

## University of Waterloo Science Society

### Chair's Agenda for October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Members: G. Thai (Minutes), R. Beena Kumary (President), K. Walden (VPFA), A. Richard (VPI), M. Chung (VPA), Biochemistry Student Association (BSA) - Proxy (\_\_\_), Biomedical Student Association (**BMSA**), Biology Undergraduate Society (BUGS) - P. Braunstein, N. Vuong, Chemistry Club (ChemClub) - Proxy (S.Velling), Physics Club (PhysClub)- A. Jogoo, Materials & Nanoscience Society (MNS) - E. O'Sullivan, Science and Business Students' Association(SBSA) - C. Pham Waterloo Undergraduate Student Geological Society (WatRox) - C. Kinney, S. Turner, **FEDS Councillors**

#### **Announcements**

1. Thank you to those who attended the FEDS GM. The online voting motion was passed!
2. Scisoc's big M4MH event is a week today. Please tell people to come out, this is going to be a big event.
  - Please tell friends about it, share it
3. Note FEDS Councillor Ben's absence (notice given).
4. Note FEDS Councillor Seneca will, in the event of ChemClub's absence, act as their proxy.

#### **Call to Order**

*Move* to begin the orders of the day.

- Motion by WatRox, seconded by BUGS

#### **Old Business**

1. *Call* to revive tabled motion to nominate new Speaker for Fall 2017. *Move* to vote on a new Speaker for Fall 2017 to begin effective October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017. *Be it resolved that* the new Speaker for the Fall 2017 Academic term shall be.
2. *Call* to end reviving Speaker election if no one is going to make a nomination.
  - Motion by speaker, seconded by president to table speaker voting until later
3. *Move* to a moderated caucus where any additional old business items may be brought up.
4. *Move* to approve the agenda minutes form last meeting:
  - All in favour
  - Move by speaker, second by president
5. *Move* to conclude Old Business.

#### **Public Session**

1. *Move* to open question period from members-at-large. *Note:* Any Society members can speak during this time, including the Board members.
2. Speaker's Note: By constitution, along with these 'Public Sessions' we must be having one General Meeting per term akin to the FEDS GM (article VI - section 9). I recommend we use it more as an info-update and question & answer period this term

since we will have nothing for the assembly to vote on.

- Created public sessions so that people could come participate in them, we stopped because no one came out to them
- Can have a Q and A session, maybe a panel with speaker of the board maybe once or twice a term
- President: thinks it would be fine, and would recommend during the day because never seen a good turnout during the evening for this

### **Committee, Clubs, & Societies Reports**

*Move* to close Public Session and proceed to in camera session.

Speaker's Note: We will try to reduce meeting time by instilling a soft restriction of 3 minutes and a hard restriction of 5 minutes to each member for their updates.

- Cut in half to 1 minute 30 seconds

#### 1. University-wide Committees

- Co-op Education Council and Co-op Student Council — Briefing by the Vice President Academic and FEDS Councillors.
  - CEC meetings cancelled for the rest of the term, first meeting attended will be on January 23rd; already briefed the the last CEC meeting
  - President went instead for meeting, the updates are on undergraduate calendar, can check website if you have any further questions
  - Had first CSC meeting: talked about employment date and statistics, was able to see that 99.8% of students were able to switch into co-op, will break it down in a later meeting (does not count everyone, some jobs are pending) and later can go over how many students were actually hired
    - Rest of the meeting just discussed Co-op 2.0 program
    - Greenhouse co-op available for all students
  - Will invite Franco (in charge of Co-op 2.0) to next board meeting so any questions can be directed to him during the next meeting
    - Working on Waterloo Works first work term survey for winter, thought it would be valuable to get students experience
    - 2 surveys: one for first work term students and one for the upper year students
- FSF Committee & WatSEF — Briefing by the President.
  - President was not able to attend
  - FSF meeting: MNS got a seat on it and attended
- FEDS President's Committee (President) — Briefing by the President.
  - No major updates
- Other, as needed.
  - None

*Move* to a Moderated Caucus where any additional university-wide items can be brought up during this time.

