

# Minutes of Federation of Students' Council

October 14, 2012

<b>Agenda Items</b>	
<b>Topics:</b>	<b>Action:</b>
Meeting Called to Order at 1:19 pm on, October 14, 2012	
<b>Approval of the Agenda for Meeting</b>	<b>Decisions</b>
<p><b>1. BIRT Students' Council approves the agenda for this meeting.</b> <i>Moved by Romualdo, McGinnis</i></p> <p>Amend the agenda: addition of item 7j. Motion on tuition Niesner, Chen</p> <p><b>Amendment Passes unanimously</b></p> <p><b>Motion Passes unanimously</b></p>	
<b>Approval of the Consent Agenda</b>	<b>Decision</b>
<p>Remove Minutes from Consent Agenda <i>Moved by McGinnis, Ramdev</i></p> <p><b>2. BIRT Students' Council approves the July 29th and September 16th meeting minutes of Students' Council.</b></p> <p>3. Councillor Reports</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Architecture</li> <li>2. Applied Health Science</li> <li>3. Arts</li> <li>4. Engineering</li> <li>5. Environment</li> <li>6. Kitchener</li> <li>7. Math</li> <li>8. Renison</li> <li>9. Science</li> <li>10. St. Jerome's</li> </ol> <p>Committee Reports</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. By-Laws, Policies, and Procedures</li> <li>2. Budget</li> <li>3. Internal Administration</li> </ol>	

<p>4. Internal Funding  5. Education Advisory  6. President’s Advisory  7. Election  8. Election Appeals</p> <p><b>Consent agenda accepted unanimously</b></p>	
<p><b>Approval of Minutes</b></p>	<p><b>Decision</b></p>
<p><b>BIRT Students’ Council approves the July 29th and September 16th meeting minutes of Students’ Council.</b>  <i>Moved by McFaul, Ramdev</i></p> <p>Motion to table to the November Meeting  <i>Moved by McFaul, McGinnis</i></p> <p>Savoy: It's from July 29th, I'm concerned it's taken a while.  Noble : Are there any problems with the minutes?  Secretary: I went to see Garcia earlier, I'm going to look at formatting issues, otherwise are there any issues?  McFaul : There are some minor errors, it's just not worth doing in the meeting.  Garcia: Response to councillor Savoy, it is important for them to be online, but it is important for them to be accurate.  Russell: They are on the council mailing list which is public, so if students are interested they can look there.</p> <p><b>Motion passes unanimously</b></p>	
<p><b>Regular Agenda</b></p>	
<p><b>Executive Reports</b></p>	<p><b>Information</b></p>
<p><i>1. Vice-President Administration &amp; Finance</i></p> <p>Noble: working in bomber the last two nights. He had a few things to add Bomber’s manager is still being figured out. Things to figure out regarding bar. Job descriptions need to be changed, and it needs to go through HR with the university. The short</p>	

term solution in the meantime is two student managers, to take the workload off of Bomber.

Kumar right now is doing his executive tasks as well as bomber manager. He is doing a great job in bomber, in terms of the effectiveness of things going with Bomber. If you're looking for more details on international news, FEDexpress is switching to an international news. It's going to be launched more in January This will change they layout and make it more effective, we'll still have the ability to manage it in terms of pricing, but they will be able to help us out.

Romualdo: What is the cost to have international news?

Russell: not sure if we are allowed to release that.

Pratik Patel: Because this room is very loud, recording quality is not going to be very good.

Speaker: Room is very loud.

Savoy: I spoke to Kumar yesterday and he said The initial renovation would be between 1,600 and 2,000

1. Termly Financial Report

## *2. Vice-President Education*

Coop student council is meeting Tuesday at 5pm, the society presidents are regular students and not coop students. They are the main members of this council. This is a concern to CECA, if any of you are interested or know someone who is interested encourage them to attend, we would love to hear their feedback.

They talk about WatPD, Jobmine, sequence of terms, requirements, and support for students on co-op.

Our commissions have a number of positions posted on the website. They are looking for deputy commissioners. Commissions would be able to do a lot more with a lot more people.

Sam Estoesta, our Federal Affairs Commissioner, and Danielle Burt are here today.

### *3. Vice-President Internal*

Russell: The clubs manager starts on the 29th of October.

McGinnis: General kudos. Savoy: What is the name of the clubs manager?

Russell: I haven't announced it yet.

### *4. President*

Noble: Something exciting that I didn't go into detail in my report, October 29th, the General meeting. A general meeting is for the shareholders of a company.

It is the highest body. Similarly for FEDS the members are all undergraduate students, all students are the members of the corporation. It is the highest body as it is made out of all shareholders.

Agenda items were advertised through posters. All things that are passed at general meeting have more authority than council. It's really the highest body. Agenda Items were due on Friday. We will be publishing the agenda.

As representatives of FED council we encourage you to encourage students to come out.

It is in V1 we are excited to interact with first years for FEDS. We will doing a presentation about what FEDS is.

Romualdo: Life cycle on the student task force, how many students are on that task force What is the status of the Bio-Needles Hall expansion, how far along is it, how long will it take

Noble: The task force hasn't met yet and the terms of reference haven't been given yet. It's a co-chair of the Dean of Environment and Chris Read.

