

**STUDENTS' COUNCIL MEETING**

**AGENDA**

The tenth meeting of the 2007-08 Students' Council will be held on **Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008** at **12:30 p.m.** in the **Multipurpose Room** of the **Student Life Centre**.

**Members Present**

Arjun Gupta  
Abhilash Jayakumar  
Mike Spendlove  
Jeff Aho  
Caitlin Cull  
Sam Andrey  
Shawn Grover  
Surabhi Venkatesh  
Andrew Zamojc  
Humberto Vigil-Gutierrez  
Farhan Lalani  
Stephen Eaton  
Amanda Beitz  
Justin Williams  
Andrew Falcao  
Aly Sivji  
Keith Chan  
Dmitry Pyatin  
Sally Jurica  
Darcy Higgins, Vice-President, Internal  
Jonah Levine, Vice-President, Education  
Del Pereira, Vice-President, Administration and Finance  
Kevin Royal, President  
Jon Fishbein, Speaker  
Rick Theis, Secretary

**Members Absent**

Michael Sue-Kam-Ling  
Matthew Colphon\*  
Christopher Neal\*

**Non-Members Present**

Michael L. Davenport  
Jonathan Fung  
Aoife Richmond  
Kate George  
Bill Wharrie  
Levi R. McCulloch  
Steve Hayle

**Meeting called to order at 12:38**

***ITEMS FOR ACTION***

**1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

J. Fishbein – Is there a motion to approve the agenda? (moved by Kevin Royal, seconded by Abhilash Jayakumar)

S. Andrey – I would like to move to amend the agenda. It would be item 4d, CKMS Fee Referendum, with the question I emailed out on the mailing list (Reads)

**BIRT the Federation of Students approve the following question for referendum, to be held concurrently with the 2008-2009 Federation of Students Elections:**

**“Do you support the removal of the \$5.50 per term fee for CKMS, the campus community radio station at the University of Waterloo, effective the Fall term of 2008?”**

J. Fishbein – Is there a seconder for the motion? (seconded by Shawn Grover)

J. Fishbein – Ok. We will now move to debate on whether to amend the agenda as proposed. With no notice, this will require a 2/3rds majority to approve the amendment. Mr. Andrey, would you care to introduce your motion.

S. Andrey – In terms of why it was late, there was some miscommunication. I was told it would be put on the agenda, and it wasn't, so I went to work from there to figure out why it did not make it on, and then how to proceed. If you do not support the amendment, I will be asking for a meeting next week

J. Aho – I am in favour of adding this to the agenda. We don't have much on the agenda this month, and this is time sensitive, as we can hold this concurrent with the elections, and save money. We are all here right now, so I think we should discuss it today.

A. Falcao – I will be speaking against this motion. The consequences are severe if this goes through, and 2 days is simply not enough time for Council to get informed.

B. Wharrie (recognized) I am the technical coordinator for CKMS. I just received notice that this was going on the agenda at 10 am this morning. Because this has the potential to have a large effect on CKMS as the Councillor mentioned, we should be given sufficient notice so as to make their case, and as i have only had 2 hours to do so, I have not had such. My understanding is that there is a consultative committee that was formed within the Feds to oversee the relationship between feds and the organizations. As this is on the books, this is the process that should be followed. Thank you for your attention.

Eaton – I would like to urge Councillors to add this to the agenda, and then we can talk about it.

D. Higgins – A question. When was this consultative committee started?

B. Wharrie (recognized) – Again, I am not well versed in the policy aspects of such things, but I think at least 2 years ago? I wish I could give you better answer.

J. Fishbein – I want to keep the discussion focused to whether or not to add the agenda item, and only things germane to that issue. My speakers list is now empty, so I assume we are ready to debate this motion?

**Motion to amend the agenda passes 14-5-2**

J. Fishbein – The amendment is adopted. Now back to approval of the amended agenda. Is there any further discussion on the agenda? Seeing none, we will consider the agenda approved.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

a. December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007

J. Fishbein – Is there a motion to approve the minutes? (moved by J. Aho, seconded by K. Royal)

J, Fishbein – Is there any discussion on the minutes? I have been informed that all changes have been adopted. Seeing none, we will take the minutes as approved.

