Federation of Students Council

Agenda for the meeting of January 15, 2017 @12:30pm
Student Life Centre Multi-Purpose Room

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Approval of the Agenda

Resolved, Council approves the agenda of the meeting as presented.

Consent Agenda

Resolved, Council moves to approve and accept for information the following items:

1. Minutes of the December 4th Meeting
2. Report of the President
3. Report of the Vice President, Internal
4. Report of the Vice President, Operations & Finance
5. Report of the Vice President, Education
7. End of Term Fall 2016 Reports of the Services
8. **Motion:** Council strikes section VII (Entrepreneurship) of Council Procedure 10.
   
   **Mover:** Lolas

Reports and Updates

Council hears the following items for information:

1. Executive Updates
2. Officers Updates
3. Delegations to Council
4. Standing Committee Reports
5. Special Committee Reports
General Orders

Motion: Resolved, Council appoints _____ & _____ as Council members, and _____ & _____ as at-large members to the Student Life Endowment Funding Committee.

Mover: Priori

Motion: Resolved, Council appoints _____, ______, & ______ as Council members, and ______ & ______ as at-large members to Coop Students Council.

Mover: Wiley

Motion: Resolved, Council appoints ______ to the OUSA Delegate Selection Committee.

Mover: Wiley

Motion: Resolved, Council appoints ______ & ______ as at-large members to the Policies and Procedures Committee.

Mover: Lolas

Motion: Resolved, Council appoints ______ & ______ as Council members, and ______ & ______ as at-large members to the President’s Advisory Committee.

Mover: Lolas

Motion: Resolved, Council appoints ______ as a Council member, and _____ as a former winner to the Leadership Awards Committee.

Mover: Lolas

Motion: Resolved, Council appoints ______ as a Council member, and _____ & Alexander Wray as at-large members of the Elections and Referenda Appeals Committee. Further Resolved, Council appoints Alexander Wray as Chair of the committee.

Mover: Lolas

For Information: Presentation on Council Policies regarding Ancillary Fees (Wray)

Other Business

Adjournment
Present: Alexander Wray† (Chair), Sacha Forstner† (Secretary), Christos Lolas, Brian Schwan, Deanna Priori, Sarah Wiley, Antonio Brieva, Antonio Clarke, Charles Teasdale, Harsh Mistry, Jeremy Spira, Marcus Abramovitch, Matthew Gerrits, Midori Armstrong, Muhammed Tahir, Razan Qaoud, Tristan Potter, Spencer Dobrik.

Phone-In: Alexa Fuentes Valdez, Ilia Sucholutsky.


†Non-Voting Member  
* Excused  
**Arrived Late (After 30 minutes)

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of Students’ Council assembled at 12:30 in the SLC MPR. Speaker Alexander Wray took the Chair, and Sacha Forstner acted as Secretary. The Chair verified that the meeting was properly constituted in accordance with the Corporation’s bylaws, policies, and procedures, that due notice had been given to all members, and that a quorum was present.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:46.

I. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Council heard a motion to approve the agenda for the meeting as presented.

Lolas and Schwan. Carried.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

Council heard a motion to approve all items on the consent agenda, including:

1. The minutes from the November 20th Council meeting;
2. All submitted reports;
3. The list of Winter 2017 Service Coordinators, with a student status exemption for Rachel Yavnai as GLOW Coordinator;
4. January 15th, February 5th, March 5th, and April 2nd as the Winter 2017 regular meeting dates for Council.

Gerrits and Schwan.

The Chair noted that the Secretary had circulated to all Councillors a set of draft edits to the minutes, and obtained Council’s consent to adopt those changes as presented.
Vice President Wiley noted a conflict between the proposed date for the March meeting of Council and the OUSA Spring General Assembly.

Wiley and Gerrits move to change the proposed March 5th meeting date for Council to March 12th. Carried.

The question was called on the primary motion as amended, and it carried.

III. REPORTS

President Lolas
Details for the SLC/PAC Expansion are nearly finalized, and contract proposals will soon go out to tender. It has been established that rooms in the building will have motion sensors, light sensors, as well as a watcard “tap” system for room access. During construction, an entrance will always be open near Campus Bubble/Wasabi, and the food court will be open most of the time as well.
The Lieutenant Governor visited campus recently to announce the launch of the Visionaries Prize, in which all students are encouraged to participate: https://thewalrus.ca/lg-visions-prize/.