There is a meeting on Tuesday regarding the needles hall expansion of the Board of Governors building committee. Based on hearsay it is further along than it was. I expect the construction to start in a year or two. It is supposed to be completed by 2015.

Savoy: Do you have a better idea when the Fed Hall agreement will be signed.

Noble: We have made significant progress.

McGinnis: In regards to parking services as a revenue service, we should speak against Parking Service becoming a revenue service.

Noble: There is discussion about having a business plan about a parking garage on campus. There is about 300 parking spots free. People don't think it is convenient enough because we have such a large campus. The way I think about it parking should be a service. We should take into consideration that students are already paying fees, whereas others are making money and should be able to cover it.

**Motion to task President Noble to speak against parking service change into a revenue generating business**

<p><i>Moved by McGinnis, Romualdo</i></p> <p><b>Amendment BIRT The federation of students council opposes any statements by the university of revenue that parking service be designated a revenue generating service.</b></p> <p><i>Moved by Garcia, Jowhari</i></p> <p><b>Amendment Passes Unanimously Motion</b></p> <p><b>Passes Unanimously</b></p>	
<p><b>OUSA Presentation (1:30pm)</b></p>	<p><b>Information</b></p>
<p>Garcia: We have here Rylan Kinnon the Executive Director and Alysha Li the President of the Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance.</p> <p>We create policy and advocate to the Government. They were here September 20th for a campus visit. We wanted to have a formal presentation from OUSA on what they did.</p> <p><i>Presentation By OUSA</i></p> <p>Questions: Domanski: You mentioned one of the big milestones was the tuition grants. One of the things that concerns me is that students take a fifth year, co-op or switch programs. What are you guys doing for those, is that a priority?</p> <p>OUSA: It is a discussion we've had with the government regarding co-op students.</p> <p>Domanski: So you're just proposing it for co-op students. It's not going to be for all students, I did a fifth year.</p> <p>OUSA: One thing we know is if you make many demands at once, they'll ignore all them, if you take three things and show them the benefits, they are more likely to do it. We look at what we are more likely to get. They</p>	

are looking to expand OTG, they know there are issues.

Domanski: I don't think students who switch programs or students taking a year off isn't frowned upon anymore, they shouldn't be excluded.

OUSA: I agree.

Ramdev: My question is regarding international students, there is nothing for them, and nothing focussed on them.

OUSA: We have a submission called going global. We've had discussions about getting international students the support they need. We realize they need more support. Regarding tuition fees, there is no cap. It is difficult to budget for international students as there is no regulation. That is one of our concerns. We are looking at tuition fees, and support.

Ramdev: looking at your achievements there doesn't seem to be anything for international student.

OUSA Reponse: The government decided to levy a 700-800 tax on international students. We said this shouldn't be happening. Domestic voices are much louder to the government than international voices for the government

Savoy: My questions is about the higher education campaign, I am reading it on your website. It's very theoretical. And then you said that we pay the highest tuition in Canada. Have you done any analysis to compare to others. How do you expect us to measure our education compared to other places around the world?

OUSA Response: The question we want asked is – Did you get your money's worth?

We are not necessarily comparing others. Did you get the investment back on what you paid for. For some it is teaching quality, for some it is support. When we went to different campuses, jobs was a high priority. We are asking if student priorities are changing. We want to ask students through a iterative campaign. What did you think you would receive and are not getting? If a lot of students are saying they are not getting what they expected, that is something we can take to the media and government.

Savoy: So you plan on doing a survey at a certain point.

OUSA Response: Because we have a limited budget and surveys are very expensive, and we only do them every 3 years and did one last year which we will be showing soon. We try to have conversation with students.

Savoy: I'm worried you won't be taken seriously because you won't be presenting anything.

OUSA Response: We want something that we think comfortably represents how students think, we use information in a variety of different capacity.

Garcia: One thing I can add, a reason I thought it would be a useful campaign, because of the transportation that is happening, I felt the government was saying: How do we find efficiencies in the system, still getting the same postsecondary education, while saying how do we get it at a lower cost to the government. Tuition is not going down, it might, but it's not. Students are paying many thousands of dollars, why are they doing that, are they getting what they wanted out of it.

<p>Ramdev: You discussed the corporate structure, do you collaborate with CFS-O and CASA?</p> <p>OUSA Response: We do collaborate and discuss ideas. We do dialogue a lot. We have generally not seen eye to eye with them on methods. The steering committee has said to get closer to them.</p> <p>Ramdev: Do the full time staff do the research?</p> <p>OUSA Response: We have two full time staff doing full time research, but we try to use our other members too.</p> <p>Ramdev: Does the research go to the government? Response: It goes into policy papers.</p> <p>Garcia: One of the positions on the website available is to be a general delegate. If you don't like a policy change it.</p> <p><b>Motion for recess</b>  <i>Moved by Romualdo, McGinnis</i>  13-5</p>	
<p><b>How to improve Residence Life(2:20)</b></p>	<p><b>Discussion</b></p>
<p>Noble: It's not just FEDS and the University, it is a bunch of people in FEDS and a bunch of people in University.</p> <p><i>Presentation by Glen Wepler, Director of Housing</i></p> <p>Glen Wepler: Questions – What good, bad and ugly things are there.</p> <p>Jowhari: I had a lot of good, bad experiences. Bad, not just me: Food (very redundant, unhealthy, a lot of negative side effects, I gained 30 pounds, I could compare it to McDonalds)</p>	

Glen: Benchmark survey has shown that food has a large effect on student experience. I want to collect good evidence to help this positively.