**3. OLD BUSINESS**

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

a. **Internal Administration Committee** (moved by Darcy Higgins, seconded by Andrew Falcao)

J. Fishbein – Vice-President Higgins, would you care to introduce your motion?

D. Higgins – Sure. The IAC governs clubs and services, and most of our work involves approving new clubs and reviewing services. Time commitment is about one meeting a week.

J. Fishbein – Ok. We will now move to nominations. Are there any nominations from the floor?

A. Falcao – J. Williams, accepts

K. Royal - Withdrawn

A. Jayakumar – A. Gupta, accepts

J. Williams – S. Ventkatesh, declines

A. Zamojc – Withdrawn

D. Higgins – A. Beitz, accepts

A. Sivji – A. Falcao, accepts

J. Williams – S. Eaton, accepts

D. Higgins – A. Zamojc, accepts

J. Fishbein – By my count we have 6 nominations for 2 spots, so we will move to elections.

M. Davenport, L. McCullough as CRO/Scrutineer

J. Fishbein – We will move on to candidate speeches in random order.

A. Falcao – I sat on the committee last term, and have a lot of experience with services and clubs rules.

A. Beitz – I have lot of experience working with services, and with FOC. I would like to further that experience.

S. Eaton – I have sat on the committee for the last two terms, and I think that continuity is essential for the committee to work well.

A. Gupta – Thank you. As I am a first year student, I would like the experience of IAC for future years.

A. Zamojc – I sat on IAC in Fall, and it was very worthwhile. I would like to further that experience and apply what I have learned.

J. Williams – I have sat on IAC for 2 terms, and have lots of experience lobbying for students. We will be conducting the service review, and I think I have a lot to offer to that initiative.

J. Fishbein – With that we will move on to elections. Please fill out your ballot with no more than 2 choices and hand your ballot to the CRO.

C. Cull – I motion to postpone indefinitely item 4a on the agenda (seconded by Sam Andrey).

**Motion passes unanimously**

b. **Internal Funding Committee** (moved by Darcy Higgins, seconded by

Justin Williams)

J. Fishbein – Vice-President Higgins, would you care to introduce your motion?

D. Higgins – Thanks. The IFC is similar in time commitment to the IAC. The committee oversees EOI and SPF.

J. Fishbein – We will move to nominations for the Students' Council spots first. Are there any nominations?

J. Williams – S. Ventkatesh, accepts

A. Jayakumar, A. Gupta, accepts

S. Andrey, S. Grover, accepts

J. Williams, H. Vigil-Gutierrez, accepts

A. Jayakumar, M. Spendlove, accepts

D. Higgins, A. Falcao, accepts

J. Fishbein – Is there any opposition to maintaining the same CRO and Scrutineer? Seeing none, we will take them as approved, and move to speeches.

H. Vigil-Gutierrez – Thanks. I sat on IFC last term, and would really love to repeat again this term. I find experiences like this really help me grow into the role of Student Councillor.

S. Grover – This committee is quite appropriate for me as I am a financially prudent person, and am interested in these issues.

M. Spendlove – I am new to Council, but have experience with the Engineering Endowment fund, so I know what is required in terms of mindset and time.

A. Gupta – Hello again. I am interested in finding out more about the financial structure of the Feds, and would look forward to participating in this committee.

A. Falcao – I sat on IFC for two terms now. I have lots of experience as SciSoc President, and lots of understanding of finances.

S. Ventkatesh – I have lots of experience on these committees, including 4 terms as chair of AHS board of d for endowment. I have not yet sat on a Feds committee and would like to contribute.

J. Fishbein – Please fill out your ballots and pass them to the CRO.

K. Royal – I move for a 5 minute recess (seconded by Andrew Falcao)

**Motion passes unanimously**

J. Fishbein – We are in recess. Please be back at 1:10 pm.

**Meeting resumes at 1:10 pm**

J. Fishbein – I have the results of IFC Council seat election. Councillors Grover and Spendlove are the winners. We will now move to nominations for at-large IFC spots. Are there any nominations?

D. Higgins – Jonathan Fung, accepts

D, Higgins – Ivan Lukienchuck, accepts (not in attendance)

K. Chan, A. Facao, accepts

C. Cull, H.Vigil-Gutierrez, declines

J. Williams, S. Ventkatesh, accepts

J. Fishbein – Ok. Are there any further nominations? Seems we are on an election kick today. Seeing no further nominations, we shall have yet another election. Let's start with speeches.

J. Fung – I want to be part of the committee because it is an important part of the club experience. I am part of AFM and am very analytical, plus I have a clear mind.

