Federation of Students’ Council Agenda

Regular Meeting

SLC MPR, University of Waterloo

Chair: JASON SMALL  Secretary: MANSI SHAH

ATTENDANCE

Please convey regrets to the Speaker of Students’ Council at speaker@wusa.ca.

Attendees:

- Small, Jason (Deputy Speaker)
- Velling, Seneca (VP Operations and Finance)
- Fitzpatrick, Amanda (VP Student Life)
- Rodney, Victoria
- Jeon, Stephanie
- Parboodial, Shelbee (President, AHSUM)
- McComiskey, Kaitlynn Angela
- Nasir, Syeda Shehnoor
- O’Meally, Taijah
- Riaz, Shazza
- Tait, Abigal
- Dack, Caroline (President, ASU)
- Ren, Andy
- Lindstrom-Humphries, Delainey (President, EngSoc A)
- McGee, Ellen (President, EngSoc B)
- Brodsky, Guy
- Mathouda, Damanpreet
- Giesbrecht, Michelle (President, ESS)
- Mehta, Navya
- Chang, Diana
- Hunte, John
- Sharma, Kanan
- Xu, June
- (President, MathSoc)
- Parkyn, Colin
- Lau, Mackenzie
- Roxas, Nikka (Niks) Ysabella
- Soo, Sebastian
- El-Rayani, Mohamed (Designate, SciSoc)
- Chan, Samantha (President, RASC)
- Lawless, Sammy (Designate, SJUSU)
Expected Absences:

• Beauchemin, Michael (President)
• Yang, Edward (Assistant Secretary)
• Gerrits, Matthew (VP Education)
• Town, Megan
• Plante, Connor (Chair of the Board)
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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 12:30 PM.

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 RATIFICATION OF SOCIETY & Pro Tem. DESIGNATES

Pursuant to Policy 55, Society Presidents and Designates on Council, the selection of a designate or appointment of a pro tempore councillor to fill a temporary vacancy by a constituency Society must be ratified by the Students’ Council at the first regular meeting following such selection. Ratification may not be unreasonably withheld by Council.

Be it resolved that Council ratifies Kanan Sharma as pro tem. councillor for the Mathematics constituency as selected by the MathSoc Council.

1.4 RATIFICATION OF BY-ELECTION RESULTS

Pursuant to Council Procedure 6, Election and Referenda Procedures, the results of all electoral events are to be ratified at the next available General Meeting of the Corporation or meeting of Students’ Council.

Be it resolved that Council ratifies the results, as certified by the Elections and Referenda Committee and documented in Appendix A, of the by-election held on October 9-10, 2019.

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
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.

Speaker’s Note: The draft minutes of the October 6, 2019 meeting are to be sent separately to councillors in advance of the meeting.

Be it resolved that Council approves the minutes of the October 6, 2019 meeting, as presented.

3 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.

3.1 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 B.

1. President (Michael Beauchemin)
2. Vice President of Operations & Finance (Seneca Velling)
3. Vice President of Education (Matthew Gerrits)
4. Vice President of Student Life (Amanda Fitzpatrick)

3.2 Board of Directors Report

The Chair of the Board (Connor Plante) 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 C for the written report.

3.2.1 Presentation of Financial Statements and Appointment of Auditor

For Information: Vice President Seneca Velling will present to Council the Audited Financial Statements of the Corporation for the 2018-2019 fiscal year and inform council of the appointment of a new auditor. Please refer to Appendix D for the financial statements and supporting documentation.
3.3 **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 E.

1. Applied Health Sciences Caucus
2. Arts Caucus
3. Engineering Caucus
4. Environment Caucus
5. Mathematics Caucus
6. Science Caucus
7. Cambridge
8. Kitchener
9. Stratford
10. St. Jerome’s
11. Renison

3.4 **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.

1. Deputy Speaker (Jason Small)
2. Secretary (Mansi Shah)

3.5 **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.

3.5.1 **Report of the Internal Funding Committee**

*Speaker’s Note:* The following report was informally requested by Council at its August 17, 2019 meeting.

**Be it resolved that** Council accepts the report of the Internal Funding Committee regarding a voluntary student contribution to the Enterprise, Opportunity, and Innovation Fund, as presented in Appendix F.

Submitted By: *Seneca Velling.*
3.5.2 REPORT OF THE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

Be it resolved that Council accepts the FY2020 Budget Report as presented by the Budget and Appropriations Committee and included in Appendix G, including the affixed FY2020 Budget.

Submitted By: Seneca Velling.

4 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.

4.1 ERECTION OF A TEMPORARY STRUCTURE ON BOMBER PATIO

This item is scheduled to begin at 1:30PM.
This item was originally submitted to the agenda of the October 22, 2019 Annual General Meeting, but as the meeting was adjourned prior to its consideration, it has automatically been referred to Council for a decision in accordance with the terms of the General Meeting agenda. The Board of Directors has recommended that the item be rejected.