Executive Updates

- President
  - Midterm giveaway today: successful
  - SciBall tickets are being sold, please promote the event for a good turnout
  - Few events coming up in coming weeks
- Vice President Finance & Administration
  - Not much to note, past few meetings were finance based
  - Gave accountant external funding information
- Vice President Internal
  - Dogs and paint night Wellness Wednesday next week!
  - Partnership with ASU, hopefully going to be big, ASU has been advertising as well
    - In STC 0010 Thursday evening
    - Come out, event is free and open to all faculties
  - Mug painting went well
- Vice President Academic
  - Held first career talk, attendance was not good but had great speakers
    - Should advertise better for next event and VPA recommended against having an event in RCH
    - Recently there haven't been enough rooms in STC to book out, if recommended another room for events please check it out first because location very important
  - Headshots event coming up
    - If anyone has DSLR and available to take pictures please let VPA know on Nov 2nd Thursday from 2-4pm, in 15 minute increments so even 15 minutes would be helpful
- Executive Coordinators (Administrative Coordinator & Financial Associate)
  - Administrative Coordinator no updates
  - Financial associate not present

*Move* to a Moderated Caucus where any additional executive items can be brought up during this time.

- President: Thank you WatRox for lending their projector
- Seneca: towards VPAF: putting revenue aside in TFSA to accrue interest and use it to gain extra money since it is just sitting there
  - VPAF will talk to accountant about it
- Seneca: FEDs calendar: there is a separate form for FEDs calendar, if you want the events posted on the FEDs website, should submit it there as well
- Seneca: with regards to the career talks, are there powerpoints we can put up on the website?
  - VPA: Both of them had outdated data, don't know how useful it would be to post it at this point
  - VPAF: maybe future years would not want to come to the events if they had access to the powerpoints because the powerpoints are the same
- Seneca: Science Communications will do photos for free
- President: please submit events form (FEDs societies events form) for liability if you haven't already, no matter how small the event

- WatRox: fill out 2 forms to get events on the calendar, is there any way to streamline that process?
  - Will bring it up as well as getting reimbursements through online platforms
- 2. Departmental Clubs/Societies Updates
  - BMSA: VPI will update for BMSA on behalf of Arita:
    - Still waiting on FEDs for approval
  - BSA:
    - Pumpkin carving on monday
    - Amino acid bingo
    - EOT sushi planned
    - Midterm session is being planned still
  - BUGS
    - Just had mental health wellness event, went well, balloons went well
      - Full time staff also liked it
    - Bonfire on Monday night upcoming: conflict with BSA so in the future will work on not having conflicts
    - First year reps to do first year talks, talked to profs already
    - A lot of first years asked to be officially involved in BUGs, so maybe opening a volunteer committee?
      - VPI: MNS does coordinator/committee positions for different events they have (e.g planning MNS 10 etc.)
      - Seneca: people apply and execs can choose coordinators/committees and also they can pitch in their own idea forms
  - ChemClub: not present but Seneca will brief for CHEM
    - Student prof night tonight
    - Chem exam prep
    - Mindful Mocha Mondays: continuing
    - Exploding pumpkins on Oct 31
    - Chempire gives back: next week
    - Mental Health event: MATEs will be there, MNS might help with nitrogen ice cream
    - EOT being determined
  - MNS:
    - Student prof night with PHYS coming up, picked food today, will be held in bomber
    - Movie in a theater night: Battle of the Sexes
    - Updating website
  - PhysClub:
    - Astro fire event with space society: lots of clouds and so much attendance
    - Murder mystery event tomorrow
      - Had an event like this last term, this theme is “experiments that went wrong”
    - Student prof night the following week on Monday (Nov 6th)
  - SBSA
    - Had first year event yesterday: was a success (50-60 first years)