S. Ventkatesh – I have experience in similar initiatives like the IFC. I would like the opportunity to participate. Thanks.

D. Higgins – I am going to speak on behalf of Ivan. Ivan has sat on the committee last term and is quite strong. It is important to have students on the committee who are not part of Council.

A. Falcao – I have sat on this committee prior, and I have sat on SLEF.

J. Fishbein – Are there any further nominations? Is there any opposition to same CRO and Scrutineer? Then we will proceed with elections. As before, please write 2 names down on the ballot and hand it over to the CRO. As the ballots are being counted, we can wait, or we can move back to item 4a, although that might be a bit confusing.

S. Eaton – I move to postpone 4b, and move back to 4a (seconded by Aly Sivji).

**Motion passes 17-3-1 (D. Higgins)**

J. Fishbein – So we will move back to 4a. I have the results from the IAC election: Williams and Eaton are the winners. Let's move to nominations for the at-large positions for IAC. Are there any nominations?

D. Higgins – Edelyn Tam, accepts (not in attendance)

J. Aho – Steve Hayle, declines

S. Grover, Andrew Zamojc, accepts

J. Williams, Amanda Beitz, accepts

A. Sivji, Andrew Falcao, accepts

J. Fishbein – Are there any more nominations? By my count we have 4 names for 2 blanks, and so we will move to election. Let's start with speeches.

A. Beitz – Like I said before, I think I have a lot of experience working with similar groups on campus and feel I would be a good addition to the committee.

A. Falcao – I have nothing really to add.

D. Higgins – Keeping what i said about new blood (Reads email statement from Edelyn Tam).

A. Zam – I have previous experience on IAC.

J. Fishbein – We will stick with our same CRO and Scrutineer unless there is opposition.

S. Andrey – postpone 4a and move back to 4b (seconded by Sally Jurica)

**Motion passes 18-2-0**

J. Fishbein – The results are in for the IFC at-large elections, and Fung, and Venkatesh have won. Now have a complete motion

BIRT Shawn Grover and Mike Spendlove be ratified as the Students' Council members of the Internal Funding Committee for the Winter 2008 term.

BIRT Joesph Fung and Surabhi Venkatesh be ratified as the at-large members of the Internal Funding Committee for the Winter 2008 term.

**Motion passes 21-0-1 (A. Falcao)**

J. Fishbein – We are back to item 4a. Tan and Beitz are the winners, and we have a complete motion.

BIRT Justin Williams and Stephen Eaton be ratified as the Students' Council members of the Internal Administration Committee for the Winter 2008 term.

BIRT Edelyn Tam and Amanda Beitz be ratified as the at-large members of the Internal Administration Committee for the Winter 2008 term.

**Motion passes** 20-0-2 (A. Gupta, A. Falcao)

**Education Advisory Committee** (moved by Kevin Royal,  
seconded by Justin Williams)

J. Fishbein – President Royal, would you care to introduce this item on Vice-President Levine's behalf?

K. Royal – Yes. Thank you very much Mr Speaker. Levine is out of town at an OUSA engagement. The EAC helps the VPED to form decisions on education issues, along a range of subjects.

J. Fishbein – Are there any nominations?

K. Royal – Vice-President Levine has nominated Jenna Van Draanen, Aaron Stauch, Caitlin Cull, Sam Andrey, Humberto Vigil-Gutierrez (Vigil-Gutierrez declines)

J. Aho – Withdrawn

A. Gupta – self nominates

M. Spendlove, Abhilash Jayakumar, accepts

A. Falcao, Aly Sivji, accepts

J. Fishbein – Ok, seems like we will have elections for every committee today. Is there any opposition to maintaining our CRO and Scrutineer? Seeing none let's move to speeches.

A. Gupta – I would very much like to sit on this committee. While i don't have the same experience as some other more senior Councillors, it is important to train new Councillors for when the old ones leave.

S. Andrey – I sat on this committee last term and am writing a report with Councillor Williams about OUSA tuition policy, so sitting on this committee would be a great help to that work.

A. Jayakumar – This is my second term as a Councillor. I haven't had the opportunity to sit on a committee yet. I got involved in order to make a difference, and would like to do so in EAC.

