

Attendance

Sean Hunt
Robert Savoy
David Birnbaum
Brian Luptak
Rachel Northey
Wang Zeyn
Becky Wroe
Scott Pearson
Liam Sharp
Rachel Smith
Auron Mcltugh
Cherise Quash
Jessica Smith
Hannah Zarety
Elizabeth McFaul
Chris Vandevælde
Alex Russell
Dave McDougall
Katherine Idley
Lauren Stephenson
Neena Delicart
Nicole Amaral
Ali Ahmad
Clarissa Diokno
Shefali Chaudhary
Brandon Gaffoor
Mariam Abdelhkalek
Isabel Ir
Milos Tausan
Zamil Haque
Roasa Elly
Natasha Pozega
Lukas McIntosh
Devin Drury
Dominic Gora
Tishani Hettirachchi
David Harnock
Dayna Nelson
Dana Rethoret
Lorena Almaraz De la Garza
Aleksandr Beng
Joshua Jodoin
Gavin Kirk
Jackilynn Moore
Paul Cyr

Proxy

Soung-Jae Bong

Joe Kinsella
Aaron Tee
Zach Bernholtz

Taylor Kersten
Giulia Longella
Craig Pacheco
Jonathan Nianias
Joanne Bayonetty
Oliver Twardy
Karl Kliewer

Jacob Terry
Alen Daniel
Alex Kelley
Shervin Kawlend
Matthew Mendonaq

Brad Krane

Adam Garcia
Kristina Zelko
Chanakya Ramdev
Jeffrey Lee
Michael Sliske
Cassandra Palerno
Alroy Almeida
Sarah-Rose Lancaster
Stephen Kraemer
Krismina Iyer
Molly Beckel
Stephane Hamade
Akhilesh Bhatt
Jackie Martinz
Sacha Forstner
Jesse McGinnis
Matt Maclean
Anders Husebo
Andrew Fisher
Ryan Cuzzi
Hilary Campbell
Andres Fuentes
Miskava Tsukinito
Suzanne Burdett
Pratik Patel
Jilian Osterman
Taylor Harpell Farchini
Aaron Hernandez
Lauren Harrison
JT Jonas
Eric Lombardi
Depayne Athia
Avie Seegubin
Greg Plester
Brian Tang
Maaz I. Yazin
Stephanie Niesner
Bilal Arshad
Evan Brotherstan
Ben Naismith
Daniel McGrath
Patricia Philip
Davin Singh Srineraiz
Rebecca Ruarean
Alice Li
Catherine Brown

Kevin Lav

Elizabeth Foran

Ammar Masud
Ranak Shaw
Laura li Fon Wing
Kevin Courchesne
Melissa Thomas

Mathew Mulrale
Daniel De Carvalho

Nicole Jiano

Craig Pacheco
Riti Pal
Mark Khaitmas
Amanda Ferguson

Anson Chen

Eva T Mocek
Darcy Alemany
Lin-yuh Kary
Nikki Domanski
Adam Sils
Josh Shabtai
Christina Romualdo
Daria Vela
Jess Kumordzie
David Collins
Danielle Burt
Victoria Starcy
Sophie Aguirusa
Prashant Patel
Amy Zhou
Cheryl Anne Pflug
Murray Loic

Call to order 12:55 pm

Chair: Outlines the Rules.

Motion: BIRT the General Meeting approves the agenda – Moved by Jesse McGiniss, Stephane Hamade

Amendment: Move the Board of Directors election to be the second item.
Sarah-Rose Lancaster, Michael Sliske

Sean Hunt: I am bringing an amendment of the bylaws, item nine on the agenda. Want to change how the Board of Directors is elected. If we elect the members first my amendment might not be able to be implemented until next year.

David Birnbaum: I think that is well and good, but I am fine with waiting for next year. A lot of us have class that we need to get to and we would like to have the elections before we need to leave for class.

Amendment: to add item 8 and 10 to the motion so that they are also move to the beginning of the agenda. Darcy Alemany, Paul Cyr.

Jesse McGinnis: Point of order, I am not sure if that is allowed because I believe it broadens the scope.

Chair: I believe it is in order.

Josh Jodoin: I am in support of new amendment.

Sean Hunt: If items 8 and 9 get moved than I am in favour as well.