Vice President Internal Priori
Feds On Tour visited the satellite campuses, and handed out popcorn on main campus. The Committee of Presidents end-of-term meeting was well-attended, and plans are in motion for the annual cross-campus winter trip.
Service Coordinators have been hired, and are presently undergoing training. The appreciation dinner for the Fall Coordinators was held recently.

Vice President Operations and Finance Schwan
The nightlife survey concluded with over 650 respondents. In order to avoid creating competitive disadvantages for Feds, the data will not be released publicly.
The Bombshelter Pub is currently seeking new hires for the kitchen. International News has launched in-house sandwiches, which are receiving good feedback. Feds is currently exploring options for a grab and go counter for hot food items in the new year. Campus Bubble continues to sell sushi at a high rate as a result of lower prices. The Used Bookstore is experiencing a last-minute rush of pre-exam purchases.
The SLC recently underwent a waste audit in conjunction with the University. Feds will receive a report with changes recommended to improve sustainability.

Vice President Education Wiley
OU$A’s annual Lobby Conference happened last week at Queen’s Park, prioritizing Sexual Violence Prevention & Response, Tuition Regulation, and Data Collection. Suggestions were received well during lobby meetings, including a meeting with Minister Matthews. Feds also participated in OUSA’s #myWiLiis campaign.
Feds recently hosted, at the University’s request, a visit from the Lieutenant Governor, setting up a meeting with her and the Feds Executive, Society Presidents, and Student Senators.
An International Students Working Group is being set up under the VP Ed portfolio for the purpose of drafting a policy on international students. There will be one seat for a Councillor.

Councillors asked questions regarding the level of international tuition at Waterloo in relation to other Ontario schools. Wiley responded that such comparisons have been noted, and will influence future policy development.

**IV. INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS WORKING GROUP**

Council heard a motion to name one Councillor to the International Students Working Group established by the Vice President Education.

Councillor Muhammed Tahir was nominated and acclaimed to the vacant seat.

*Wiley and Priori. Carried.*

**V. COMMERCIAL SERVICES POLICY**

Council heard a motion to approve the Commercial Services Policy as presented.

*Schwan and Abramovitch. Carried.*

**VI. NEW CLUBS PROCEDURE**

Council heard a motion to revoke the existing Council Procedure 3, Federation of Students Clubs, and to replace it with the text of the new procedure as presented.

*Priori and Potter.*

*Potter and Tahir* move to refer the motion to the Policies and Procedures Committee for final approval.

Councillor Potter explained that the intent of the referral would be to signal Council’s endorsement-in-principle, and then to allow the Committee to make minor revisions intended to ensure alignment with the rest of Feds’ procedural framework.

*The question was called on the motion to refer, and it carried.*

**VII. STUDENT HOUSING PROTECTIONS**

Council heard a motion to task the VP Education with:

1. Developing a policy that would forbid landlords from marketing unfinished buildings in the Student Life Centre;
2. Explore the development of a Feds approval program for landlords and rental agencies;
3. Run a campaign highlighting tenants’ rights, the dangers of renting unfinished buildings, and best practices for self-protection in moving; and
4. To report back to Council regularly on all items.
Abramovitch and Clarke.

Councillor Abramovitch presented his motion, as per discussions at previous Council meetings.

Schwan and Potter move to amend the motion to strike the second resolution clause.

Vice President Schwan expressed concerns about the practicality of maintaining an approvals list given the quantity of landlords in the city, noting his opinion that a policy against marketing unfinished buildings in the SLC would sufficiently fulfill the intent of the motion.

Councillors expressed mixed opinions regarding the amendment. Those in favour noted the possibility that an “approved landlords” list would expose the Corporation to legal risks, and expressed concerns about potentially high staffing costs for such a program. Those opposed emphasized the program’s ability to act as a source of information for students and an incentive for greater diligence by landlords. Some Councillors also expressed a desire to see the issue and possible alternatives investigated and reported on at a future meeting.

The question was called on Schwan’s amendment, and it carried.

Wiley and Potter move to amend the first resolution clause by replacing “Council tasks the Vice President Education with developing a policy” with “Council requests the Board create an operational procedure to prevent”.

Councillor Potter noted his belief that the amendment would heighten the effectiveness of the primary motion.

The question was called on Wiley’s amendment, and it carried.