Jowhari: Really scary to go through between REV and V1. Safety in that sense. REV and CLV are really far, I didn't take it into consideration when I picked my residence.

Glen: We are working with security. One of the officers is doing a review of all the residence buildings to identify the areas that might be unsafe. The officer is looking for feedback. I've noticed from staying in residence in summer for two days, that the campus is darker than I remember. I'm 6'5" I look at things in a different way.

Jowhari: the price, it is over 1000\$ a month to live on campus. I currently pay \$485. With Utilities It is close to 3 times as much to live off campus

Glen: We have to be mindful of the price, we don't say we are the cheapest. It is a 33 million dollar budget to manage.

Jowhari: I feel that residence is really focused on first year student, I would never want to go in 2nd year, how do you target students to come back to residence.

Glen: We don't have the space, we haven't built in 11 years. There is reluctance to add debt to non-academic buildings, but Waterloo is becoming less against it.

McGinnis: I loved at my college that there were upper year students, they were a great resource.

Glen: I fully agree with you, the solution is expensive, we have to build more buildings.

McGinnis: I know there are a lot of things happening in the residence like a leadership conference, it's unfortunate that it is excluded from students from universities and colleges. Off campus?

Glen: There is a balance

McGinnis: The university needs to be giving support to first years living off campus

Glen: What is the support?

McGinnis: It would be great if they had the Don training.

Glen: I'd be happy to work with the FEDS on the don training.

Romualdo: AMPed. The reason we don't offer it to off campus students, it has a 120 student cap. It is the 4th year of amp, we are still looking at building it.

Glen: if any of you are interested in coming up with a joint, interdisciplinary training.

Romualdo: I am a Don and have been an off campus don. Communications for Dons Off campus don's don't have the resources to send out communication. Strengthening the relationship within the off campus dons.

Glen: one program at Ryerson that unfortunately had to be closed down was the Off campus advisor program, it was off campus RAs.

Romualdo: In terms of communication there are certain things that happen that aren't addressed by housing. It spreads to the Waterloo community, without an official word from the University. It would be great to have a formal statement from the university.

Glen: One of the most important you can do as a manager/leader is to control the message, that is very important. The SSO, has staff dedicated to try to tap in to the messages discussed in the student community and to try to discuss as well. I'm personally trying to tap in to facebook and twitter.

Savoy: Are you also responsible for the colleges?

Glen: No, we have some agreement and work with them.

Savoy: One of the thing that bothers me As an environment student who has friends who lived in the LLC, I feel that LLC are very shortsighted, by putting people in similar programs, they shouldn't have their best friends living together, they should be able to be scattered everywhere.

Glen: I'd be happy to have a discussion about LLC, one of my staff just came back from a conference. Students who live in an LLC, have a greater opportunity to be engaged. It can put them into a silo, we need to make sure we aren't building walls. It is a choice to live in LLC, we are looking at residence expansion possibilities. The students who do live in the LLC, do enjoy there experiences. Velocity is a different type of LLC, we'd like to try to reproduce that kind of atmosphere, maybe not with start ups.

Harrison: in an llc they have 10-15 in a program on a 50 person floor.

Ramdev: Inside the bedroom the Cleanliness of the roommate is important.

Glen: in that case there needs to be a conversation. It is an awkward conversation. There is an educational opportunity there. For Washroom we need to stay on top of that.

Ramdev: It is better to avoid conflict

Glen: Conflict isn't bad, it is good to have those difficult conversations it is a good learning opportunities. The dons can facilitate those. And they can have

Ramdev: International students, given option to live in UWP for \$500 or finding another place.

Glen: there is a long history of closing during the December break. As we have more international students we need to address. We would have additional costs

Ramdev: there are dons meetings every Monday, there is a tradition not to let others in, including Senators. They know what the current issues are, if I try to contact them I am stopped.

Glen: I try not to tell my staff what to do, but I can influence them. I believe in communication between them.

Domanski: I worked with a lot of new students over the summer. Many of them didn't understand how the meal plan worked. It needs to be clarified especially the 50%.

Glen: They pay for the housing and the food, most of the questions do come to housing. If you can follow up with me on this.

Domanski: I've lived in Waterloo my whole life, it has grown so much, I'm not sure if you're the right person to talk to, but to help them make connections to the city. Maybe make another I-xpress route.

Glen: A bus would be a business decision. Create an environment for students.

Zaptses: for anyone with concerns for RES life is there anyone else we can contact.