In favour: 32 Against: 45 - Motion Fails

Josh Jodoin: Let us just go through the agenda.

David Birnbaum: Obviously this is a meeting with an agenda, but this is just what most people are here for. We will still discuss everything.

Josh Shabtai: In favour, particularly because of how it bypasses Sean's motion. People came here with the expectation to vote within the current system, also members at large might not know they might be able to run.

Darcy Alemany: The way we vote on the Board of Directors will directly effect on the way vote on item 9.

In Favour: 51 Against: 23 - Motion Passes

Motion Adopted Unanimously

Motion: BIRT that _____, _____, _____, _____, and _____ fill the non-executive seats on the Board of Directors for May 1st, 2013 until April 30th, 2014. Chanakya Ramdeve and Nikki Domanski

Chanakya Ramdev: I would like to nominate Nikki Domanski, Lauren Harrison, Jesse McGinnis, David Birnbaum, Elizabeth McFaul, Luke McIntosh, Prashant Patel. Seconded by Christina Romualdo.

Stephane Hamade: I would lie to nominate myself. Seconded by Chanakya Ramdev.

Stephane Hamade: I would like to nominate Samantha McLean Seconded by Chanakya Ramdev.

Chair: I need to make sure all the candidates are you over 18 and a Canadian citizen.

Nikki Domanski: I am a current science councilor and I was the one that did some of the videos with the candidates. I'm passionate about feds, a current Board of Directors member and did lots as a councilor. Want to be involved in decision making.

Lauren Harrison: I am also one of the science councilor, had a great experience and I am passionate about feds. Want to have more input as part of the Board of Directors.

Jesse McGinnis: This will be my third year as a councilor and on the Board of Directors last year. Heavily involved in many areas and worked extensively with the bylaws. Want to bring a critical perspective to the Board of Directors.

David Birnbaum: From Engineering, I think I provide a good outside perspective. Currently on imprint BOD and President of the Engineering Society. Will not be on Imprint in the future. Have been to council as Engineering President, rewrote the Engineering Society bylaws.

Prashant Patel: I have been a councilor for 2 years, was VP Admin and Finance for the past 2 years. I have done lots, including SLC management, Campus Bubble, Fed Xpress. Done a lot for the organization and I am really committed. I can also bring continuity.

Luke McIntosh: I will be an arts councilor, but new to the organization. I am an independent thinker but looking to work towards solutions.

Elizabeth McFaul: I am a math councilor passionate about feds. Want to see the Board of Directors be a strong body. Involved with Math Soc, currently the President. Familiar with new bylaws and enjoy working with students.

Stephane: I have been heavily involved in match soc and math endowment as well as orientation week. Want to work on financial and legal aspects.

Motion: To appoing Alex Russel and Pratik Patel as scrutineers. Chanakya Ramdev and Cheryl Pflug

Motion Adopted Unanimously

Robert Savoy: long term vision, what do you want to see?

Nikki Domanski: The long term strategic plan and communication.

Lauren Harrison: More student involvement, a lot of people aren't involved and don't know what we are doing. Would like to see how we would get people involved.

Jesse McGinnis: The long range plan is up for renewal. I want for us to be more relevant and inclusive.

David Birnbaum: That students know what feds are doing. Engineers aren't involved in feds. They do a lot of things. I would like to work with societies because there are a lot of things that they both do that are repetition and waste resources.

Prashant Patel: Lots of time and money into long range plan doing consultation.

Luke McIntosh: A better job of promoting the services and clubs and the education portfolio.

Elizabeth Mcfaul: The strat plan renewal and improvement. Metrics, a clear set of milestones.

Stephane Hamade: The long range plan and keeping exec accountable as well as student involvement. Making sure that all portfolios are going in the right attention.

Chanakya Ramdev: I'm a councilor and being part of council, why do you want to be part of PR and the negativity?

Stephane Hamade: Transparency, a lot of stuff that can't be transparent. Very important aspect of organization.

Elizabeth McFaul: The Board is seen as not transparent, I would like to be part of it because it is the higher body of feds and building want to build ways that are transparent like strategic planning.

Luke McIntosh: The Board of Directors is by default done in confidential ways, moving forward I would like to see it being more transparent .

Prashant Patel: I enjoy Human Resources, legal stuff and finances. That's why I want to continue to do it. I'm sorry if you perceive it as negative, but there are things that have to be done.

