disagreed with this motion and that Feds should be advocating for most students. If Feds is not here to advocate for students,

then what is the job of the Federation, inquired Councillor Rana Saleh. The Councillor expressed belief that this benefits students and this motion she intended to oppose.

Science Society Designate Austin Richard thinks the motion restricts Feds ability to inform students as well.

stated that he agreed with Secretary Seneca Velling that Feds Executives have power and leeway to take action where no stance is taken or ordered by Council already. Councillor Jason Small does not think the Executives were in the wrong for their course of action.

Point of Information: Councillor Rana Saleh rose to a point of information, inquiring which motion was being considered. Councillor Jason Small clarified the motion on the floor to be that so moved by Councillor Alex Eyre and Councillor Christopher Kocko.

Councillor Alex Eyre thought it might be prudent to amend the language to be less partisan by changing it to “fund advertisements regarding opposition or support for the provincial governments changes to OSAP and ancillary fees”.

Be it resolved that Council amend the language to read: **Be it resolved that** Feds will stop using its budget to fund advertisements regarding opposition or support for the provincial governments changes to OSAP and ancillary fees policies.

Councillor Alex Eyre and Councillor Christopher Kocko.

Motion is considered friendly and adopted

Secretary Seneca Velling spoke in support of Councillor Rana Saleh’s statements and noted that Education Advisory Council (EAC) had been given powers over the item by the Board as an emergency course of action because Council was prohibited from convening during elections. Secretary Seneca Velling also noted that President Richard Wu’s hands were tied because of bylaws, which meant he could not call a meeting of Council to consider the matter. The Secretary stated that the Executives had engaged EAC and determined a course of action deemed appropriate to inform students of the forthcoming changes.

Be it resolved that Council divide the question in consideration regarding OSAP and regarding ancillary fees.

Councillor Linyi Cheng and Councillor Alex Eyre.

Motion fails

Councillor Christopher Kocko expressed agreement with Councillor Alex Eyre. Students look up to Feds and may not be fully informed about provincial and federal politics in general. If Feds encourages action on something students might just blindly support the course of action being recommended by Feds. Councillor Christopher Kocko noted that Feds should just outline pros and cons with factual presentation without taking a political stance.

Point of Information: ASU Designate Miranda Scambia rose to a point of information, inquiring if it is motion was specific to funding or about due consultation with the

membership on a stance. Councillor Alex Eyre referenced this motion being specific to funding the Advertisements being conducted without consultation.

Councillor Rana Saleh noted that in general students may not be informed, but this has such a direct impact on most students lives that students know how this affects them now.

Councillor Alex Eyre noted that he thought action should be taken and Feds Council has the power to task Executives. Councillor Deon Hua agreed that while this is a power of Council, students did give a mandate to executives and that mandate was to represent Council.

Councillor Bilal Akhtar noted this was a substantial cut to University's revenues and meant operational cuts were expected, thus any student benefiting from University services would be effected. Councillor Bilal Akhtar noted that the Executives had access more information than most students, and that such data likely informed their decisions due to the adverse impact.

Vice President Matthew Gerrits invited questions from Councillors on the impact. Councillors requested impact on funding and operations of the Federation. Vice President Matthew Gerrits deferred to the Chair of the Board. The Chair of the Board provided informed the assembly that the Board's opinion was opposition to the changes and planning for keeping the Federation operating given potential opt-outs.

Motion fails with Vice President Matthew Gerrits and EngSoc B President Katie Arnold in abstention.

Point of Information: Vice President Matthew Gerrits rose to a point of information, inquiring if he may include a statement for the record regarding his decision to abstain. The Speaker permitted this and instructed the Secretary to record the statement:

Vice President Matthew Gerrits noted that he would take direction either way from Council, and would do so regardless of personal view, which is why he abstained.

Whereas the Feds Executive did not consult Council before advocating against the Provincial Government's OSAP and ancillary fee policies.

Be it resolved that the Feds Executive are asked to not advocate for policy that has not been adopted by the Federation of Students through proper procedures.

Councillor Alex Eyre and Councillor Linyi Cheng.

Councillor Alex Eyre noted that Councillors clearly had opposing views on this item and this motion was spirited to solve the problem in the future.

Science Society Designate Austin Richard expressed disagreement with the "whereas" clause, noting that the day this was announced Vice President Matthew Gerrits consulted EAC immediately with a lengthy discussion about what the Vice President, Education would be doing moving forward as well as what stances the committee wished him to take.