<p>Glen: I'm always available, but if you want to talk to students, it is best to talk to don, then Res life co-ordinators</p> <p>Noble: Feds is also hear to help you find</p> <p>Glen: My contact information @wepps Glenn Weppler Glenweppler.com is also a blog</p> <p>Noble: We appreciate that you came here on a Sunday that you came down to talk to us.</p> <p>Glen: Thank you for getting involved, it will help you long term.</p>	
<p><b>Old Business</b></p>	
<p><b>a. Ancillary Fee Policy Decision</b></p>	<p><b>Decision</b></p>
<p>WHEREAS the Education Advisory Committee was tasked with creating a policy regarding ancillary fees</p> <p>WHEREAS the Education Advisory Committee has drafted and recommended the approval of the draft Ancillary Fee policy</p> <p>BIRT Students' Council approves the Ancillary Fee Policy as Policy 29, as shown in Appendix A</p> <p>Appendix A:</p> <p>WHEREAS the Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges, and Universities has mandated that compulsory non-tuition related ancillary fees should remain under the control of students; and</p> <p>WHEREAS all ancillary fees should be administered in an accountable and transparent manner; and</p> <p>WHEREAS there are on-campus services that may need supplementary revenue to recover costs of providing those services to students;</p>	

<p>BIRT student ancillary fees should only recover costs associated with providing services or activities offered and used only by students;</p> <p>BIFRT the Federation of Students believes there should only be one protocol between full-time undergraduate students and the University administration to regulate ancillary fees, their introduction, and fee increases;</p> <p>BIFRT all ancillary fees should be aptly named to describe the department or activity that they intend to fund;</p> <p>BIFRT any new ancillary fees must be approved by the affected student body through a referendum of the relevant student association;</p> <p>BIFRT any fee increases above CPI must be approved by a relevant governing body of the Federation of Students.</p> <p>BIFRT the Ancillary Fee Protocol be overseen by a committee, comprised of a majority of students, to ensure that all ancillary fees remain transparent, student-regulated, and in the best interests of students.</p> <p>Garcia: This came back to EAC, we decided to make it a committee of mostly students</p> <p><b>Motion passes Unanimously</b></p>	
<p><b>b. Service Policy</b></p>	<p><b>Decision</b></p>
<p>BIRT Students' Council approves the new Policy on Services as Policy 30, as shown in Appendix B</p> <p>Appendix B:</p> <p>Whereas the Federation of Students expects the University to run essential services for students, and;</p>	

Whereas the Federation of Students recognizes the importance of student driven services, and;

Whereas the Federation of Students runs services to fill gaps in the student experience that are not filled by the University, and;

Whereas the Federation of Students also runs services that will serve students more effectively when they are student-driven, and;

Whereas the Federation of Students has limited resources to provide student services and the loss of one service provides an opportunity to operate a new service.

Be It Resolved That the Federation of Students is willing to have its services be transferred to and run by the University provided that they meet the following criteria:

- The same or higher levels of service will be maintained;
- It is not essential for the service to be entirely student-driven;
- The Federation of Students are consulted ahead of the change; and
- The service will continue to have sufficient student input.

Be It Further Resolved That students believe that the student clubs' system, student societies, Orientation Week, and special events serve students to their full potential by being student-run and student-driven; and therefore must always be run by the Federation of Students.

*Moved by McGinnis, Romualdo*

McFaul: when this came back to BPP, we discussed whether it should fill the gaps or provide student services. It may be something we want to discuss

**Strike fill gaps in and put in enhance**

*Moved by McGinnis, Jowhari*

<p>Russell: not sure that we should remove fill gaps, we may put a water park on campus instead of a walk safety program. I think safety</p> <p><b>McGinnis Withdraws amendment</b></p> <p><b>Insert enhance and fill the gaps in the student experience that are not filled by the university:</b></p> <p>Whereas the Federation of students runs services primarily to fill gaps in the student experience that are not filled by the university and to further enhance the university experience  <i>Moved by McGinnis, Jowhari</i></p> <p><b>Amendment passes unanimously</b></p> <p><b>Motion passes unanimously</b></p>	
<p><b>c. Plagiarism Detection Systems &amp; Intellectual Property policy</b></p>	<p><b>Decision</b></p>
<p>BIRT Students' Council approves the new Plagiarism Detection Systems &amp; Intellectual Property policy as Policy 22, as shown in Appendix C</p> <p>Appendix C:</p> <p>WHEREAS The Federation of Students seeks to maintain a fair and reasonable academic environment, to promote a culture of academic integrity and to protect intellectual freedom at the University of Waterloo; and</p> <p>WHEREAS academic integrity is the responsibility of all parties at the university including students, faculty and instructors, and university administration; and</p> <p>WHEREAS the University Policy 73 forbids the licensing and distribution of intellectual property to external organizations; and</p>	

WHEREAS plagiarism detection software may compromise the ownership and protection of student intellectual property; and

WHEREAS plagiarism detection software used as a substitute for qualified professors and teaching assistants can interfere with the quality of education at post-secondary institutions; and

BIRT The Federation of Students believes that student intellectual property should not be mandatorily distributed to or stored by any external organization;

BIFRT The Federation of Students supports the optional use of plagiarism detection systems when used as a learning tool prior to assessment, not as a means to detect plagiarism for assessment purposes;

BIFRT The Federation of Students opposes the use of any plagiarism detection systems that do not protect the creator's ownership of intellectual property, as outlined in the company's privacy statement and policies;

BIFRT where plagiarism detection systems are in place, faculty must to educate students on the consequences with respect to their intellectual property;

BIFRT any alternatives provided to students in place of plagiarism detection systems must be fair and equitable and not create unnecessary or punitive burdens on students.