Discussion resumed on the primary motion. Councillors emphasized the importance of the issue. It was noted with some concern that some Feds Services had engaged in partnerships with rental agencies, even to the extent of promoting unfinished buildings on social media.

Gerrits and Potter move to amend the first resolution clause by replacing “in the SLC” with “in Federation-controlled property or through Federation-controlled channels of communication.”

The Chair sought and found unanimous consent for Gerrits’ amendment.

The final text of the motion read as follows:

Resolved, Council requests the Board create an operational procedure to prevent housing companies from marketing unfinished buildings in Federation-controlled property or through Federation-controlled channels of communication; and
Further Resolved, Council tasks the Vice President, Education with delivering a campaign on the following items:

- Renting unfinished buildings and the dangers this presents;
- Tenants’ rights (no withholding key deposits, subletting rights, etc.);
- Advice upon moving in (video/pictures documenting the state of the apartment upon moving in to protect against damage claims, etc.); and

Further Resolved, the Vice President, Education should report on the progress towards these tasks as part of their updates to Council.

The question was called on the primary motion, and it carried.

VIII. COMMUNICATION OF WINTER 2017 WPIRG REFUND OPPORTUNITY

Council heard a motion to task the President with communicating information to students regarding the process of refunding of the Waterloo Public Interest Research Group (WPIRG) fee for Winter 2017.

Armstrong and Potter.

Potter and Tahir move to amend the motion to replace “the Waterloo Public Interest Research Group fee” with “all refundable fees.”

Councillor Potter highlighted the importance of fee refunds as a topic that all students should be informed about, noting that his own efforts to centralize refunds had not met with success, and stressing Feds’ responsibility to take ownership of the issue through clear communication.

Councillors expressed some concerns regarding the amendment vis-à-vis the intent of the original motion in light of the prolonged process for removing the WPIRG fee from students’ fee statements following the referendum in September. In response, it was noted that Feds always runs a “how to get your refunds” campaign at the start of term.

It was proposed that the amendment be further adjusted by adding the words “with specific messaging relating to the WPIRG fee refund” after “for all refundable fees.” The Chair found the proposed subamendment to be friendly with the mover and seconder, and deemed it adopted.

The question was called on the amended text of Potter’s amendment, and it carried.

Discussion continued on the primary motion. Councillors stressed the importance of the motion, and also asked for an update on the preparation of amendments to Policy 24 by the Policies and Procedures Committee, which would contain text similar to the motion. President Lolas affirmed that such updates are being worked on.

Lolas and Abramovitch move to call the question. Carried unanimously.
The final text of the motion was as follows:

**Resolved,** Council tasks the President with communicating to all undergraduate students in the Winter 2017 term on how and where to secure a refund for all refundable fees, with specific messaging relating to the WPIRG fee refund.

*The question was called on the primary motion as amended, and it carried.*

**IX. GENERAL MEETING PROXIES**

Council raised from the table the motion moved and seconded on November 20th 2016 by Councillors Clarke and Armstrong requesting that the bylaws be amended to allow Student Councillors to hold multiple proxies from their constituency at General Meetings of the Corporation.

Council also raised the amendment moved on November 20th 2016 by Councillors Mistry and Melanson to change the text of the motion by replacing “Student Councillors” with “students” and striking “for students within their constituencies.”

Discussion ensued on Councillor Mistry’s amendment. Councillors expressed concerns regarding the legal and practical implications of the amendment, particularly the risk that special interest groups might “hijack” general meetings under such a system. The representative duties of Student Councillors, as well as Faculty proportionality, were both noted as a reason to preserve the text of the original motion as presented.

Councillor Mistry responded to the concerns by highlighting the role of general meetings as a forum for students to convey their concerns, stressing the importance of having Feds enforce proxy votes being cast as specified on the proxy form.

*The question was called on Mistry’s amendment, and it failed.*

Discussion continued on the primary motion. Councillors presented varying opinions on the issue. Those in favour of the motion noted that the purpose of general meetings is to open up issues to the public to see which approaches are popular. Those opposed highlighted the same issues with the motion as with the recently-defeated amendment to the motion, as well as the possibility of selective proxy-holding by Councillors. Issues with proxy votes in general were also identified, specifically the inability of proxy-givers to account for the real-time discussions and amendments at General Meetings.

President Lolas noted that the legality of the motion remained an open question, and stressed the Board’s commitment to improving general meeting participation overall.
The question was called via a roll-call vote at the discretion of the Chair.