- First years and scibus mingled together, approved by FEDs
- Served candy, chips and drinks
- Saturday: doing a booth at the open house, have some of the first year reps and reps in general to hold hours to volunteer with food
- Merchandise: not for profit, just ordering for any students who want sweaters with program logo on it, everything outlined on budget
- Charity/food drive for an organization TBD
- Nov 16 SBSA partner with Ascend to host professional keynote speaker event from different companies (TD, Deloitte, Manulife) from 7pm-9pm
  - NOT recruiting/networking event, just talking about professional experiences and helping students who are looking for coop opportunities to put themselves out there and meet individuals who are interested in the business side of science
  - Approved by FEDs last week, booked a room for it
  - Please help promote this event, it is open to all students
- Nov 21 EOT, logged into the calendar already
  - For all science students
  - Theme is 20th anniversary of scibus at bomber
  - Will have some keynote speakers (maybe Dean of Science)
- Note: SBAT external funding:
  - We are in contact with them but not working too closely with them except for the speed-networking event
  - Was going to have this event the following week
- Dodgeball tournament at PAC or CIF at no cost Dec 1
- WatRox:
  - Bonfire Nov 13, went well did smores
  - **November:** WatRox trivia: will not all be about rocks, will have general science knowledge as well
  - Nov 19: WatRox rock climbing \$10/person, expect 20 minimum, already at 7 people started advertising on wednesday
  - Bowling with PHYS and BUGs on Nov 23rd
  - EOT on Nov 29th at Molly Blooms
    - Lip sync battle, provide food
    - Written a constitution and figured out some more behind-the-scenes general organization in the past 2 weeks
  - Got a new projector
  - Brought in french presses

*Move to a Moderated Caucus where any additional executive items can be brought up during this time.*

- President: WatRox poster:
  - Please keep the posters appropriate, please do not do it in future reference, have to take into account the people who would get offended
  - Seneca: ask VPI to draft some reasonable policies regarding posters

### 3. FEDS Report

- Science Councillors

- Policies and procedures committee: redrafted and re-passed policies on government secrecy, academic autonomy and freedom of expression
  - Academic autonomy: regarding external funding needs to make sure it doesn't compromise ability to provide services to students
  - Freedom of expression: if you host a controversial speaker, you will not be tasked for paying for any additional costs (i.e. security), not on the student societies or the federation
- Budget committee: implementing head counts
- Alcohol policy for FEDS
- GM online voting passed, required that BOD for FEDS implement online voting within one year
  - Student council will effectively act as a general meeting
  - Student council represent entire body of students with voting power as well
  - Now students can actually approve the budget
- OUSA federal provincial lobbying position (helped change OSAP recently)
  - FEDS was biggest voice behind the change
  - Is at Laurier this year and is open to drop-ins
- WatRox: will the alcohol policy be restrictive?
  - Seneca: Will draft a scisoc policy and until we have one, clubs will not be able to reimburse for alcohol
- WatRox: would like to buy pitchers for profs
  - Seneca: that would be reasonable, will have drafted possibly by the next meeting
  - PHYS: can do it under current policy (buy pints for profs)
- FEDS Board
  - Skip
- *Move* to a Moderated Caucus where any additional FEDS items can be brought up during this time.
  - No items

### **New Business**

1. *Move* to review WatRox's new constitution and give approval.
  - Seneca move to have a 5 min unmoderated caucus to read through it
    - Second by MNS
    - All in favour, 0 oppose, 0 abstain
  - Seneca moves to approve constitution:
    - Seconded by MNS
    - All in favour with one abstain (BSA)
2. *Move* for VPI to introduce the *Ease of Information & Public Disclosure Act, 2017*.  
*Move* to a moderated caucus where any member may raise comments, questions and/or suggestions regarding the bill.
  - Written by Austin
  - Basically: schedule it on the calendar and VPI would try to fix any conflicts, and VPI job to put it on the calendar accessible to all science students (so they will be aware