BIFRT the Federation of Students supports a holistic solution to increasing academic integrity including: education for students and professors regarding the nature of plagiarism, what constitutes violations of academic integrity, and the policies of the University of Waterloo; preventative measures such as regular assignment and exam updating by

<p>faculty and instructors; and fair, timely, and just punishment of offenders.</p> <p><i>Moved by McLean, Garcia</i> Garcia: it's just a policy renewal.</p> <p><b>Amendment motion to read as BIRT Students' Council approves the renewal of Plagiarism Detection Systems &amp; Intellectual Property policy as Policy 22, as shown in Appendix C</b> <i>Moved By McLean, Garcia</i></p> <p><b>Amendment passes unanimously</b></p> <p>Garcia: EAC talked about obtaining Data, but we didn't feel it would be useful in policy.</p> <p><b>Motion passes unanimously</b></p>	
<p><b>7. New Business</b></p>	
<p><b>a. Removal of Councillors</b></p>	<p><b>Decision</b></p>
<p>WHEREAS By-Law VIII subsection J stipulates that if a councillor has been absent and/or more than 30 minutes late for two or more meetings without being excused, shall be deemed to have relinquished his/her seat and the seat shall be vacant, subject to ratification by a simple majority of Students' Council.</p> <p>WHEREAS Councillors have been reminded of this rule on a number of basis.</p> <p>WHEREAS the Councillors that are up for removal have been informed and encouraged to come to the meeting or send a statement to be read on their behalf for their defence.</p> <p>BIRT Students' Council ratifies the removal of the following councillors due to attendance, as prescribed in by-law VIII.J.1 and VIII.J.2 respectively:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Fahad Hassan Al-Jaufy (Engineering)</li> <li>ii. Nickta Jowhari (AHS)</li> </ul>	

*Moved by Savoy, McGinnis*

**Move to split the question**

*Moved by Savoy, Niesner*

On Fahad: **move to have a secret ballot**

McGinnis move to appoint Andres and Pratik as scrutineers.

*Moved by Noble, Russell*

**Passes Unanimously**

Fisher: Made attempts to contact person

Ramdev: agrees.

Niesner: Where they notified?

Speaker: Yes

Jowhari: What council meetings have they attended?

Speaker: none

Ramdev: He didn't do any reports or contact us.

*Motion to table McGinnis, Ramdev*

On Nickta Jowhari: request secret ballot  
McGinnis

Jowhari: finished school in May, I took courses in May, I attended all the meetings in Spring and drove.

**Secretary's Note:** The Councillor spoke to personal and familial reasons for the inability to attend.

For September meeting, I am a trainer for varsity athletes, one of the games I was unable to miss. I also had a dance competition that happens once a year. I promise that there

shouldn't be any more missed meetings. This is why I had to step down from Board.

Fisher: would they have been excuses if she had sent them?

Speaker: Some were excused some were not.

Ramdev: Can I hear the excuse for the 29th

**Secretary's Note:** The Councillor spoke to personal and familial reasons for the inability to attend.

Noble: I will not be voting to remove Nickta, things happen in life, and it happens that you lose track of e-mails.

Domanski : How many seats are available for AHS

Jowhari: There are two seats, I have Brandon who is looking to fill in the suits.

Domanski: I agree with Noble, if you are up for removal again I will take it into consideration.

Motion to table

*Moved by Romualdo, Savoy*

**Secretary's Note:** Councillor Jowhari was not removed from Council.

Motion to raise from table Fahad

*Moved by Romualdo, Fang*

The result from the secret ballot is: Yes  
[Fahad is removed]

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**Motion passes**

**Motion to raise from the table removal of Nickta**

*Moved by Savoy, Ramdev*

The result from the secret ballot is: No.

Removal of Councillors:

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<p><b>d. University Diversity Advisory Committee</b></p>	<p><b>Decision</b></p>
<p>BIRT _____, and _____ be ratified as at large members of the University Diversity Advisory Committee for the Fall 2012 and Winter 2013 term.</p> <p>McGinnis: why is this done at Cambridge</p> <p>Russell: this is ratify and not electing</p> <p><b>Motion to postpone indefinitely</b> <i>Moved by Russell, Garcia\</i></p> <p>Why don't we just withdraw the motion</p> <p>Russell: Withdraws the motion to postpone indefinitely</p>	
<p><b>e. Board Seat</b></p>	<p><b>Decision</b></p>
<p><b>BIRT _____ be ratified as a Board member for the remainder of the 2012-2013 academic year.</b> <i>Moved By Savoy, Noble</i></p> <p>Savoy: I would like to notify myself, Second by Ramdev</p>	

Ramdev nominates Romualdo

Garcia nominates Niesner

**30 second speech from each of the candidates**

Savoy: I've wanted to be a director for a really long time, since Winter 2011, I ran in the winter from Ottawa I only have elections this term, which doesn't take much time. I am only doing Hip Hop and Fashion for Change. Let me get into this confidential information

Romualdo: I am really interested by what Board deals with. I am concerned with International student. I want to make sure student interests are being served properly. In terms of time commitment I am on BPP and i am a don but I will find time.

