

The regular meeting of the Federation of Students Students' Council was called to order at 12:38PM on Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup> 2014 in SLC 1120/1121. The Speaker was in the chair and Julia Meriel served as Secretary.

The agenda was amended by Collins, regarding the additions:

**Motion:** Move the Mental Health Committee to the President's Portfolio and Presentation on the input sessions.

There was a unanimous vote to approve the agenda as follows:

### **Approval of the Agenda**

1. **Motion:** *BIRT* Council approves the agenda for this meeting. Reading and Approval of the Minutes
2. **Minutes:** *BIRT* Council approves the minutes of the November 17th meeting. *(attachment 01)*
3. **Minutes:** *BIRT* Council approves the minutes of the December 1st meeting. *(attachment 02)*

### **Consent Agenda**

4. **Councillor Reports** a. **Science** *(attachment 03)*
5. **Motion:** *BIRT* Council ratifies the Service Coordinators in *attachment 04*. Regular Agenda

### **Reports**

#### **6. Executive Reports**

- a. **President**
- b. **Vice-President, Operations and Finance** *(attachment 05)*
- c. **Vice-President, Internal** *(attachment 06)*
- d. **Vice-President, Education** *(attachment 07)*

#### **7. Executive Presentations**

- a. **Student Service Survey (Vice-President, Internal)**

#### **8. Executive Q&A Period**

#### **9. Councillor Reports**

- a. **St. Jerome's** *(oral report)*

10. **Officers of Council** a. **Speaker** b. **Secretary**

#### **11. Standing Committees**

- a. **Education Advisory Committee** 12. **Services**

- a. **Food Bank** *(attachment 08)*

- b. **Glow Centre** *(attachment 09)*

- c. **Off-Campus Community** *(attachment 10)*

- d. **Sustainable Campus Initiative** *(attachment 11)*

- e. **The Women's Centre** *(attachment 12)*

- f. **Campus Response Team** *(attachment 13)*

### **Special Orders**

### **Unfinished Business and General Orders**

#### **13. Elections:**

- a. **Elections Board (1 at-large)**

- b. **Elections Appeals Board (3 at-large)**

#### 14. Elections:

- a. **Policy and Procedure Committee (2 Councillors, 2 at-large)**
- b. **President's Advisory Committee (1 Director, 2 non-exec Councillors, 2 at-large)**
- c. **Motion:** Move the Mental Health Committee to the President's portfolio
- d. **Discussion:** Presentation on the input sessions

#### New Business

Adjournment by 4:30 PM

A motion to approve the Council report was unanimously approved upon as proposed by Councillor McGinnis and seconded by President Collins.

#### Reports

6.

a. New webpage, "How We've Supported You" Marketing Communications; Welcome Week! Councillor Discount Cards, coming soon. Look at elections slide in presentation, those interested in running/re-running.

b.

c. Forgot to attach Welcome Week schedule, but is on FB group.

d. UPASS (want to highlight). Proposing separate fare percentage; bus pass has gone up \$17/term... Exec + BOD need to have convo to talk about in referendum. Feels like should be taken to student body.

Policy #27 (Regional transit) –background for that topic (Collins)

7.

a. Brief rundown of major results

- Overview: 2 weeks in Nov (4<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>). Incentive, 4 \$25 gift cards, 2910 submissions, 2700 fully complete, goal 2900 –good news. Questions specific to services, e.g. CRT 41.64% neutral/no opinion, 56% "yup, CRT is supportive", ~95% positive feedback. Food Bank, 50% neutral, 45% happy, then w/ no neutral choice: ~90%. GLOW: 43% positive (w/ neutral), 93% positive (w/o neutral), Off Campus Community, 71% positive feedback (w/o neutral), Sustainable 35% positive, w/o neutral 75% positive feedback, Women's Centre, 60% neutral – thing to work on, w/o neutral 88% positive feedback range.

Birnbaum: Think that the focus should be on getting the names of the service out there.

Hamade: How many people said neutral for all? Can we get access to the raw data?

Drury:

- Do you know where the services offices are?  
4 were above 60%, but Women's ~35% (unsure why this statistic is like this), Sus. ~25% --suspect this is because nature of its location, also the name is new! (changed from June)

Speaker: "SCI": he likes, but gets it confused with Faculty of Science.

- Which services/what service should provide better?
  - o Most surprising to VPI: student empowerment needed the most work; environmental awareness; advocacy
  - o We should be doing more to promote FEDS; academic/financial support, mental health, school spirit, student space "service"
- Walk Safe
  - o Heavily "yes", students interested
  - o Would you be willing to volunteer? Yes/no almost the same
    - Conclusion: People are interested in this.
- Volunteer Centre
  - o Would you support a service that promotes volunteering within the UW community?
    - Yes!
      - Something they will work on.
- Campus Spirit
  - o A majority lack campus spirit; what about a service around campus spirit service –some "that's a dumb" idea
- How do you think FEDS can improve its student run services?
  - o We should improve advertisement, showed up 1000 times –most dominant answer. Will make use of marketing crew.
  - o FAQ about service – not explicitly suggested, but was communicated somehow.
  - o More volunteer opportunities, more events.
  - o Increase the presence in Residences
  - o Cliques in services: GLOW and OCC (Off Campus Community) – will take back to the coordinator and will find a way to reduce cliques.

8.

Gaphoor: to VPOF: still looking first year advocacy council ?

