

**STUDENTS' COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

The tenth meeting of the 2008-09 Students' Council will be held on **Sunday, January 11th, 2008 at 12:30 p.m.** in the **Multi Purpose Room** of the **Student Life Centre**.

Attendance:

Chris Neal
Sarah Cook
Sam Andrey
Heather Foley
Veronica Fredericks
Abhilash Jayakumar
Anthony Iseyemi
Matt Waller Christine Thayer
Jeffrey Baer
Yuwei Liang
Bronwen Morris

Mathieu Poirier
Justin Williams
Del Pereira
Andrew Falcao
Andres Fuentes

Non-Voting Member Attendance:

John Andersen
Brittany Boilard
Brendea Balcomb
Sarah Schaffels

Speaker call the meeting to order at 12:30pm and pronounces quorum.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

1st by J. Williams, 2nd by C. Neal.

Speaker: Entertaining motions to amend the agenda, but seeing no objection we will remove item 4c as it is no longer applicable. It was discovered the attendance records were off when Councillor Jayakumar arrived late (under 30 min) but simply did not record his name on the attendance list.

Motion carries unanimously

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

a) December Students' Council, December 7th, 2008

1st J. Williams, 2nd A. Falcao.

M. Waller, and I. Kasper note they requested the minutes reflect correctly the first and seconding of a motion.

The amendments were taken unanimously and the motion carried unanimously.

3. OLD BUSINESS

N/A

ITEMS FOR REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENT

4. NEW BUSINESS

a) Referendum Appeals Committee (Decision, J. Williams)

Speaker: BIRT _____ be the non-voting executive member of the Referendum Appeals Committee.

BIFRT _____, _____, and _____ be the non-Students' Council members of the Referendum Appeals Committee.

1st J. Williams, 2nd A. Fuentes.

J. Williams explains to council how we may require the committee and so will fill the positions.

Beginning with the non-voting executive member, Council nominates VPED Fuentes. There were no further nominations.

Council nominates the following persons who accepted the nomination:

Rishi Patel

Speaker: Hearing no further nominations...

J. Williams: Should we not be able to fill the three positions today, if the need arises, we could fill the committee quickly.

Speaker: the motion now reads as follows:

BIRT A. Fuentes be the non-voting executive member of the Referendum Appeals Committee.

BIFRT Rishi Patel, _____, and _____ be the non-Students' Council members of the Referendum Appeals Committee.

Motion carried 16-0-0.

b) Ratification of removal of Councillor Kim Ho (Decision, J. Williams)

Speaker: Whereas Bylaw 1 sets the requirements for attendance in meetings of Students' Council (moved by J. Williams);

BIRT Students' Council ratify the removal of Councillor Kim Ho from Students' Council

1st J. Williams, 2nd M. Waller.

J. Williams: Unfortunately you all know the drill on this one...I have the attendance beside me as I speak. I believe there were two unexcused absences, so here we are today. I know Kim is on Coop.

S. Cook: How many absences did she have besides Coop.

Secretary: 7, but she was out of the travel distance. The only ones that can be considered against her would be the two unexcused absences and the one excused absence.

It was asked if she had interest in remaining with Council. The Speaker identified that the Councillor had been inquiring about finding another person to take her position as she is away on Coop until the end of the Council year.

Speaker: As far as we know she is not planning on returning for any further Council meetings. Seeing no further discussion...

The motion carried 17-0-0.

- c) Ratification of removal of Councillor Abhilash Jayakumar
(Decision, J. Williams)

N/A

- d) Advise on Student Coordinated Plan Fee Allocation (Decision, J. Williams)

Speaker: Whereas the University will financially over-collect for the first portion of the Student Coordinated Plan in the Spring 2009 Term,

And whereas it has been determined by the Student Life Centre Management Board that modernizing and renovating the Student Life Centre should be a priority to have the building better serve students at the University of Waterloo,

And Whereas the renovations to the Student Life Centre will be a benefit to all students and help to foster student life on our campus,

Be it resolved that the Federation of Students' Council supports the suggestion that any over-collected monies from the Spring 2009 Student Coordinated Plan go to the Student Life Centre Management Board to help cover the cost of renovations within the Student Life Centre.