Niesner: I think the ones that sit on board are the best at council and this would be the best way of serving as a councillor. I already sit on Board at Renison so this would be a good compliment

McGinnis: Mostly for Savoy, why do you want to be on board.

Savoy: I am interested in working with Law and HR, I was interested before in FED hall but that is wrapping up.

Garcia: There is a lot of sensitive things go on with board, how will you keep up and get up to speed with all the information for this Tuesday.

Romualdo: I have kept on top of things available to council, I learn quickly

Niesner: Savoy: I've been to every council meeting since last last may, I've written about it for FED hall.

Ramdev: Board does get a lot of bashing.  
What do you plan on changing on Board

Niesner: I don't have any plans of getting on board and changing things immediately, my first step would be to catch up with all the confidential information. To change things I would bring things up with people in the meeting. Savoy: If I got this, I would be very humble walking in, I would be awkward since on Tuesday we are making the agenda for the GM to change board.

Romualdo: Want to start publishing minutes. Is it an actual lawyer thing or culture shift that we need to do. If I noticed something on board I would bring it up to other members.

Garcia: Question for Romualdo we are going to accept your resignation for commissioner at large position, are there similar reasons.

Romualdo: mainly because of time commitments. Noble: do you have experience handling confidential information Savoy: High School placement at a school with students with mental disorders, tried to get info out of execs and directors so i'll know how they handle that. I also did reporting.

Romualdo: If you sign a confidentially agreement, you shouldn't let people know you signed on. Lots of experience.

Niesner: experience with confidentiality to protect vulnerable individuals. If you can't tell someone something, you should tell someone why you can't tell them.

**Motion to use a ranked ballot Garcia**

Speaker: you rank ballots, you don't have to rank all of them though.

**Motion for recess for 2 minutes**

*Moved by McGinnis, Romualdo*

<p>Vote 6-8  <b>Motion for recess fails</b></p> <p><b>Results from the election Savoy:</b></p> <p><b>BIRT Robert Savoy be ratified as a Board member for the remainder of the 2012-2013 academic year.</b></p> <p><b>Motion passes unanimously</b></p> <p><b>Motion to destroy ballots</b>  <i>Moved by Jowhari, Zaptses</i></p> <p><b>Motion passes unanimously</b></p>	
<p><b>f. Rescind Procedure 23 - Multiple Readings Procedure</b></p>	<p><b>Decision</b></p>
<p><b>BIRT Federation of Students' Council rescinds Procedure #23.</b>  <i>Moved by Garcia, Chen</i></p> <p>Garcia: procedure hasn't been followed, is confusing, and isn't necessary. There was no communication after the first reading between EAC and BPP For the first reading councillors asked what that meant. For the second reading councillors asked, hadn't we already passed this. All the tools in the policy are in Robert's rule of order</p> <p><b>Vote: 16-2</b></p> <p><b>Motion Passes</b></p>	
<p><b>g. Academic Commissioner at-Large Removal</b></p>	<p><b>Decision</b></p>
<p>WHEREAS Christina Romualdo has notified the Vice President Education of her resignation from the Commissioner-at-large position</p> <p>BIRT Christina Romualdo be removed from the Commissioner-at-large position for the remainder of the 2012-2013 year  <i>Moved by Garcia, Jowhari</i></p>	

<p>Garcia: I won't be posting the job, since I won't be able to find an experienced person who will be able to work with the team.</p> <p><b>Motion passes unanimously</b></p>	
<p><b>h. PT Student Representation</b></p>	<p><b>Discussion</b></p>
<p>Noble: It has been in my report since the start of my term, Board still needs to approve the agenda, but it is on the agenda, that we need to include part time students. We would need to start charging a fee to students that are part time but not on co-op. We would have to start charging a fee to students on co-op.</p> <p>The fee would just go to students who aren't on feds. It would be like student advisory committee. There is no representation for part time students on campus. Having this additional representation, when fees are being changed this will be useful. This is to be fair to all the individuals involved.</p> <p>Ramdev: I like the idea, but the concern is that it would be a huge jump, have we had consultation.</p> <p>Noble: They didn't want to pay, but the student called to be represented. They had no one to help support them to help figure it out. If you would rather us send a questionnaire to part time students, but the discussion will be on the fee mainly.</p> <p>Savoy: Is there anyone championing this.</p> <p>Noble: Colphon did some work into this and passed this onto me. We asked if it possible to charge these specific students and it was possible. The university is concerned by the lack of representation and would prefer not to see a second student union.</p> <p>McGinnis: have we ever represented part time student.</p>	