David Birnbaum: I think what feds does is important, bad PR doesn't scare me.

Jesse McGinnis: I think that can be improved, the Board of Directors is focused on confidential things, but I think we can move towards a more open board.

Lauren Harrison: I think it is an important body, even if there is some negativity.

Nikki Domanski: There has to be students who keep the exec accountable and so be it if some negativity comes from that.

Darcy Alemany: If a number of students expressed their desire but you don't agree, how would you set your priorities?

Prashant Patel: If there is enough students we can put it up for referendum or council.

Luke McIntosh: It is a situational question, there times when the board needs to look after feds and times when it needs to listen to students. There are other ways outside of board.

Elizabeth McFaul: Referendum or council is an option, we need to look at the best interest of the corporation. We need to make sure we communicate.

Stephane Hamade: referendum or general meeting is the best thing to do if it isn't confidential. Try to work to get the best things as long as you are in the best interest of feds.

Nikki Domanski: I think council is were you need to get these things done, assuming that it is not confidential.

Lauren Harrison: I would try to figure out why execs don't support it and if it isn't confidential I would look at different avenues to make it happen.

Jesse McGinnis: If it is confidential, if students opinion is one way and the executive are another we need to figure out why. Then advocate for it.

David Birnbaum: We need to make sure the students are informed, protect feds but feds is for the students.

Sean Hunt: This is for Patel, is this a four month appointment?

Prashant Patel: It would be a four month term.

Cheryl Pflug: How many of you are away on co-op?

David Birnbaum: I will be on co-op and since my faculty is all co-op I feel it is bad to callout and discriminate against my faculty. I will be away on coop for four months.

Jesse McGinnis: I am on coop for four months, I work in a flexible industry.

Lauren Harrison: I will be here all the time.

Nikki Domanski: Same.

Luke McIntosh: I am on coop next term in waterloo.

Prashant Patel: I am here for four months.

Elizabeth McFaul: On coop in the fall and in Waterloo.

Stephane Hamade: On coop in the summer, doing it on campus.

Chanakya Ramdev: Team yellow won together, most likely they will be on a similar opinion. How do you make sure they don't just follow their agenda?

David Birnbaum: For the record I'm here for the next 12 months. I hope they adapt to the student opinion. I hope it is a 9 person collaboration.

Elizabeth McFaul: Board of Directors is involved in making their vision happen.

Jesse McGinnis: it is not as if they are going to act like they can act in their own interest. They will hopefully act in student interest.

Lauren Harrison: I would follow student interest, not just what the exec say.

Luke McInstosh: Board of Directors is there to help them go along.

Nikki Domanski: I think it is unlikely. Don't get the impression that they are always united. I wont be afraid to call them out.

Prashant Patel: The Board of Directors should be there to support and move forward initiatives as long as they act in the best interest of the corporation.

Stephane Hamade: On an issue by issue basis, looking at student opinion is very important.

Sean Hunt: I would like to share my opinions, I think that a lot of what people have said it is very difficult sometimes to call out people who you know and have had fun with. Kumar, has experience. David is not one to be pushed around. Luke's experience as an employee could be useful.

Motion: Table the item while voting happens. Jesse McGinnis and Devin Drury

Motion Adopted Unanimously

Motion: BIRT the General Meeting approves the minutes from the 2012 Annual General Meeting. Jesse McGinnis and Elizabeth McFaul

In Favour: 58 Against: 2 - Motion Passes

Motion: BIRT the General Meetings ratifies Nikki Domanski as a Director until April 30, 2013. Jesse McGinnis and Christina Romualdo

Motion Adopted Unanimously

Motion: BIRT Adam Garcia for Vice-president Education, Devin Drury for Vice-president Internal, Natasha Pozega for Vice-president Administration and Finance, and David Collins for President be ratified as the 2013/2014 executive team. Brandon Gaffor and Devin Drury

Motion Adopted Unanimously

Presentation by the Chief Executive Officer

Sean Hunt: Are you involved with the regional plan?

Adam Garcia: Not right now, but we plan to be.

Chanakya Ramdev: What neat things did you see for buildings?

Andrew Noble: Very efficient ways of doing things at Western.