1st J. Williams, 2nd S. Andrey.

J. Williams explains the University came to the FEDS Executive regarding the over collection of student money.

The Executive and University feel the Student Life Centre, through the SLC Management Board should allocate the additional funding toward student projects and interests and be more student friendly. The SLC in many respects has not much changed since the '70s and many renovations could be performed. Clubs space would be one area of focus for renovations.

The Executive wanted to bring the issue to Council and get support.

C. Neal speaks in support of the motion as he has seen renovations improve the quality of the University campus for students.

Speaker, seeing no further discussion...

Motion carries unanimously.

3. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

a) Vice President, Internal

A. Falcao: I tried to send this out Tuesday or Wednesday but it bounced. If you have any further questions about my report please let me know.

VPIN Executive Report:

1.0 Winter To-Do List

Aesthetic Review of Campus

Complete tour by end of January; complete initial report by Reading Week; complete final report by end of term

Legal Resources Office

Investigate feasibility; design structure and mandate

Campus Climate Survey with Student Life Office

Scheduled to be completed in Winter Term

Feds Flicks: The Greatest Films of All Time

Working with co-op student Chai to select dates and films

Event Forms

Update and combine all forms (Event, Bomber, Fed Hall) into one interactive online form; connect form with Events Calendar

Societies Exam Bank

Continue working with COPs with the creation of a cross-society online exam bank

Services Bylaws

Create comprehensive outline as to what they should include; receive input from coordinators; pass onto BP&P for final write up

Clubs Bylaws

Continue working with IAC to update clubs procedures

Societies Handbook

Write comprehensive guide to help Society Presidents meet their duties

Student Life Endowment Fund

Schedule dates; investigate and update documents

Accounting

Help Dave look into a parallel system that makes it easier for clubs and services department to follow finances (current system is excellent for accountants, but is often too confusing for non-accountants to use)

Black History Month

Working with One Waterloo campaign; attempting to bring in speaker and Torontonians artists

Arts Week

See note below

Canadian University Queer Services Conference

In Guelph, January 23-25; attending with members from GLOW

Spread the Net Campaign

COPs will be leading the way with this campaign

Chilly Dog Run

On Saturday, February 7th; encouraging as many people to participate

Bulletin Boards in SLC

Some need updates

SLC Space Review

The SLC Management Board as well as myself and Dave are hoping to finish this soon

Imprint Forums

Working with Maggie Clark and Justin to set up times

International Celebrations Week & Cultural Caravan

Working with Johnny Trinh, Val and Dave

International Women's Week

Same time as Arts Week; looking to collaborate with Johnny Trinh, Women's Centre and Arts Week

2.0 Internal Committees

a. Internal Administration Committee

We have met once and set out our goals for this term: continuing the review and rewrite of the Clubs procedures that began last term, and complete the annual Services review. We would like to create a comprehensive outline for the Services as mentioned in my Winter To-Do List above as part of the review.

3.0 Other

a. Arts Commission

Christina and I are now confirming events for the week: Engineering Jazz Band performance, watSpeak event hosted by Sound FM's Marcus Green, Fine Arts faculty panel discussion, Society of Fine Arts gallery in the MPR and film screenings. We are hoping to include some other events along with Warrior Weekends and International Women's Week.

b) Vice President, Education

A. Fuentes: I have submitted my report and am open to questions. I am hoping to put together a list of things that I plan to do in the next four months. I hope to get a few projects done and will work on transition with my replacement. I will send it to council when I am done.

C. Neal: I see from most of your reports that you have focused on lobbying. Can you comment on other services of the VPED office ie WatPubs and why they aren't functioning.

A. Fuentes: Yes, we have been having a problem with the website.

C. Neal: My question is not with WatPubs, but why are you choosing to lobby with external lobby groups over spending time on other student services that are supposed to be offered to students.

A. Fuentes: I will give you a simple answer. I think that is where my strength is and if you want me to spend more time on that I can do that as well. If that is the will of Council then I can do that as well.