- of all events). VPI can manage and delegate this duty to relative coordinators
    - VPI must draft procedure on how this would go
    - Requires clubs/societies to keep information online prior to first BOD every term, and updated to the scisoc calendar in a timely manner
  - Overall: current calendar not accessible to any science students, it's just used by clubs to organize. Now, would like VPI to put these finalized events on a calendar accessible to all science students
  - President: what's the role of speaker in this?
    - Seneca: transition, role of acting speaker is to ensure that people are aware of policy requirements, it would include this change for the incoming board
  - Any questions?
    - VPA: for punishments?
      - Punishments already in place, get fined if fail to correct calendar conflicts, or actively don't communicate with another club to fix it, these rules also punish societies
  - VPI moves to vote, seconded by PHYS
    - All in favour - 6
    - 0 oppose
    - 0 abstain
    - Motion passes
3. *Move* to a moderated caucus where any additional items may be brought to attention.
- Caucus for 15 minutes with speaking time of 3 minutes introduction and 30 seconds in responses following VPI - seconded by Seneca
    - All in favour, motion carries
  - VPI: there is an issue internally with CHEM. Conduct of CHEM Club president over the past month and a half, some CHEM club execs felt not appropriate for president or enough activity (disorganized), there are complaints. Want to bring up and have a conversation. A ChemClub exec has resigned due to conflicts with the President (regarding failure to do work, failure of events, lack of preparation etc.), would like to talk about state of CHEM and the president
  - Comments or questions
    - MNS: what are we trying to achieve with this discussion?
      - VPI: would like us to convince other chem club execs to hold a vote against CHEM president
  - Seneca: Options
    - Can do nothing (do not get involved)
    - Remove a club (E.g BMSA)
    - Remove a director for their voting seat for the term (remove voting seat and funding)
    - Suspend them as a director (does not cut funding, send a different person to BOD)
  - Comments/Concerns:
    - WatRox: other than Mocha Mondays, why are we calling a vote of

non-confidence?

- VPI: anonymous chem club exec quotes their expressed struggles in dealing with communication in the club, lack of active communication that President uses with other club members.
- VPI: visited first Mocha Monday, were not prepared, there was no coffee materials because Chem Club President thought there was but did not check. Some of his actions/replies to execs when asked about it were “well what can we do about it, it happened”. This does not fix a problem or even take note of it, it just slides the problem under the table. Not an appropriate way to deal with a problem
- VPI: also heard from anonymous regarding organization of the club and delegation, CHEM president was making up a lot of the work, and this was taking a toll on anonymous chem club exec’s mental health.
- WatRox: does not think they should lose funding
  - VPI: motion for non-confidence because do not blame CHEM Club or the exec team, but blames the president of CHEM and hold him accountable rather than the club as a whole. Does not think that removing him as director and calling someone in place of him because that would not fix the internal problem of CHEM
  - WatRox: similar to what happened last term with WatRox, thinks that having a new exec or having someone allocate the funding for CHEM
- MNS: does not see advantage in voting non-confidence due to one month left, 3 people will be running it anyhow
  - President: that would be one whole month of student fees not being used effectively
  - VPAF: moreso if things aren’t prepared and the events aren’t executed well, and then have the money for the events not being used because there were not even any purchases made for the event
- Seneca: if you don’t need funding, board can redistribute the money not spent
  - VPAF: however, don’t make the decision solely based on the personal gain for your club, it is not significant
- President: CHEM president seems to be uninformed most of the time during meetings, it is ridiculous also because the fact that he was bringing up general meeting inquiries even though that has been the topic in the past 3 weeks. His overall organization is not good.
- Seneca: quote from anonymous: CHEM president is unorganized, lacks leadership and blames other execs behind their backs
- WatRox: WatRox has had poor exec teams in the past, still actively trying to



fix things, we shouldn't do nothing because even if it is just a vote of non-confidence, it is a huge wake up call because that helped WatRox, through removal of last president