**Yea:** Abramovitch, Armstrong, Clarke, Dobrik, Fuentes Valdez, Hu, Spira, Sucholutsky, Teasdale.

**Nay:** Brieva, Gerrits, Lolas, Mistry, Potter, Priori, Qaoud, Schwan, Wiley.

**Abstain:** Tahir.

The motion failed on a 9-9-1 tie.

**X. CHANGES TO ELECTIONS AND REFERENDA PROCEDURE**

Council heard a motion to approve changes to Procedure 10, Elections and Referenda, as presented.

*Lolas and Wiley.*

*Lolas and Gerrits* move to amend the proposed changes by changing “or one hour after the end of the polling period” to “or three hours after the end of the polling period” in Section 4.3.6, and by adding “Senate” after “University of Waterloo” in Section 6.8, and by replacing “ERAC” with “ERO and the Research & Policy Officer” in sections 9.9.1 and 9.9.2. **Carried.**

Councillors expressed general support for the changes, and highlighted the importance of transparency in elections proceedings, particularly the appointment of the adjudication committees.

Councillors proposed changing “misrepresenting the character” to “purposefully and significantly misrepresenting the character” in Section 4.4.5. The Chair found the proposed amendment to be friendly with the mover and seconder, and deemed it adopted.

*Gerrits and Lolas* move to amend the proposed changes to add “while those allegations are under investigation” after “make public allegations that other candidates or committees have violated the rules” in Section 4.4.5.

Councillors expressed concerns with the amendment, noting that the existing language in Section 4.4.5 prevents candidates from publicly slandering their opponents even before an allegation is filed.

*The amendment moved by Gerrits and Lolas was withdrawn.*

*Gerrits and Lolas* move to amend the proposed changes by adding “until a decision has been delivered by the ERO or the ERAC” after “allegations that other candidates or committees have violated the rules” in Section 4.4.5. **Carried.**

*The question was called on the primary motion as amended, and it carried.*
XI. APPOINTMENT OF THE ELECTIONS AND REFERENDA APPEALS COMMITTEE

Council heard a motion to appoint the members of the Elections and Referenda Appeals Committee pursuant to Procedure 10 for the 2017 General Election.

*Lolas and Priori.*

It was noted that no applications had been received to sit on this committee, nor were there gallery members present at the meeting who might fill the at-large seats.

*Gerrits and Lolas* move to table the motion to January. *Carried.*

XII. OTHER BUSINESS

The Secretary informed Council of the planned development of a tutorial guide for future Council Secretaries. Councillors interested in viewing or revising the draft were encouraged to contact Council’s administration.

Councillors were reminded that nominations for the 2017 General Election include nominations for the University of Waterloo Senate. The Senate is the highest-ranking decision-making body on matters of educational policy, and includes all members of the University’s senior administration. One at-large seat is opening, as well as seats in AHS, Engineering, and Math, all for two-year terms. Interested Councillors were encouraged to seek a nomination.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment was moved at 14:23.

*Tahir and Mistry. Carried.*
Chris Lolas
President

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ELECTIONS

Nominations for the following are available:
Council
Feds Exec
Senate - AHS, Engineering, Math, and 1 at-large position

Please encourage your constituents to consider collecting nominations for these positions. They are all due Monday January 23 at 4pm. Visit feds.ca/elections for more info.

SLC/PAC Expansion

The end is very much in sight. By the time of the meeting, the tender should be sent out. What is the tender you ask?

Since the University is a publicly assisted institution, they are required to ask for construction companies to bid on projects of this scale. This is also a good practice, even if we weren’t required to do it. Basically, the architects and specialists have created a massive package of drawings and details (hundreds and hundreds of pages) that explain how to build the building. Construction companies will look over the package, and submit a bid. We then review the bids by the different companies and rank them based on a number of factors (their past work experience, for example) and of course what the dollar amount is. Based on all these factors, we will select a general contractor to build the building, which ultimately needs to be approved by the Board of Governors.