S. Andrey: As a follow up to Chris's comment I would agree that at times your office has been externally focused when issues with Coop or issues with Senate and internal issues are important I hope you can work on these as well over the next four months.

VPED Executive Report:

1.0 OUSA – Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance

2.0 CASA – Canadian Alliance of Student Associations

3.0 On Campus Committees

1.0 OUSA – Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance

OUSA is in the process of preparing and presenting our pre-budget submission to the provincial government. We hope to be able to meet with key members of the legislature to explain and promote our suggestions for the budget.

As well I am continuing to work on the Aboriginal Policy to be presented at the Spring OUSA GA in Hamilton. Along with the VP from Queen's I am continuing to seek input from different aboriginal groups as well as looking at all the available academic literature on this subject.

2.0 CASA – Canadian Alliance of Student Associations

CASA has submitted their budget proposal and is now meeting with politicians, staff and the public service to promote our proposal. I have been helping them connect to the office of the Leader of the Opposition and we hope to be able to meet with them soon.

Our annual Lobby Conference this year has been reschedule for late March and combined with our AGM all to take place in Ottawa. We will hopefully be able to meet with all the new M.P. that were elected in October to familiarize them with CASA and our objectives as well as continue to push our initiatives and priorities forward.

3.0 On campus committees

OLE, the online learning environment review is hoping to have a report ready for the end of this term. We are looking at what our students expect from an online learning environment, it looks like we will try to hold some town hall meeting as well as some sort of survey to accomplish this.

I recently completed the Co-op Student of the Year award committee and the results should be announced soon. It was incredible to see what some of our co-op students achieve during their work terms and all the winners were more than deserving of the recognition.

I am also continuing to work on the course evaluation review committee as we continue to look for a better way to provide feedback on the courses to the instructors and the university.

c) Vice President, Administration & Finance

D. Pereira adds that things are going well and he is working to contact Bud Walker with the University regarding Bar Directorate negotiations and welcomes questions.

VPAF Executive Report:

0.0 Organizational Operations

1.0 Financials

2.0 Meetings/Contracts

3.0 Projects

4.0 President

0.0 Organizational Operations

-The operations of the organization have gone through some changes this semester, specifically the Bomber. The hours of the Bomb Shelter have been reduced for a number of reasons, some economical and some confidential. I have devised a short-term plan to aid the business, but we can expect to see a new model for September 2009.

-There are a few new ideas for Bomber Saturdays that will be implemented over the course of this term. The management team will be treating each Saturday as its own event; there will be a new theme every Saturday, make sure you come and check it out. We are kicking off the term with a Pajama Party, "Guaranteed not to wake up in your bar clothes."

-I will be working with the IT department and fellow students on developing the software for the Feds Used Book list. This project should be completed by the end of this term, and be ready for use in the fall of 2009.

-The General Manager and I have been researching new ways for distributing gratuities for catering functions to the full/part-time staff. Over the last four months we have looked at many different models and have finally found one that best suits our practice. This will be implemented immediately.

-Reworking job descriptions and human resource management. This is confidential; the Board of Directors is up to date and in charge of the situation. I would like to add that this has taken the most amount of time.

1.0 Financials

-I have been reviewing all the numbers for the Bomb Shelter and Federation Hall. I am currently collecting data for the long-term plan for both businesses.

-I will be making a budget presentation at the next council meeting.

2.0 Meetings/ Contracts

-Over the last few months I have spent a lot of my time meeting with university officials. We covered many topics including events, contracts, financials, future plans, and human resources. For further or more specific information, please contact me.

-Director Andrey, President Williams, and myself met with Bud Walker, the Business Operations Manager for the University, to continue discussions about the bar agreement. We were told that we would have a draft before the Christmas break, but due to a number of circumstances administration could not produce the document. The current agreement has been extended till the end of this term; discussions will continue in two weeks time.

-The contract with retail services has been signed and delivered.

3.0 Projects

I am very busy with up coming projects...