Motion: BIRT the General Meeting approves a fee increase of 1.5% (\$0.67) to the Federation of Students Fee to reflect the Canadian Consumer Price Index. Prashant Patel, Chanakya Ramdev

Prashant Patel: Annual thing we do every year, we do it by the Canadian CPI.

Motion Adopted Unanimously

Motion: WHEREAS the Federation of Students now has management control over the Student Life Centre

WHEREAS formerly there was a University Student Services fee for the part-

time staff at the Turnkey Desk,

WHEREAS this turnkey part-time fee cannot be transferred to the Federation of Students and the Federation of Students wishes to continue the service of the Turnkey Desk,

WHEREAS as of May 1st, 2013 the University of Waterloo will cease providing accounting support to the Student Life Centre,

WHEREAS an enduring principle of the Federation of Students is for Fed to reflect sound financial management, transparency, and accountability,

WHEREAS the Federation of Students has an increased need for accounting support due to the new management of the Student Life Centre,

BIRT the General Meeting of the Federation of students approves of a fee increase of \$3.04 per student on the Federation of Students fee. Adam Garcia and Allan King

Adam Garcia: Something that we need to provide the turnkey service and the appropriate support. Very exciting.

Sean Hunt: Why is the university reducing the fee by 6 dollars and we are increasing by a smaller amount?

Adam Garcia: The fee is reflective on the actual cost two years ago, so it could be that there are a bunch of initiatives that could have changed.

Andrew Noble: We worked closely with the University to transfer the fee over.

Chanakya Ramdev: Huge fan of the turnkey service, will it change?

Prashant Patel: Turnkey is going to commit to its current services, and we are going to make it better. Centralize all transportation at turnkey, including fed bus. Maybe even all tickets.

Andrew Fisher: what is the actual fee?

Andrew Noble: both numbers

In Favour: 58 Against: 2 Abstentions: 1 - Motion Passes

Motion: Untable election results. Sean Hunt and Andrew Fisher

Motion Adopted Unanimously

Chair: The results are Luke McIntosh, Nikki Domanski, Jesse McGinnis, David Birnbaum, Prashant Patel.

Motion Adopted Unanimously

Motion: Destroy the ballots. David Collins and Devin Drury

Motion Adopted Unanimously

Chair: I would like for Director Garcia to Chair the next item

Motion: BIRT that the Bylaws attached replace the current bylaws, with the proviso that all sections relating to the Services, Committees and Commissions be converted into policies of Students' Council. Jesse McGinnis and Elizabeth McFaul.

Presentation from Andrew Noble

Sean Hunt: Can we strike reference to tribunals.

Chair: I find that friendly.

Jesse McGinnis: Strike any mention of X. Discipline

Chair: Friendly.

Motion: Amend to add the president after executive. Sean Hunt and

Motion Adopted Unanimously

Sean Hunt: For the initiation referenda can we change to whichever is fewer.

Chair: Friendly.

In Favour: 44 Against: 0 Abstentions: 1 - Motion Passes

Prashant Patel: Call for Quorum

Quorum Count - 47

Quorum Recount - 55

Chair: Director Noble will continue chairing the meeting.

Motion: BIRT that the attached amendments to the bylaws, 8a, 8b, 8c, and 8d, are approved. Sean Hunt and Darcy Alemany

Sean Hunt: Students council is often attempting to make decision on things that they cant or shouldn't. One of the problems is that board is made up of Students Council. I am also proposing to increase the size of the board to reduce the influence of the exec by increasing the number of students. Finally I would like to add a chair of the board.

Motion: To consider 8a separately. Paul Cyr and David Collins

In Favour: 31 Against: 1 Motion Passes

Cheryl Pflug: What research did you do to see if it would make it more transparent? And do you have examples of where it worked?

Sean Hunt: I haven't done any research, just based on my personal experience.

Motions: Amend number of students to five. David Collins and Natasha Pozega

David Collins: We already elected our board and we would not be electing more members.

Elizabeth McFaul: I would like to speak against it because part of it is to increase the transparency.

Adam Garcia: The way our structure works is for them to deal with the Board of Directors and they will still need to sign the confidentiality agreement so it doesn't matter.

Quorum count - 47

Motion: Adjourn Devin Drury and David Collins

Motion: To adjourn to a time set by Students Council within 3 months. Sean Hunt

Motion Adopted Unanimously

Motion Adopted Unanimously