Vpof: meeting next week or February

9.

a. after meeting in Dec., decided to do cut same survey as math and eng kids, response from 10%, found same result from math and eng; preferred same options for alternatives, found only 6 people determine that they do not want fall reading terms (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year)

- arts group: will coordinate with math to try and get that survey going

- eng: working w/ dean's office \_\_\_\_

- env: sending out winter survey this week

- math: new execs: online course evals last year for first years; announced new provost –something we should be informing council about

10.

11.

a. "everything is in there"

Sean: recommendation in report

VpEd: wanted a special meeting, however, you can't do that.

12.

Unfinished Business and General Orders

13.

a. Nominations: Max Palumbo

Sean: you are not running for elections this term

Acclaimed.

c. Nominations: Councillor Gaphoor, Sean Hunt, VP Garcia

Gaphoor: When does the committee meet?

Sean: meets on needs-basis, maybe everyday, maybe not at all.

Gaphoor: nominates himself

Sean: a and b cannot be running for council

Councillor Gaphoor, Sean Hunt, VP Garcia are acclaimed to the board.

14.

a. Nominations: Councillor McGinnis, Councillor McFaul, Danielle Burt, Ranish Kamal, Councillor Hamade

At-large members: Danielle Burt and Ranish Kamal are admitted to the committee.

Elections: Ranked ballot (aka preferential vote)

McGinnis: Sat on PPC for 2 years; has enjoyed this type of stuff. A lot of procedure work this term, need to update them

McFaul (McGinnis proxy): stronger understanding of Roberts Rules of Order and has been on committee for a long time. Different perspective from procedural view. Valuable asset.

Hamade: Worked on P&P with MathSoc last term, through Council as well, great to see new blood on PPC

Questions

Ramdev: to Hamade, the other two councilors are hardcore with the PPC, so what makes you a good fit?

Hamade: past experience

Turner: The Documents on the FEDS website are not up to date.

Elections results: Hamade and McGinnis are elected

Motion to destroy the ballots. No objections. Will destroy the ballots.

b. Nominations:

2 non-exec Councillors: Turner, Henderson

Director: McIntosh

At-large: Ben Balfour, Ranish Kamal

Declared the nominees acclaimed to the committee.

15. Motion: Resolved, Students Council dissolved ad-hoc mental health committee and requests the President of The Federation of Students to assume its proceedings immediately under the portfolio.

Resolved, Student's Council dissolved the ad-hoc Mental Health Committee of council and requests the President of the Fe

**Get the whole document from the President.**

Collins: committee will dissolve under council and go under prez portfolio

McGinnis: suggests to move it under the President, not completely dissolve it

Collins: It is technically different than original terms of reference, procedurally thought it would work out better.

Turner: How would the committee be comprised under the President's portfolio?

Gaphoor: Shouldn't the committee answer to the Council?

Collins: I'm supposed to report to Council everything that happens. Decided by the committee to move it to the portfolio.

Gaphoor: Could we have an oral update at every meeting?

Collins: will also have written

Counrillor McGinnis and Councillor Ramdev notably abstain. Council is dissolved.

16. Ran input sessions on Thursday and Friday to allow focus to the agenda. We haven't been accomplishing as much policy as we wish. Done to create action plan to accomplish more. "Convergent thinking": what do you think students want? and "divergent thinking":

Tried to relate ideas to the post-secondary environment. Only four people showed up.

Prioritize ideas: out of the brainstorm ideas, which of them do you think students would find the most value in?

Thursday: Fall Reading Break, O-Week, Athletics, Academic Rights Awareness, ELPE

Friday: Exam retail, Grading, School space, student spirit, Sustainability office

Top ideas: School spirit, sustainability office, student space, better food, and identity

What will we do with this information? We will meet with societies in person and hopefully we will have some policies at April 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

End goal: Student approved policies.

Questions:

Gaphoor: When will the next meeting be?

Collins: Don't know.

Abuseir: Would you let us know so we can tell people about us?

Turner: thank-you for doing this; really good initiative

#### New Business

Nelson: possibility of another meet-and-greet session;

Collins: Maybe make it into a facilitation center: meet and propose to gather more info

Gaphoor: should meet soon before elections

Turner: preferably before nominations; it will seem like we are advertising ourselves

VPOF: can check dates for the Great Hall –but don't want to be in planning it

Gaphoor: suggested date of the 20<sup>th</sup>

Collins: pass a piece of paper

Drury:

VP Garcia: VPOF look at dates, send availability to Turner

Siddharta: When is clubs day? If possible, incorporate to clubs day, maybe better

Hamade: FEDS get involved fair

Drury: may be better because clubs day is very chaotic

Motion to have Council Meet-and-Greet on Wednesday along with FEDS Get Involved Fair, seconded by Turner.

Discussion:

Turner: we will have a booth, will we all be required to show up?

Harrison: doodle to see who is available to establish rotation

Turner: will food be involved?

Drury: we don't know for sure, there was last time

Ramdev: Look at the budget

Turner:

VPOF: a lot of communication has to be done by mouth since posters cannot be on it

Turner: Amendment: Change name to FEDS Council Booth

Motion to have FEDS Council Booth on Wednesday along with FEDS Get Involved Fair.

Voting: All in favour, motion carries. Everyone who is busy now has to show up.

Meeting adjourned at 1:51PM.