Small details, like the exact colour of paint, for example, are not selected at this stage, since it won’t affect the bid (all they need to know is that this wall is getting painted to know how much it costs, not the exact colour). So the work isn’t over yet…

Student Service Transformation

Needles Hall

See this video for an update on the project: https://uwaterloo.ca/student-service-transformation-needles-hall/news/december-2016-video-update

University Changes

UW did not have a December Senate meeting, but that doesn’t mean Needles Hall has been quiet for the past month. We have a new Vice-President, Advancement. Her name is Joanne Shoveller, and will be overseeing such things as alumni relations and university donations.
In other major news, the Office of the Secretariat and General Counsel has been split in two. Logan Atkinson will remain as General Counsel (ie. lawyer for UW) and the search is on for some to fill the role of Secretariat. The latter position is responsible for all secretarial duties of the university’s many high level governing bodies and committees, and providing policy interpretation and guidance to the university committee.

A lot of my time recently has been split between preparing for elections and reviewing the pre-tender documents for SLC/PAC. Otherwise, in the past few weeks that I’ve been in the office, I’ve spent a good deal of time preparing for the transition of the new President.
Hello and Happy New Year, Councilors!

I hope that you are all enjoying the start of the Winter term! This is a very exciting term for me as I have a lot planned during my last few months as Vice President Internal! (Also I hope you enjoy my new report structure!)

**Services**

_Updates:_
- New Student-Run Service Coordinators have been hired (see motion) and we are off to an exciting start for Winter.
- All the Services showcased their opportunities to get involved, as well as the services they provide to students at the Campus Life Fair/Feds Open House during the second week of class.

**Upcoming:**
- Reviewing and revising the following procedures: Federation of Student’s Services (Procedure 25) and Service Procedure (Procedure 26) to ensure that they are up to date, accurately reflect what the intention of Services is and to maintain efficacy.
  - Will first be edited by myself and appropriate staff, the executives and then sent to Policies and Procedures Committee for final review before Council.
- Office hours of all the services have been shared

**Events**

_Updates:_
- Welcome Week was from January 9th – 13th. We had our classic events (Warrior Breakfast, Sex Toy Bingo and Warriors on Ice) but included some new activities including Lazer Tag and We Got Game!
- Including during the span of Welcome Week was the Volunteer Fair run by the Volunteer Centre and CECA, Campus Life Fair (which doubled as Feds Open House) and Clubs and Societies Days

**Upcoming:**
- Our Special Events Coordinator in tandem with the societies have put together two Winter trips happening in late January. There will be a Blue Mountain trip on January 22nd and a trip to Arrowhead Provincial Park on the 28th.

**Clubs**

_Updates:_
- Clubs and Societies Days happened on the 12th and 13th giving clubs access to many students to share the mission of their clubs.
- Clubs Procedure updates have been sent to Policies and Procedures Committee for a final review before being updated.
- How to Start a Club info session happened on January 9th

**Upcoming:**
- IAC will continue to meet weekly, starting with longer meeting times for the first few weeks of the term to prevent any backlog that the start of the term applications usually cause
- Club Executive trainings and Club Presidents meetings will be happening throughout the month of January during several times to allow for the most amount of people to attend and collect information.

**Societies and Satellite Campuses**

*Updates:*
- The Society Relations Commissioner connected with societies and worked with the Special Events Coordinator to help organize the two winter trips happening this month.
- An end of term meeting with the Society Relations Commissioner happened in December and there we reviewed our priorities for the Winter term, what we have accomplished and where we still need to improve.
- Plans have been made for a beginning of term campus visit to all the satellite campuses. The focus of the visit will be getting students to engage with the elections.

*Upcoming*
- There will be a Committee of Presidents meeting happening at the end of January (date still TBD)
- Engaging societies with elections

**Projects**
- Continuing Feds on Tour visits at the beginning and end of term to satellite campuses
- Volunteer Appreciation Revamp, Feds is looking to provide better appreciation to our volunteers. A survey asking students how they would like to be appreciated is being launched and a review and revision of our Volunteer Extravaganza is set to happen for this term.
- I am also working on making the Leadership Awards bigger and more enticing. I am connecting with many on campus departments to increase the number and quality of applications.
- Student Life Endowment fund gets allotted this term, the SLEF Board of Directors has revised the funding committee make up so I will be getting those positions elected by the end of January/early February.
- SLEF applications close February 26th at 11:59 pm.