- Believes that this should be done as well for CHEM to help them "re-boot"
- Seneca: CHEM was one of the founding clubs for scisoc, CHEM has always been very organized, have not known a time when CHEM was disorganized and not the best run club on campus. Surprising to know how CHEM is as of right now
- VPI: comment on WatRox's statement: agree that WatRox is achieving their goals through responsible execs and communication with scisoc
  - Initiative to make sure everyone is okay, this helps out clubs get organized. VPI has done this with CHEM (3 meetings) this term to try to help and solve problems with CHEM and this is still a problem, and to find that we are still here after everything done to help, and coming to a point where an executive resigned because of him is absolutely unacceptable
- President: reason we pushed to WatRox was to make sure it wouldn't happen again and was also a wake up call, felt like it had to be done. Don't know if freezing funding is the best way to go but some action should be taken.
- VPAF: Is CHEM aware of the discord in his own club?
  - VPI: CHEM president is aware of the state of his club and as well with the exec resignation
- VPAF: does not feel like freezing is fair because president is probably not the best path because it's not fair to the execs
- WatRox: really enjoy the communication WatRox has with scisoc this term
  - Does not agree with cutting funding, has been to 2 BOD and feel that maybe new representation will be hugely beneficial, it has been extremely hard to hear all of what he says and if you try to defend a point he will say "don't worry, it's okay", this communication is not okay. It would help to have a different representative for CHEM
  - Seneca: can cut funding for specific events
  - Seneca: shout out to Austin he has been very good on communication
  - Seneca: should call for an emergency meeting, suggest to have CHEM president to prepare a rebuttal and defense showing where he stands and documentation to show what he has for the Chempire event
- VPA: what would happen at the end, would he be aware that he would be removed?
  - Seneca: the board could remove him, for WatRox, but this makes enemies really quickly from the faculty and students
    - Recommend that we call for the vote and have execs vote or we ask execs to hold their own vote independent of us
  - Seneca: CHEM should come up with a presentation next meeting outlining the Chempire event
  - WatRox: if CHEM president comes to do a presentation, we can

probably tell if he is presenting just for defense or presenting for the event and CHEM

- Seneca: can have funding related repercussions
- Seneca: update that there were 2 executives who have quit already
- WatRox: if we choose to have CHEM vote on their own, can that happen before next meeting so we can know
  - Seneca: thinks that he should present first
  - VPAF: even if he has the most amazing presentation in the world, should still speak to the execs because can redirect who runs the event
- Seneca: move VPI write up that CHEM should write up a presentation
- WatRox: can we make it so that if CHEM president refuses to present, this gives CHEM Club ability to vote for removal?

*This closes moderated caucus*

New items:

- VPI: FEDs execs don't work 9-5pm, they work on weekends or odd hours and that was part of the claim for deserving so much money but there is no way to prove it. Might be nice for them to simply log their hours so that we would know that they are working an average amount of hours
  - MNS: but also how would you get them to log it
  - Seneca: it is self reported but it is data nonetheless, maybe show what they were working on
  - VPI: they would be in more trouble if it showed that they were falsifying information anyways
- VPI: would like counsellors to bring that up in the meeting with execs,
- Seneca: would like scisoc to have a policy statement on it on behalf of the science students (lobbying that FEDs execs must log hours)
  - President would like time to think it over
  - Table this for next meeting

VPAF: would like to determine an emergency meeting time, he seems to be available for Friday

- Assume it would not be a long meeting on Friday, VPAF would propose Friday
- MNS second
- All in favour
- 0 oppose
- 0 abstain
- Motion carries

Excluding CHEM - public

Including CHEM - BOD minutes only

4. *Move to adjourn.*

- All in favour

\*chem voted yay for the last two motions via proxy

**Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