The Councillor expressed that the Executive had conducted consultation and indicated he would be vehemently opposing the motion.

Councillor Jason Small referenced that per EAC procedural powers under Council's Procedure 10, *Committees of Students' Council*, EAC is empowered to take urgent stances on matters about students on education and advocacy.

Councillor Deon Hua noted that if the consultation occurred this would be occurring at EAC normally anyhow.

ASU Designate Miranda Scambia asked if Councillor Alex Eyre's measure was taking issue with the Feds Executives presenting a stance of the organization as coherent if its not actually coherent in all of Feds. Councillor Alex Eyre noted it was taking action without Council being consulted and this is a controversial item. It warrants discussion stated Alex.

ASU Designate Miranda Scambia wanted more understanding of what "proper procedures" listed. Councillor Alex Eyre noted that a policy in PPC was about giving more leeway for Council about approvals on OUSA policy stances.

Councillor Rana Saleh noted that Feds took a strong stance very quickly. Councillor Rana Saleh further stated that Council has argued at length about other issues and this issue required urgent action. The Councillor opposes the motion on the floor.

Vice President Matthew Gerrits noted that the "whereas" clause was factually correct, but he stated that the reverse onus of lobbying was detrimental. There's hundreds of items that Executives are asked to contribute on in a given year. Does he has to come back to Council anytime there's a problem. Policy is respected, but the shift of onus is detrimental to operations if this motion were to pass.

Councillor Linyi Cheng moved an amendment to the end "unless proper procedures cannot be conducted in a timely manner."

Be it resolved that Council amend the language to append "unless proper procedures cannot be conducted in a timely manner."

Councillor Linyi Cheng and Councillor Alex Eyre.

Motion is considered friendly and adopted

Councillor Alex Eyre noted that Matthew brought up good points. The Councillor stated that if something is controversial and very significant Council should be given a right to consider it. Councillor Alex Eyre expressed he was amenable to amendment and provided a potential language of "BIFRT Executives should consult Council on policy likely to be considered controversial."

Secretary Seneca Velling stated that debate seemed to be fixating on/predicated on whether proper procedures had been followed. Secretary Seneca Velling noted they had been followed and EAC was given authority over this in the procedures of Council.

ASU Designate Miranda Scambia asked if the potential amendment being made to be only when the subject is likely to be very controversial, input should be sought when possible.

Councillor Alex Eyre confirmed this. ASU Designate Miranda Scambia replied that the term "controversial" is very broad and can restrict Feds Exec's abilities to advocate.

Vice President Matthew Gerrits agreed that the ambiguity of this could be cause for concern when Council or Execs disagree (and punitively affect some advocacy items) for difference in interpretations for policy requirements on timeliness and what is or is not controversial. Councillors should be bringing up and affirming issues they have, but the onus is not on the Executive, and the middle road is difficult to operationalize.

Motion fails with Councillor Linyi Cheng noted in favour, Councillor Alex Eyre noted in favour, Councillor Christopher Kocko noted in favour.

OUSA DELEGATE SELECTION

Be it resolved that Council delegate authority to the Education Advisory Council to approve selected delegates for the OUSA General Assembly.

Councillor Jason Small and Vice President Matthew Gerrits.

Councillor Jason Small noted that Vice President Matthew Gerrits had intended to move this item but may have forgotten. Vice President Matthew Gerrits confirmed this was his intention.

Motion carries Unanimously

Vice President Matthew Gerrits informed Council that if they wished to be an OUSA Delegate they could apply on LEADS!

VACANCY ON UNIVERSITY SENATE

President Richard Wu announced that after elections are had completed, there was still a vacancy of the at-large Senate seats. The Secretariat asked for the Feds vote site to be open for nominations. Secretariat has a 21 day nomination period. This can conflict with Council for any potential by-elections.

In addition, President Richard Wu informed Council that most all of the elections budget was exhausted.

Secretary Seneca Velling asked if Senate could waive their rules for opening nominations until after the Winter GM occurs.

Be it resolved that Council recommends having an open running nomination period that continues until after the Winter General Meeting has occurred.

Motion was Withdrawn from Consideration by Council

The Assembly agreed upon consensus the President should determine the best course of action dependent upon available resources.

ADJOURNMENT

Be it resolved that Council adjourn the meeting.

Secretary Seneca Velling and Councillor Jason Small.

Motion carries unanimously. Deputy Speaker Small adjourned the meeting at 5:00 PM.

Secretary's Note: the next scheduled meeting of Council shall occur on 10 March 2019 at 12:30 AM.

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