<p>Fuentes: We used to represent graduate and undergraduate students. Our charter say that we should represent them, but our bylaws say that we don't.</p>	
<p><b>i. Draft, Proposed New Bylaws</b></p>	<p><b>Decision</b></p>
<p>Noble's presentation on the new bylaws.</p> <p>Questions:</p> <p>Harrison: What is the role of council of in the future?</p> <p>Noble: It would approve any policies and a large body that is representative is making those decisions. It would turn into more informal presentations of what is happening on campus and what can be improved on campus</p> <p>McGinnis: It would be more what we did today with the two presentations.</p> <p>Noble: If someone from lower levels of Residence, came it would seem there would be interest.</p> <p>Radmev: It might have been pushed, but we were elected by the council. I would like to be able to run for board and this would give me the opportunity to do so. Council would be losing power, while there is an increase in transparency, but for council less information would be on the table.</p> <p>Garcia: I am appreciative, these changes were made in the past month by 5 people in BPP. We've changed the role of exec, board and council. This will affect staff and students.</p> <p><b>BIRT the Federation of Students' Council recommends to the Board of Directors that the By-law changes as presented not be brought forward for approval at the October General Meeting; and</b></p>	

**BIRT the Federation of Students' Council refers the proposed By-law changes back to BP&P Committee for further consultation and additional consideration and scrutiny of the changes;**

**BIFRT BP&P Committee must consult all governance bodies of the Federation of Students, as well as Federation of Students staff and students-at-large, to ensure that changes are made with full awareness of their impact; and**

**BIFRT BP&P Committee and Board of Directors consider the use of an external consultant to support this extensive consultation process; and**

**BIFRT BP&P Committee and the Board of Directors consider that the proposed By-law changes may be more suitably approved through a referendum of all members of the Federation of Students.**

*Moved by Garcia, McLean*

I don't think we should approve them in October, they have moved too quickly. I think everybody that should be consulted. I think BPP is a good committee to do this, but I think they need to do more consultation. I also want to look into the use of a consultant. Bylaw changes of this nature need to be approved at a referendum and not a GM.

Ramdev: A lawyer looked into it and the changes were implemented.

McGinnis: All the changes are, is the implementation of the governance review. I don't think it is as important to look into the implementation and if it is exactly done to perfection. A lot of research was put into the governance review. A lot of the bylaws are just rewordings to make them less confusing

Domanski: It's my first year on council, the exec said how average students who got elected or acclaimed can make a big difference on campus, and have the power to direct us. Going forward I hope that other students can bring their ideas to this. This will center the power on the most informed students on council, you can clearly see that what is brought to council on board. The concerns brought by council to board will be disregarded.

Niesner: The difference between big changes and rewording, can we approve the smaller changes and not make the larger changes

McGinnis: it would be fairly difficult, not a one click delete.

Savoy: You know at the beginning that Board has the power, instead of teasing students with council. With this if we consult with students, they don't know the old bylaws and they don't really care. Most of the changes will only be cared about by staff. If we bring it to the GM we can have the debate. I will speak against this motion

Ramdev: International students should be able to do it.

McGinnis: it is the not for profit act that makes the change.

Garcia: No one was consulted (staff, council, board) In the future board will be the consultation for this process, but in this case BPP was the consultation. The process was inherently flawed

McFaul: Board, Council tasked BPP with making the changes. We tried making changes, then realized why it was 50 pages long. I agree with Noble on a special November general meeting

Amendment:

**Strike BIFRT BP&P Committee and the Board of Directors consider that the proposed By-law changes may be more suitably approved through a referendum of all members of the Federation of Students and replace with**

**BIFRT BoD consider the proposed bylaw changes as agenda item for a potential GM in November**

*Moved by: McFaul, McGinnis*

Garcia: We have difficulty bringing students out to GM already, the building will already

McFaul: If it gets approved at a referendum, it would sit for 9 months, then a new set of people would look at it in 9 months and say they have to implement them.

Garcia: There are a number of different options, what is the rush that we implement this for the next election. We could take some time and implement it well.

McFaul : You can't put it in place half way through term. Transitioning out of the idea of the exec board.

Ramdev: I want to make sure that it doesn't get another year without international representation.

Domanski: If we approve this when is it effective?

McGinnis: It could be worded so that it would come into effect for next year.

Domanski : I agree that this is really rushed, I am against voting for this

Savoy: If this is passed, I can go to classes and explain to students what is going on.

<p>McGinnis: November is enough time to make enough consultation, this would be a month to explain to student what is going on.</p> <p>Niesner: Students don't know what is going on, it would be more valuable to consult externally.</p> <p>Savoy: I think it is a good compromise</p> <p><b>Vote: 10-9</b> Amendment passes <b>15-0-2</b> (Romualdo, McGinnis)</p> <p><b>Motion Passes</b></p> <p>McFaul: One of the things that was brought up, if we could change for calling a GM, what would be a reasonable number.</p> <p>McGinnis: We are looking at 500, it should be more difficult. There are provisions to make</p> <p>Savoy: 250 would be difficult</p> <p>Noble: I like a percentage</p> <p>McFaul: Our population keeps on increasing.</p> <p>Niesner: Isn't that the point to increase with percentage</p> <p>McGinnis: You would have to figure out what the number of students, which could be difficult</p> <p>Noble: If they are over by 100 it doesn't matter. ____</p>	
<p><b>j. Motion on Tuition</b></p> <p>WHEREAS the Ontario tuition framework is due for renewal at the end of the 2012-2013 academic year; and</p>	<p><b>Decision</b></p>

