

Federation of Students' Council Agenda

Regular Meeting

ONLINE MEETING

Chair: ABBIE SIMPSON *Secretary:* ALANA GUEVARA

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ATTENDANCE

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Attendees:

- Simpson, Abigail (Abbie) (President)
- Hunte, John (Deputy Speaker)
- Guevara, Alana (VP Operations and Finance)
- Town, Megan (VP Education)
- Abouelnaga, Nada (VP Student Life)
- Jolicoeur-Becotte, Marie
- Fatima, Aiman
- Ghuwalewala, Vidyut
- Singh, Jainet
- Yanez, Jairo
- Narang, Aryan
- Dragusin, Rebecca
- Manas, Suri
- Couzens, Nathaniel (President, ASU)
- Yang, Eumin (Edward)
- Souza, Angela
- Ma, Joseph
- Lindstrom-Humphries, Delainey (President, EngSoc A)
- McGee, Ellen (President, EngSoc B)
- Yang, Edward
- Ye-Mowe, Stephanie
- Dhillon, Jaskaran
- Shi, Victoria (President, ESS)
- Schwarze, Matthew
- Dong, Catherine
- Sharma, Kanan

- Ukrani, Mahaveer Jai
- Zhu, Karl
- Wang, Angela (*pro tem.*)
- Wang, Yuqian (Ina) (President, MathSoc)
- Azam, M. Sikandar
- Macci, Sumayyah
- Roxas, Nikka (Niks) Ysabella
- Surdi, Julian (President, SciSoc)
- Chen, Jason
- Helka, Amanda Nicole
- Ahmed, Mehida
- Ikeno, Victoria (Vicky) (Designate, RASC)
- Leo, Shanelle
- Easton, Benjamin (Chair of the Board)

Expected Absences:

- Gondosiswanto, Evelyn (Assistant Secretary)
- Hallen, Frances
- Dosen, Nick (*late*)

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1 PRELIMINARIES

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

1.1 CALL TO ORDER

Be it resolved that the Speaker calls the meeting to order at 10:30 AM.

1.2 TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Pursuant to Federation Policy 50, *Indigenous Engagement and Inclusivity*, the Federation of Students' Council acknowledges:

The University of Waterloo is on the traditional territory of the Neutral, Anishnaabeg, and Haudenosaunee peoples. The University of Waterloo is situated on the Haldimand Tract, land promised to the Six Nations, which includes six miles on each side of the Grand River.

1.3 ELECTION OF THE OFFICERS

In accordance with Council Procedure 9, the Election of Officers shall supersede all other business. As such this item cannot be rearranged. Council may not adjourn or proceed with the agenda until a Speaker is elected.

Temporary Change in Officer Roles

Whereas President Simpson has experienced increased workload and stress recently; then

Be it resolved that for the duration of this meeting, Deputy Speaker Hunte shall have the duties of the Speaker; and

Be it further resolved that for the duration of this meeting, President Simpson shall have the duties of the Deputy Speaker.

Submitted By: *President Simpson and Deputy Speaker Hunte.*

1.4 ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATIONS

The following was received from Councilor Mokhash Parmar:

Hello,

As of now, I believe I've missed two of the monthly Council meetings. Since it's becoming clear that I'm unable to devote the necessary time to this, I would like to resign my position.

Thanks,

Mokhash Parmar

Be it resolved that Council accepts the resignation of Mokhash Parmar as Science Councilor effective immediately.

1.5 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

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

Speaker's Note: A special order is to take place immediately following the approval of the agenda

2 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of a meeting are the official record of what happened at that meeting, and contain the authoritative versions of the actions taken at the meeting. If there are significant reservations about the minutes, the approval may be dispensed with, and the minutes will be returned at the subsequent meeting for approval.

Be it resolved that Council approves the minutes of the August 9, 2020 special meeting, [as presented](#).

3 ITEMS FOR ADOPTION BY CONSENT

In accordance with Council Procedure 9, items on the consent agenda will be considered in gross, without debate or amendment. Items will be moved from the consent agenda to the regular agenda upon the request of any member. The purpose of the consent agenda is not to suppress debate but to allow Council to quickly consider and approve uncontroversial items.

3.1 COUNCIL FALL REGULAR MEETING DATES

Be it resolved that Council sets the following dates for its Regular Meetings in Fall 2020:

- Sunday, September 13, 2020
- Sunday, October 4, 2020
- Sunday, November 8, 2020
- Sunday, December 6, 2020

Submitted By: *President Simpson*.