- Plan for the Aussies space.
- Program for Feds Used Books
- VIBE- Street Team
- “Foscars” – Leadership awards gala
- Secret Event (Board of Directors is informed about this event). Confidential.

4.0 President

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d) President

J. Williams commented further on the schedule and path of the Orientation review. The committee is looking at how they can change the schedule of the week, where the week semi-ends on Wednesday and there could be classes on the Thursday and Friday.

The University is also pushing for the week to be more faculty based, but Williams is pushing for it to be more centrally based.

These are the points that the committee is discussing regarding Orientation.

Williams also notes his visit to Brock University to meet with their Student Union's business manager regarding possible business ideas and success strategies. Williams was also very interested in discussing transition with their business manager.

J. Williams: Happy birthday to Councillor Morris. Councillor of the term award goes to M. Poirier.

President Executive Report:

1. Orientation Review
 2. Committees
 3. Meeting with BUSU Business Manager
 4. Preparing for the FedS Leadership Awards (changes)
 5. Senate Caucus
 6. Transition
 7. Meeting with FAUW
 8. Councillor of the term

1. Orientation Review

The group of four met to work out the critical path for the next four months. We now have a schedule for how we will complete the orientation review. Additionally we have added new members to the committee. I will give a more detailed break down of this on Sunday when the Critical Path is finalized.

2. Committees

BP&P has a bit of homework left over the December, and the Sustainability Committee needs some revitalizing (my fault). To correct this, I hope to have the committees meet next week, so that we can get a jump on the semester. By the end of the term I am dedicated to completing a lot of projects: converting to 1 bylaw, new procedures for services, updating the structures of committees / commissions etc, and preparing a solid sustainability report.

3. Meeting the BUSU Business Manager

This Friday I will be away in the morning, as I am going to meet with the business manager from the Brock University Students' Union. I will be discussing some of their newer business ventures to determine their fruitfulness for Waterloo. I will be able to give a more complete report back on this at council.

4. FedS Leadership Awards

After now sitting on the FedS Leadership Awards and the President's Circle Awards Selection Committees, I feel I am now ready to start working on fixing up the FedS selection process (or lack of one). I will be working with the other Execs of the next couple of weeks to formalize all of this and eventually with BP&P to create a council procedure.

Additionally, I am currently working with Del and Andrew on the Gala that is associated with the Award. At this point I am aiming at having the day split into two components: a display of campus events / leadership and the dinner and award ceremony. The first part will be primarily organized by Andrew and myself and will focus on the work of clubs, services and societies over the past year. The dinner will be similar to last year, but definitely without Mike Duffy!

5. Senate Caucus

I have almost completed a package that I will be sending out to Senators to create a student caucus. This will be a semi-official body focused on creating a proactive student presence at Senate. This body will likely be made up of student senators, Senate Undergraduate Council members and Graduate and Research Council members Being organized into a caucus with regular meetings will allow us to share information coming from committees and be organized well in advance of senate when an issue arises.

6. Transition

I am currently meeting with different resources and reviewing other student unions' transition to help strengthen our transition for councillors, executives and board members. I hope to make a presentation to council on this in March.

7. Meeting with FAUW

I recently met with the head of the Faculty Association to discuss a number of exciting partnership opportunities: Annual Speakers Series, podcasting, and the formulation of a centralized exam bank (a project coming from the Committee of Presidents). Generally speaking it appears that we will be able to work with the Faculty on each of these issues, which is rather exciting.

8. Councillor of the Fall Term

Who do you think it will be?

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Justin Williams

5. COUNCILLOR REPORTS AND QUESTION PERIOD

C. Neal reports more funding and spending on social events and will give comments as MathSoc President in General Announcements.

6. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

C. Neal reports MathSoc is up and running. There is a new website. Frost Week is coming up this week and announces other upcoming social events.

H. Foley reports school of pharmacy is now in classes on their new campus. Councillor Foley has been representing FEDS at social event in pharmacy. As this is a new society, Councillor Foley is looking for guidance regarding how to run the society.

7. ADJOURNMENT

1st D. Pereira, 2nd A. Iseyemi. Motion carries unanimously