WHEREAS the current Ontario tuition framework allows for an average of 5 percent increases for undergraduate tuition, which outpaces the rate of inflation; and

WHEREAS at the University of Waterloo, the student contribution to the operating budget has surpassed the provincial government's contribution; and

WHEREAS the Federation of Students believes that students should not pay more than 30 percent of the cost of their education; and

WHEREAS the University of Waterloo has almost 200 different tuition levels, including a mixture of per credit and flat fee billing structures;

WHEREAS flat fee billing structures can lead to some students paying for education that they do not receive and can force students to choose between paying full fees and receiving financial assistance; and

WHEREAS per-credit charges and "program fee" tuition are calculated by registered program and not by the specific course enrolled in, leading to an inequitable payment system;

BIRT the Federation of Students' Council adopt an advocacy stance that the new tuition framework should include a multi-year funded tuition freeze and the prohibition of flat fee billing structures; and

BIRT the Federation of Students' Council encourage the Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance to adopt a similar stance in its advocacy activities as Ontario moves towards a new tuition framework.

*Moved by: Niesner, Garcia*

Niesner: This is what we should be doing and is a good first step.

McFaul: there is two different ideas, there is a flat freeze, and changing billing structure.

Romualdo: I don't think we are able to ask for a tuition freeze from the government, the prohibition of flat fee billings structure is a good thing. So i'd like to split the question.

**Motion to split the question**

*Moved by : Romualdo, McGinnis*

**Flat Fee**

McGinnis: I would speak in favour on the stance against the flat fee structure, it overcharges students. I am in favour of it.

Russell: Did it go through EAC or Niesner?

Niesner: Adam Motion to table and refer it to EAC and brought back in November  
Moved by : Russell, McGinnis

Garcia: There is a steering community for OUSA tomorrow, this would give some fuel to the discussion. I am talking fewer courses because I can't afford them. This is a policy position, not a policy.

McFaul: **Point of information** what is a flat fee structure.

Garcia: You pay on a per credit structure, each credit is worth a certain amount, about 500 or 600 \$. On your fifth course you get a discount. A flat fee billing structure, if you take a certain number of courses they charge you the maximum no matter what.

McGinnis: I'd speak for tabling, I realize it is a tight deadline, I don't think students are aware of the intricacies of this.

Savoy: I would speak against tabling because we are bringing it to OUSA and it is their job.

Niesner: I don't think you need to speaking on behalf of people, I don't think we need to do extensive consultation.

McFaul: When I take a class I pay for a course in arts I pay for the math course, whereas if an arts student takes a math course they pay the arts amount

Noble: this is to table the motion, send it to EAC and bring it back to November. This is what the communities are for. I realize this is time sensitive, but it won't be decided until much later.

#### **16-4 Motion passes unanimously**

#### **Motion to table and task to EAC to bring back in November**

Garcia: Tuition stance is much simpler.  
McGinnis: I don't want to take the stance on this if it is not reasonable. I would like to get more acquainted with the topic before voting.

#### **4-10 Motion fails**

Savoy: My constituents would be in favour of this, no matter what the economy is like there will always be room.

McFaul: Would this be considered an aggressive stance on tuition. Garcia: a conservative stance is tying it to inflation, aggressive would be to reduce.

Noble: It depends on what your role is as a councillor. We could send out a survey. We can be working with things that are more practical and the people that are closer to the issues. I would vote against this as more discussion needs to be had.

<p>McGinnis: What is the current approach the government takes, who might oppose this or support this. They froze wages, does this match up with other ideas from the government.</p> <p>Garcia: As it is the government is not completely stable. The liberal cabinet will be the ones who will probably support this. Glen Murray will support this. He wants students to say the same thing on as simple as a tuition freeze. This could really go a long way. The current provincial Health minister would go against this. Ontario university presidents would probably be against this. Having mostly tuition, would make them less accountable to the government. A tuition freeze is good for the government, as the tuition increases the ____ We just saw a summer with the second lowest employment of all time. We need to get together and say we can't afford this. Ontario has the highest tuition in Canada.</p> <p>Romualdo: The Ontario tuition grant was championed by Glen Murray, but we needed to cut so many other grants to fund that. How would we be able fund a tuition freeze.</p> <p>McFaul: this can't come up in its form if we defeat this.</p> <p><b>Motion to task the VPED with this.</b> <i>McFaul, McGinnis</i></p> <p>Garcia: what does that mean to task it McFaul: you can bring this to EAC</p> <p><b>Vote: 11-7</b></p> <p><b>Motion passes unanimously</b></p>	
<p><b>8. General Announcements</b></p>	<p><b>Information</b></p>
<p><b>9. Adjournment</b></p>	<p><b>Decision</b></p>
<p>Motion to Adjourn <i>Moved by Noble, McLean</i></p>	

**Vote: 15-3**

**Meeting adjourned at 5:20**