3.2 ELECTION DATES

Be it resolved that Council approves the following dates for Fall 2020 By-Elections:

- Nominations: September 15, 2020 - September 21, 2020
- Interim: September 22, 2020 - September 23, 2020
- Campaign & Voting: September 24, 2020 - September 30, 2020

Be it further resolved that Council approves the following dates for the 2020-2021 General Election:

- Nominations: October 21, 2020 - January 20, 2021
- Interim: January 21, 2021 - January 24, 2021
- Campaign: January 25, 2021 - February 4, 2021
- Voting: February 2, 2021 - February 4, 2021

Be it further resolved that Council approves the following dates for the 2021-2022 General Election:

- Nominations: October 20, 2020 - January 19, 2021
- Interim: January 20, 2021 - January 23, 2021
- Campaign: January 24, 2021 - February 3, 2021
- Voting: February 1, 2021 - February 3, 2021

Submitted By: *President Simpson.*

3.3 MISCELLANEOUS POLICY AMENDMENTS

Whereas some policy statements are not reflective of the policy content;

Be it resolved that Council approves amendments made to Policies 28, 42, 47, 61, 63 & 64 [as presented](#).

Submitted By: *Vice-President, Education Town.*

4 REPORTS

Motions arising directly out of a report, including to adopt recommendations in the report, may be considered immediately after the report without having to wait until later in the meeting. No action is required to receive a report. If Council decides to adopt or accept a report, then it is endorsing the entire report and not just the recommendations.

4.1 EXECUTIVE REPORTS

Each executive will highlight key aspects of their written reports in an oral report that lasts no longer than 2 minutes, to be followed immediately by a question period lasting no longer than 10 minutes per executive. The written reports can be found in Appendix A.

1. **President (Abbie Simpson)**

- (a) **Memorandum** Regarding Investigation of Conduct at the Special Council Meeting and Business Arising

Be it resolved that Council accept the Memorandum regarding Investigation and Conduct of the Special Council Meeting and Business Arising, as recommended by the Office of the President.

Be it further resolved that Council delegates authority to the Board of Directors to approve the formal timeline for the Final Report, as presented by the Office of the President at the September regular meeting.

2. **Vice President of Operations and Finance (Alana Guevara)**

3. **Vice President of Education (Megan Town)**

4. **Vice President of Student Life (Nada Abouelnaga)**

4.2 BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

The Chair of the Board (Benjamin Easton) will highlight key aspects of their written report in an oral report that lasts no longer than 2 minutes, to be followed immediately by a question period lasting no longer than 10 minutes. Please see [Appendix B](#) for the written report.

4.3 REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

To be delivered orally or in writing by Councillors or the Constituency Caucus. Any questions relating to the report or any other matter may be asked following the oral report. Submitted reports can be found in Appendix C.

1. **Applied Health Sciences Caucus**

2. **Arts Caucus**

3. **Engineering Caucus**

4. **Environment Caucus**

5. **Mathematics Caucus 1**

6. **Science Caucus**

7. **Cambridge**

8. **Kitchener 1**

9. **Stratford**
10. **St. Jerome's**
11. **Renison**

4.4 OFFICERS OF COUNCIL REPORTS

To be delivered orally. Any questions relating to the report or any other matter may be asked following the oral report. The individual whom typically fills a role shall give the report of that role.

1. **Speaker (Abbie Simpson)**

- (a) **The report of the Speaker was included as a part of the President's report.**

2. **Deputy Speaker (John Hunte)**

- (a) **Councilors eligible for removal (See report in Appendix D)**
- (b) **Member statements of support (See report in Appendix D)**

3. **Secretary (Alana Guevara)**

4.5 STANDING COMMITTEES OR COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

To be delivered orally or in writing by the Committee chair or Commissioner. Any questions relating to the report or any other matter may be asked following the oral report.

4.5.1 REPORTS FROM ASSOCIATE VICE-PRESIDENTS

1. **AVP Academic Affairs**
2. **AVP Co-op and Experiential Affairs**
3. **AVP Provincial & Federal Affairs**

4.5.2 REPORT OF THE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE - FY 2021 BUDGET APPROVAL

Be it resolved that Council accepts the FY2021 [Budget Report](#) as presented by the Budget and Appropriations Committee and included in Appendix F, including the affixed [FY2021 Budget](#).

Submitted By: *Vice-President, Operations & Finance Guevara.*

4.5.3 REPORT OF THE STRATEGIC & LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

See report attached in [Appendix D](#) - Other Reports.

4.5.4 REPORT OF THE POLICIES & PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

The report of the PPC was included as a part of the President's report.

Whereas the PPC has not completed the Editorial Independence and Codes of Ethics for Student Publications Policy; and

Whereas this policy is needed by August 31, 2020; then

Be it resolved that Council selects option _____ as outlined below:

1. The President shall call a Special Council meeting on the completion of this policy and before August 31, 2020 to approve this policy.
2. The President shall in collaboration with the Officers of Council hold an e-vote in accordance with Procedure 9§J (Pg. 72), before August 31, 2020.

Submitted By: *President Simpson.*

5 SPECIAL ORDERS

A special order is an item of business that will take precedence over all other business at the designated time for the special order. As it suspends the normal rule that each item must be disposed of before another can be brought up, setting or removing a special order requires a two-thirds majority vote unless originally included in the agenda.

5.1 CONDUCT AT COUNCIL & NEW RULES

This item is scheduled to commence immediately following the adoption of the agenda.

