Students' Council Agenda

12:30 PM September 21st, 2014
SLC Multipurpose Room

Council is the master of its own rules, and is the body ultimately responsible for deciding how to interpret them. Accordingly, if any Councillor disagrees with the interpretation of the Chair, then it is encouraged to appeal to Council to allow Council to discuss and decide the issue.

Preliminaries

Assistant Secretary Nominations
1. **Motion:** *BIRT* Council elects _____ as Assistant Secretary of Students' Council

Approval of the Agenda

An agenda is not a comprehensive list of everything that might come up at the meeting, but instead it is a list of what subjects will be considered and in what order. The adoption of the agenda cements the relative priority of each item of business. 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.

2. **Motion:** *BIRT* Council approves the agenda for this meeting.

Reading and 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. No motion or vote is required to adopt the minutes, once corrections are made. 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.

3. **Minutes:** *Minutes of August meeting* Attachment 01

Consent Agenda

Per 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.

4. **Councillor Reports**
   a. **Doug Turner (Arts)** Attachment 02
   b. **Elizabeth Liu (Math)** Attachment 03
   c. **James Koo (AHS)** Attachment 04
   d. **Kianna Wan (Science)** Attachment 05
   e. **Anand Balram (Environment)** Attachment 06
   f. **Christos Lolas (Math)** Attachment 07
   g. **Jazbel Wang (Math)** Attachment 08

h. **Julian Wang (Engineering)** [Attachment 09](#)
i. **Carly McCready (Science)** [Attachment 10](#)
j. **Guile Domingo (Arts)** [Attachment 11](#)
k. **Jill Knight (AHS)** [Attachment 12](#)
l. **Anne Marie Hayman (St. Jeromes)** [Attachment 13](#)
m. **Febrian Sidharta (Math)** [Attachment 14](#)

5. **Spring 2014 Elections Report (Coun. Hayman)** [Attachment 15](#)

Regular Agenda

Reports

Reports are submitted to Council by various officers and committees of Feds and of Council. 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.

6. **Executive Reports**
   a. **President** [Attachment 16](#)
   b. **Vice-President, Internal**
   c. **Vice-President, Operations and Finance** [Attachment 17](#)
   d. **Vice-President, Education** [Attachment 18](#)

7. **Executive Q&A Period**

8. **Councillor Reports** (Councillors who submitted a report will be called to deliver an oral summary lasting no longer than 30 seconds)

Unfinished Business and General Orders

Unfinished business is business carried on to a meeting from the previous meeting. A general order is an item of business that is ordered to be taken up at a meeting. The most important thing that the agenda does is set general orders and their relative ordering. Time limits to discussions indicate the point at which the Speaker will end the discussion unless Council directs otherwise.

9. **Elections to Vacant Committee Seats**
   a. Presidents Advisory Committee - 2 Councillors; 2 Students At-Large
   b. Policy and Procedure Committee - 1 Student At-Large
   c. Entrepreneurship Committee - 2 Councillors
   d. Campus Life Advisory Committee - 2 Councillors; 2 Students At-Large
   e. Internal Funding Committee - 2 Councillors; 2 Students At-Large
   f. Internal Administration Committee - 2 Students At-Large
   g. Government Affairs Advisory Committee - 1 Student At-Large
   h. Co-op Students Council - 3 Councillors; 2 Students At-Large

10. **Motion (Pres Burt):** BIRT Council approves the First Year Advisory Committee as a committee of students council. [Attachment 19](#)

11. **Motion (Pres Burt):** First Reading Communication Policy [Attachment 20](#)

12. **Motion (Coun. Turner):** BIRT Council rescind Procedure 12 (Use of Federation Bulletin Boards) [Attachment 21](#) and Procedure 13 (Federation Publicity) [Attachment 22](#).

13. **Motion (VPIN Yasin):** BIRT Council approve Policy 37: Multi Faith Prayer Facilities [Attachment 23](#) .

14. **Motion (VPED Hamade):** BIRT Council call a referendum on the question "Should classes start on the first Thursday after Labour Day in order to allow for two additional days off in the fall term?" including the preamble "It is currently unknown at what point of the fall term the break would be. This referendum is to help determine student opinion." [Attachment 24](#) .

15. **Discussion (VPOF Balfour):** SLC Mission Statement [Attachment 25](#).

16. **Discussion (VPEd Hamade):** Schembri Housing Situation.

Whereas Certain students need a place to live while they attend the University of Waterloo; and
Whereas Schembri has agreed to leases with students; and
Whereas Schembri has not completed a building that students signed leases for in the Fall 2014 term; and
Whereas Schembri has not let students break their leases and has not returned deposits; and
BIRT Federation of Student's Council believes that we should no longer work with Schembri and not permit them to use space under the management of the Federation of Students, while this situation is not rectified.
BIFRT that Council task the Executive with writing an open letter to Schembri Property management.

New Business

Any Councillor may raise any item of concern during New Business. Generally, long discussions without a specific motion before Council should be avoided, and are technically against the rules of procedure. If a Councillor has any questions about the procedure, form, or content, they should ask the Speaker or another experienced Councillor.

Adjournment by 5:00 PM