**Upcoming Events:**
- **Gender Equity** fair January 18th
- ICSN is heading to **Chicopee** to go skiing and tubing on January 22nd
- UWaterloo does Winter: **Blue Mountain** January 22nd (tickets here: [http://uwgoestobluemountain.ticketfi.com/](http://uwgoestobluemountain.ticketfi.com/) or Feds Main Office)
- Glow's **Drag Me to the Bomber** is happening Friday January 27th

*If you have any comments, concerns, complaints or compliments about campus life (or anything about the university and Feds) feel free to reach out!*  

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### Winter 2017 Feds Coordinators

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Executive Report

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Month Summary

The Bombshelter:
First Bomber was a great success; many students came out and had an enjoyable evening. Will update on NYE 2.0 verbally.

International News
Hot Grab and Go has launched and we will be continuing to diversify the product mix in the counter. Please encourage students to provide any feedback on the items to feedback@feds.ca

Campus Bubble/Wasabi:
Poke Bowls have officially launched at Campus Bubble/Wasabi and the feedback has been very positive. Sushi Burritos are planned to launch later this term and I will notify council once they are selling. Wasabi will be selling Poke Bowls at 50% off during Jan 9th-13th. The options available are Vegetarian, Salmon, and Tuna

Feds Used Books:
Feds Used Books was exceptionally busy the first couple weeks of the term, we expect to stay busy up until the last week of January/First week of February due to students switching classes and students buying books for their midterms.

Current Projects/Initiatives

3.A. Feedback on commercial services
Reminder:
We have launched a new way for students to provide feedback on commercial services. This is through emailing feedback@feds.ca. This goes directly to me so I can review each piece of feedback given. We will be transitioning all of our labels and ads to have this email on it to encourage students to provide feedback.

3.B. Part Time training
This term a big project of mine will be to improve and finalize PT staff documents. Students can expect to see an improvement in new staffs capabilities and confidence through this new program as well as better all-around service at Feds Commercial Services.

3.C. SLC
Charging stations have been added to the SLC on each floor, this is in addition to students still being able to borrow chargers from turnkey desk. The charging stations have seen frequent use by students due to their locations in the SLC.

3.D. Warrior Tuck Shop
We have been in discussion with the university regarding opening up a Warrior Tuck shop for students in the SLC to improve access. The communication has seemed positive for the most part however I still do not have a final verdict to bring to council. This update is to let students know that we are still working on this for them but very little information is available at this time.
Sarah Wiley
Vice President Education Report

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0.0 Announcements

Post-Secondary Student Support Program: PSSSP is a program that helps Indigenous students attend post-secondary school by providing financial grants from the federal government. Currently, the fund has a 2% cap on annual funding increases. The problem with this is that the amount of students looking to access the pot of money is growing faster than then pot of money itself. While in Ottawa with Advocan, myself and other student leaders advocated for the cap to be lifted and for $2 million to be added to the fund. A few weeks later, the Standing Committee on Finances released a report with recommendations for the next federal budget. We were very excited to see that our recommendation had been picked up by the committee and is being recommended for the next budget.

Syllabi Repository: I now chair a working group with members of the upper administration for the purposes of creating the syllabi repository. Currently, I am in the process of consulting with stakeholders across campus and creating a plan for implementation.

1.0 University-Related Activities

1.1 Feds Committees:

Education Advisory Committee
Responsibilities: To advise the Vice President Education on academic issues facing Waterloo students.
Synopsis: Has not met since last council meeting.

Government Affairs Advisory Committee
Responsibilities: To advise the Vice President Education on Feds lobby efforts and membership to external political organizations.
Synopsis: Has not met since last council meeting.

Co-op Students Council
Responsibilities: To advise the Vice President Education on co-op related issues facing Waterloo students.
Synopsis: Has not met since last council meeting.

1.2 University Committees:

Undergraduate Student Relations Committee
Responsibilities: A forum to discuss undergraduate student issues in a broad sense at UW.
Synopsis: Talked about Waterloo Works, Co-op 2.0, and pharmacy student fees.

Co-operative Education Council
Responsibilities: A forum to review and to advise Co-op at UW.
Synopsis: Discussed co-op stats, CECA has agreed to review them and present alternative and more accurate ways to have them calculated. Talked about an increase to the co-op fee, I spoke adamantly against this. Also discussed new exit interviews for students leaving co-op, and we have decided to continue to do them as a quality control measure.

Senate Undergraduate Council
Responsibilities: To consider questions involving academic quality and undergraduate studies and provide recommendations to go forward to Senate
Synopsis: Agenda and minutes can be found here: https://uwaterloo.ca/secretariat-general-counsel/committees-and-councils/senate-undergraduate-council/senate-undergraduate-council-agenda-and-minutes

Course Evaluation Task Force (Sacha Forstner)
Responsibilities: Investigating how course evaluations are done and how to improve them.
Synopsis: Has not met since last council meeting.