Discussion on conduct at Council, and about what new rules will be effective in ensuring Council is accessible, orderly and effective.

Be it resolved that Council approves the following standing rules for Council meetings for the remainder of the Governing Year:

1. Members shall receive 2 warnings for disorderly conduct, including the following;
 - (a) Speaking out of turn
 - (b) Inappropriate use of meeting tools (eg. Microsoft Teams)
 - (c) Failure to yield on request by the Speaker
 - (d) Addressing the Council during voting
2. On third and subsequent warnings, the Speaker shall put forward a privileged motion to eject the member from the assembly.
3. (others to be decided at Council)

Submitted By: *Speaker Simpson and Deputy Speaker Hunte.*

6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Business arising from the minutes is business carried on to a meeting from a previous meeting.

There is no business arising.

7 GENERAL ORDERS

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

7.1 SUSPENSION OF PROCEDURE 10

Speaker's Note: This item requires 2/3 approval.

Whereas Procedure 10: Committees of the Students' Council §C(4) (Pg. 74) states "Exempting Officers of the Corporation and Council, an elected member of the Students' Council shall not normally serve as a voting member on more than one of the Committee of Presidents, Budget & Appropriations, or Internal Funding Committee."; and

Whereas Councillor Schwarze who is currently a voting member of the Budget & Appropriations Committee has been elected as the President of the Mathematics Society for the Fall 2020 term, meaning that he would then be a voting member of the Committee of Presidents, in violation of procedure; and

Whereas Councillor Schwarze is desirous of continuing his duties on the Budget and Appropriations Committee while fully carrying out his role of President of the Mathematics Society; then

Be it resolved that Council suspends Procedure 10: Committees of the Students' Council §C(4) to allow Councillor Schwarze to hold voting seats on both the Committee of Presidents and Budget & Appropriations Committee, for the duration of the Fall 2020 term..

Submitted By: *Councillor Schwarze.*

7.2 APPROVAL OF POLICY 34: DIFFERENTIAL AND RELATIVE GRADING

Whereas Council at its July 12, 2020 Regular Meeting has heard the first reading of Policy 34: Differential and Relative Grading;

Whereas the Education Advisory Council has sponsored the same;

Be it resolved that Council approves amendments made to Policy 34: Differential and Relative Grading, [as presented](#).

Submitted By: *Vice-President, Education Town.*

7.3 APPROVAL OF POLICY 70: CARBON-NEUTRAL INVESTING

Whereas Council at its July 12, 2020 Regular Meeting has heard the first reading of Policy 70: Carbon-Neutral Investing;

Whereas the Education Advisory Council has sponsored the same;

Be it resolved that Council approves amendments made to Policy 70: Carbon-Neutral Investing, [as presented](#).

Submitted By: *Vice-President, Education Town.*

7.4 ACCESSABILITY ADVOCACY

This motion has attachments in Appendix E - Other Items (1, 2)

Whereas the Waterloo Undergraduate Students' Association (WUSA) strives to uphold and promote the values and policies outlined in the Accessibility for Ontarians for Disabilities Act; and the values of equity, diversity, inclusion, and access as defined in Policy 35 ([Pg. 70](#)) (Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Access); and

Whereas the many spaces on campus continue to remain physically inaccessible/difficult to access for students with mobility constraints; and

Whereas students have reported systemic issues within AccessAbility Services (AAS) that have prevented them from accessing the resources and accommodations they need to succeed; and

Whereas this poses a substantial barrier to affected students' ability to learn effectively and engage meaningfully with university life; and

Whereas the Waterloo Undergraduate Students' Association (WUSA) has done little in recent years to advance the goal of student accessibility and disability inclusion on campus; and

Whereas there is currently no policy in WUSA's library that directly addresses accessibility barriers within the University; and

Whereas barriers to accessibility are less noticeable to those lacking direct, embodied experience; and

Whereas the identification of accessibility barriers and disability-based inequities is often difficult unless they are specifically sought; and

Whereas WUSA lacks mechanisms to encourage the active identification of aforementioned barriers and inequities within itself and the broader University environment; then

Be it resolved that WUSA shall develop a report which aims to identify existing gaps in the accessibility landscape affecting students, any ongoing projects WUSA has related to accessibility, and recommendations for how both WUSA and UW can prioritize accessibility moving forward; and

Be it further resolved that the Executive shall, upon such time as the adoption of the final report from the aforementioned review, work with UW via the Undergraduate Student Relations Committee and Student Services Advisory Committee to address identified recommendations and condition funding, where possible, on their expedient resolution.

Submitted By: *Councillor Ye-Mowe.*

8 NEW BUSINESS

*Any Councillor may raise any item of concern during new business by proposing a motion or topic of discussion. A **two-thirds (2/3) majority vote** is required for consideration of the item to proceed.*

9 ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of Council is scheduled for September 13th, starting at 10:30AM, in the SLC MPR.

10 ADJOURNMENT

Be it resolved that the Chair adjourns the meeting no later than 4:30PM.