C. Cull – have sat on this committee every term since I became a Councillor, and really enjoy the work.

A. Sivji – I would like to get involved. I know a lot about education issues.

J. Fishbein – Please fill out your ballots and pass them to the CRO.

J. Fishbein – The results are in. Gupta, Andrey , Cull have won. Let's move to at-large. Are there any nominations?

J. Williams, Andres Martinez, accepts

J. Williams, Levi McCulloch, accepts

D. Pereira, Jenna Van Draanen, accepts (not in attendance)

Higgins, Stauch, accepts

A. Jayakumar, Steve Hayle, declines

S. Jurica, Abihlash Jayakumar, declines

S. Jurica, Aly Sivji, declines

J. Fishbein – Is there any opposition to appointing Steve Hayle and Michael Davenport as CRO and Scrutineer?

J. Fishbein – Let's proceed with candidate speeches.

K. Royal – I will speak to both Jenna and Aaron's nomination. Both are judicious, and espouse the values of our lobby organizations.

A. Martinez – I have a lot of experience as OUSA Coordinator, and it would be beneficial to be on EAC.

L. McCulloch – I have not sat on many committees, but I would like to get involved.

J. Williams – I would like to motion for a 5 min recess (seconded by Keith Chan)

**Motion passes unanimously**

J. Fishbein – We are in recess and will reconvene at 1:49 pm

## **Meeting resumes at 1:50 pm**

J. Fishbein – The winners are Andres Martinez, and Levi McCulloch, and we now have a complete motion.

BIRT Arjun Gupta, Sam Andrey and Caitlin Cull be ratified as the Students' Council members of the Education Advisory Committee for the Winter 2008 term.

BIRT Andres Martinez and Levi McCulloch be ratified as the at-large members of the Education Advisory Committee for the Winter 2008 term.

### **Motion passes 18-0-2 (Cull, Sivji)**

4.d CKMS Fee Referendum (moved by Sam Andrey, seconded by Shawn Grover)

J. Fishbein – Councillor Andrey, would you care to introduce your motion?

S. Andrey – I would like to try to keep this debate germane to the discussion on the motion. I am not advocating one side or the other. My argument is that 2200 signatures 30+ years ago needs to be revisited. I have received a lot of complaints about the service of CKMS, and i think students should have their opinions heard.

A. Gupta – I am not necessarily in favour of this motion. This fee is a negligible amount of money. The issue is that not many students have heard of this. I would suggest we should look instead at better helping the station to advertise.

J. Fishbein – Just as a reminder, this motion is about having a referendum, not whether CKMS is a worthy initiative.

M. Spendlove – Two questions? How many people are employed at CKMS? Second, what is the nature of ancillary fees?

K. Royal – Last month we passed Policy 24, supporting online opt outs. Having spoken with UW admin, and while they do not have any philosophical issues with this, this is not a priority.

B. Wharrie (recognized) – There are seven, a station manager, myself, a news and public affairs coordinator, several part time positions, including music coordinator, a volunteer coordinator, and a part-time fundraising person.

A. Jayakumar – I would like to speak against this motion. CKMS has potential. They have not had enough time to prepare for this. I encourage Council to turn this down.

A. Gupta – How many people listen to CKMS, and do you do any advertising?

J. Fishbein – Just a little procedural matter – we do not use any personal pronouns in debate. Direct questions to me, and I can figure out how to direct the questions.

B. Wharrie (recognized) – We do not subscribe to the BBM. This is used to determine ad rates. We generally use comments that come directly to the station, and a good rule is for every 1 call, that represents 100 listeners. Promotion is an ongoing project, and it has been our goal to increase our presence on campus through on campus programming, posters and on-campus events. We want to continue this.

J. Fishbein – Thanks. I feel like we are still skirting the issue – we are talking about the referendum, and not CKMS the Radio station.

S. Eaton – The goal of this body is to represent the interest of our members, and not an external organizations. I have not heard any arguments put forward as to why we should not put this question to our members.

J. Aho – I am in favour of this motion. To Councillor Jayakumar, this is the time, through referendum to discuss this issue. There will be a time during a campaign for CKMS to make the argument to our members as to why they are beneficial to students, in line with what CKMS has said they want to do. They have ample time in the preparation of committees to do this. I cannot see anything that is negative about bringing up this issue, because it is a way of promoting what everyone here has said they want.

J. Fishbein – Again some procedural notes. This is a money issue. The results of this question if brought forward will empower the President of the Feds to petition the Board of Governors. To correct Councillor Aho, debate will happen until the campaign period, if a referendum is called.