Be it resolved that a temporary structure be erected in the Bomber Patio to provide more shade and a nice atmosphere.

Be it further resolved that the structure would be temporary, until first snow, with at least three flimsy walls.

Be it further resolved that it shall be reused annually, have a thatched roof, and that it be built within one week of the AGM.

Submitted By: Jason Small, on behalf of Joshua Goldschmidt.

5 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.

5.1 ELECTION TO VACANT COMMITTEE SEATS

Speaker’s Note: Given the arrival of new councillors, the intention is to fill all remaining vacant committee seats. Per Procedure 10, at-large seats may be filled by councillors if there are no interested at-large members. Under no circumstances shall any voting member of ERC be a candidate for an active Election or By-election, join a Referendum committee, endorse, or campaign on behalf of any candidate, team or referendum position.
Be it resolved that Council elects Binoy Pattharwala and ____ to the vacant at-large seats on the Policies and Procedures Committee (PPC).

Be it further resolved that Council elects ____ to the vacant at-large seat on the Elections and Referenda Committee (ERC).

Be it further resolved that Council elects ____ to the vacant at-large seat on the Campus Life Advisory Committee (CLAC).

Be it further resolved that Council elects ____ to the vacant councillor seat on the Education Advisory Council (EAC).

Be it further resolved that Council elects ____ and ____ to the vacant at-large seats on the Ad Hoc Committee for General Meeting Engagement.

Submitted By: Michael Beauchemin and Jason Small.

5.2 RECLASSIFICATION OF ORIENTATION AS AN ADMINISTERED PROGRAM

Speaker’s Note: This course of action will allow the Board of Directors to formally include Orientation as an Administered Fund for the purposes of planning, budgets, and distinct accounting.

Be it resolved that Council amend the schedule of programming, reflective of the Winter 2018 General Meeting decision regarding separation of Orientation programming from the General Operating budget, to treat First-Year Orientation as an administered fund.

Submitted By: Seneca Velling and Amanda Fitzpatrick.

5.3 APPROVAL OF CAPITAL PROGRAM

Be it resolved that Council accepts the memorandum of the Vice President, Operations Finance, included in Appendix H, for the creation of a Capital Program for the Waterloo Undergraduate Student Association;

Be it further resolved that the Vice President, Operations and Finance, will report back to Council when the determination of the compulsory or optional nature of this fee, in whole or in part, is negotiated with the University; and

Be it further resolved that Council directs the Office of the Vice President, Operations and Finance, to begin the development of a Capital Improvement Plan for the organization.

Submitted By: Seneca Velling.
5.4 **EXAM SCHEDULING AND RELIEF POLICY**

*Speaker’s Note:* A two-thirds majority vote is required for this motion. This proposed policy has been reviewed by the Education Advisory Council.

**Be it resolved that** Council adopts the proposed advocacy policy on Exam Scheduling and Relief attached in Appendix I, subject to clerical and formatting revisions to be made by the Policies and Procedures Committee.

Submitted By: *Megan Town.*

5.5 **FOSSIL-FUEL DIVESTMENT OF FACULTY ENDOWMENT FUNDS**

*Speaker’s Note:* Links embedded below were provided by the mover as supporting material and do not formally constitute part of the motion.

**Whereas** it has been the opinion (based on reports and major actions) of companies and sovereign wealth funds such as MSCI and the Norwegian Sovereign Wealth Fund that divestment of fossil fuels is financially prudent; 

**Whereas** the University’s Working Group on Responsible Investment has recommended an ESG-focused investment policy (Environment, Social & Governance) for both ethical and financial reasons; and

**Whereas** the student club Fossil Free UW and large involvement in the recent climate strike has shown students want the university to act on climate change and implement fossil fuel divestment.

**Be it resolved that** the Policies and Procedures Committee be tasked with drafting an advocacy policy supporting the divestment of faculty endowment funds from ‘fossil fuel’ assets.

Submitted By: *Guy Brodsky.*

5.6 **EXTENSION FOR HOUSING REPORT**

*Speaker’s Note:* A two-thirds majority vote is required for this motion.

**Be it resolved that** Council amend its previous decision to extend the timeline for reception of a report on housing to the January regular meeting.

Submitted By: *Matthew Gerrits.*

5.7 **OPT-IN LIFE INSURANCE POLICY FOR STUDENTS**

*For Discussion:* See Appendix J for information on this StudentCare product offering.

Submitted By: *Seneca Velling.*
6 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.

7 ANNOUNCEMENTS

7.1 NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of Council is scheduled for December 1st, starting at 12:30PM, in the SLC MPR.

8 ADJOURNMENT

Be it resolved that the Chair adjourns the meeting no later than 11:59PM.