Outstanding Academic Programming Theme Group
Responsibilities: Enhance the learning experience for all students, reshape the traditional classroom and expand the impact and reach of Waterloo programs.
Synopsis: Has not met since last council meeting, but continues to talk about progress via email.

Experiential Education Theme Group
Responsibilities: Build world-ready graduates who are at home in culturally diverse environments.
Synopsis: Has not met since last council meeting.

Provost Advisory Committee on Timetabling
Responsibilities: Look into scheduling and in particular the new scheduling system.
Synopsis: Has not met since last council meeting.

Student Technology Advisory Committee
Responsibilities: Look into scheduling and in particular the new scheduling system.
Synopsis: Has not met since last council meeting.

Undergraduate Operations Committee
Responsibilities: Makes non policy decisions on undergraduate issues.
Synopsis: This meeting is confidential.

Teaching and Learning Spaces Committee
Responsibilities: Look into improving teaching and learning spaces on campus
Synopsis: Results of best and worst classroom survey came in, and they are still being analyzed. The committee is discussing preliminary plans for renovations of “worst” classrooms. I have spoken very much in favor of focusing on large tiered lecture halls with fold out tablet seating. We also toured campus, visiting classrooms to ask both professors and students what the liked and didn’t like about their classrooms.

Academic Integrity Communications Working Group
Responsibilities: Fostering a culture of academic integrity on campus.
Synopsis: Has not met since last council meeting.

HeforShe Campus Advocates
Responsibilities: This committee consists on the HeforShe representatives who are not associated with a faculty. We discuss different ways of making Waterloo campus more inclusive to people of all genders.
Synopsis: Has not met since last council meeting.

2.0 External Activities

2.1 Municipal/Regional-level
Town & Gown Steering Committee, City of Waterloo (Antonio Brieva)
Responsibilities: Bring together a smaller group of municipal stakeholders to assist with direction-setting for the broader Town & Gown Committee.
Synopsis: Has not met since last meeting
Town & Gown Committee, City of Waterloo (Antonio Brieva)
Responsibilities: Represent UW students to all of the stakeholders involved in the Town & Gown Association, bring forward student concerns, and identify opportunities for integration in the community.
Synopsis: Has not met since last meeting

Housing Sub-Committee: Has not met since last council meeting
Return to Campus Sub-Committee: Has not met since last meeting.

2.2 Provincial-level
Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance (OUSA)
Responsibilities: Represent UW students to the provincial government through an alliance of like-minded undergraduate student associations. For more information on OUSA visit: www.ousa.ca.
Synopsis: Has not met since last council meeting.

Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance (OUSA) Steering Committee
Responsibilities: Represent UW undergraduate students to OUSA.
Synopsis: Has not met since last council meeting.

2.3 Federal-level
Advocan
Responsibilities: To advocate on behalf of students to the Federal Government. Advocan is made up of student leaders from U15 schools across Canada.
Synopsis: Discussed plans going forward, changes for next year, and how we can improve. Chris Lolas presented a draft constitution that was well received.

3.0 Meetings with Decision-makers

3.1 University-level:
Bruce Campbell, Chief Information Officer: Talked about student concerns over scheduled maintenance on Learn during the exam period. Also talked about ways to make UWaterloo online services (portal, quest, learn, waterlooworks) work together better.
Peggy Jarvie, Director of CECA: Mainly talked about co-op fee. Discussed planned increase, and I expressed serious concern. We agreed that CECA needs to do a deep dive into the co-op fee. We also talked about improving transparency about the co-op fee.
Gabrielle Smith, Student Experience Manager for CECA: Talked about how co-op stat is calculated and exit interviews.
Mario Coniglio, Associate Vice President Academic: Talked about partial grade return, the syllabi repository, and Saturday midterms.
Rob Esselment, Government Relations: Talked about current goings on in the government, the funding formula, student housing, and upcoming meetings.

3.2 Municipal/Regional-level:

3.3 Provincial-level:

3.4 Federal-level:
Advocan: see 2.3

3.5 Other:
5.0 Upcoming Activities

Meetings with Mayor Jaworsky, and Minister Chagger.
OUA governance review retreat