C. Cull – I am speaking in favour, but I don't take this lightly. I think this is a reasonable question to pose to students. It has been a long time since this has been discussed by students, and it will help create engagement by students in the voting process.

S. Grover – I am speaking in favour of this motion. It has been 30 years that students have had a chance to vote on this. This is a large amount of money in aggregate that students spend. Students should have the ability to make this choice.

J. Williams – Very reluctantly in favour of. I am wary of these questions being brought forward through Council rather than by petition. I hope my colleagues can allay my fears that there will be good debate.

K. Royal – I am in favour of this motion. This body is a representative body of our student community. The purpose of this body is to bring forward issues presented by constituents, such as that which is being proposed by Councillors Andrey and Grover.

S. Andrey – I want to answer the question of whether or not there is support. There is

already interest in running the Yes committee, and I have heard from many students.

A. Falcao – I am opposed. I have spoken to about 25 people in Science, and contrary to what you present, they have expressed to me that they do not support a referendum, including those who do not like CKMS. Those who don't like it can get a refund.

K. Chan – Against. To reiterate what Councillor Falcao said, people can simply get a refund. This process might lead to similar results for other groups.

A. Gupta – Still opposed to the motion. In opposition to some of what has been said, why are we not asking students about other fees? Will people actually get the information necessary to make this decision?

J. Aho – A question. To Councillor Chan, is he, or has he been on the Board of CKMS?

K. Chan- Yes, and I will be abstaining from this vote.

S. Eaton – I am for the motion. To Councillor Gupta, I find the assertion that people will not be informed untrue. We are not philosopher kings.

A. Jayakumar – A Question. What would be the affect of this referendum passing?

K. Royal – If in theory the referendum passes, I would ask the Board of Governors to remove the fee. This does not mean that CKMS will cease to exist.

A. Gupta – A question. Why are we not having a referendum on all fees?

S. Andrey – I only received complaints from people about CKMS.

A. Zamojc – A question. How does one get a fee refund from CKMS?

KRoyal – You need to go to the Bauer Warehouse during a specific 3 week period.

B. Wharrie (recognized) – That is correct.

D. Pyatin – I am against. I think we should spend time educating students on how they can get a refund. Remember that the bus pass did not attract much attention from students, and i think the same will happen with this question.

A. Zamojc – I am in favour of this motion. I do not see, after all the debate that is happening here, that students shouldn't have their say.

M. Davenport (recognized) – POI. If my memory serves correctly, there were 7000+ students who voted in the bus pass, so i don't think it is correct to say that students aren't interested in these things.

S. Andrey – I don't like the argument that because it is refundable is a reason not to move forward with it. If a majority of students don't want this, then we should act on this.

J. Williams – Withdrawn

D. Pyatin – POI. Is there a threshold number of support this must have to pass.

J. Fishbein – I will refer this to Executive Researcher Theis.

R. Theis – Our bylaws stipulate that for a referendum to be binding, the winning side must have at least 7% of the eligible voter population in support of their side. For reference, given an announced Fall 2007 full-time undergraduate enrollment of 22,377 students, the winning side would need at least 1566 people casting ballots in support.

A. Zamojc – Still against. No arguments presented here are convincing as to why this should not be brought forward.

S. Ventkatesh – I am in favour. In speaking about the voter turnout, I don't think the worry that students might not vote is a reasonable reason not to have the vote. If this isn't popular, it won't pass. It has been 30 years since students have had a choice.

A. Jayakumar – If we move to refundable fees, would there be a means to put this back on the table.

D. Pereira – Speaking in favour. As President Royal has said, if I was someone giving part of \$200,000 to an organization, you should have the opportunity to have their voice heard on the matter.

A. Falcao – Still opposed. Just to clarify, I am opposed to the referendum, because it is essentially asking whether students wish to eliminate all funding to this organization, including those who wish to fund it. In my mind, students have a voice; they can get refunds. If this passes, I think student voices will be quashed, because those who wish to support it will have no mechanism for being heard.

K. Chan – Still in opposition. I am opposed to this because of the timing. Councillor Andrey gave his rationale as to why this is coming in the way that it is, but I think as a matter of fairness, CKMS should have the ability to talk in their defense. If I could propose a solution, that perhaps we could strike a working group, as we did with the Fraternity question. This group could investigate the issue further.

J. Williams – I am still in support. It is a logical fallacy to suggest there is no way for students to support the station. If students are against the mechanism that exists currently about how the refund system works, we are not giving them the ability to have this point heard. We are taxing first, without any consideration of whether students wish to be taxed in the first place.

S. Grover – I am still in favour. I don't think we are taking any power away from students to donate.

A. Gupta – Questions. To VP Pereira, will the referendum question ask about the \$5.50 or will it say \$200,000?

D. Pereira – It will say what is in the question.

A. Gupta – Are we doing this for the sake of doing this?

J. Fishbein – Councillor Gupta, that is a rhetorical question that has no answer.

C. Cull – Still in favour. I just want to address the issue of the removal of funding for CKMS. It is true that there will no longer be a CKMS fee on the fee statement. There are other ways of raising funds – i worked at Development and people do donate to things on campus, and i would encourage you to donate. I am not naïve that this will just happen of course, but students do need to be polled on this; it has been 30 years.

D. Pyatin – Can 7% of the student population bind the rest of the student body?

J. Fishbein – If I understand your question, you are essentially asking about our procedure, though there is a second part which is rhetorical as well, and I cannot answer that. Yes, 7% in the majority can, by our procedure, bind us to a particular view.

A. Falcao – To CKMS, how do you stand on the issue of a referendum?

B. Wharrie (recognized) – I think it would be more productive, and Council would be showing more leadership...do you mean are we prepared?

A. Falcao – Or do you think you have enough time to prepare for a referendum?

B. Wharrie – I am damned if I do and damned if I don't. I cannot answer that question specifically.

A. Beitz – Withdrawn

B. Wharrie (recognized) – Again, I would like to make a couple of points. Since we are talking about a referendum, I will quote Jonathan Raulston Saul that decision making bodies are in place to lead and to make decisions; referendums are an abrogation of that responsibility of that . We are taxed all the time without our consent; the government passes budgets which do not receive our consent. You are right. This is a tax. But this is also a question about whether or not we have a radio station at all. President Royal is in the process of developing an online system, which, speaking only for myself, i would be in support of. This Council could take leadership, and strike a committee to work with CKMS to improve the service as it is perceived by Council and by students, to increase visibility, and to increase the service.

M. Spendlove – Thanks to our guests from CKMS. I am reluctantly in favour. But I believe that four or five weeks to justify your existence is a tough metric to meet, and agree with the representatives of the radio station on this point. I would like to refute the arguments made about percentages and voting. A reminder that President Royal was elected with around 2000 votes, and we take that as perfectly valid.

A. Gupta – POI. To Councillor Andrey, how many students did you ask?

S. Andrey – Every single one, save two yesterday, said they wanted a referendum on the issue.

A. Zamojc – A question. Will there be an opportunity for Council to strike the fee?

J. Fishbein – No. These groups are external to us – they are all separate corporations, and the University only accepts our voice on new fees. This is why the federation is responsible for

A. Zamojc – Would council be able to make a motion to remove the fee?

J. Fishbein – No, it is usually only by referendum that this may take place.

D. Higgins – I am going to speak against the motion without fully knowing how I will vote on the motion. I wanted to say that I found logic in Falcao's point about losing student voice. Perhaps a better way would be for Council to ask CKMS to better implement a refund system, including perhaps a booth in the SLC.

K. Chan – Withdrawn

A. Jayakumar – Still reluctantly against this motion, because we have not let students vote on this.

S. Jurica – Question to CKMS. From your information and experience, do you think CKMS would be willing to set up a booth or find a mechanism to implement refunds?

B. Wharrie (recognized) – Yes completely. We have been lobbying to have access on a more regular presence in the SLC. We have not due to general lack of support across the board, we have not been able to do so. Our station manager has pages and pages of email correspondence back and forth to try to do this.

H. Vigil-Gutierrez – In favour. To what Councillor Falcao and Vice-President Higgins said, I don't think that speculation on outcome of the referendum is a reason not to proceed. In my conversations with students, there is overwhelming support for moving forward with this. It has been 30 years since student voices were heard.

K. Royal – Still strongly in favour. The time is now. I would like to speak to CKMS and

their support for the online refund process, which i think is timely. When I was on the CKMS Board of Directors, I was part of the drafting of policy to try to move CKMS into the SLC, and i can say with firsthand experience that this policy prohibited refunds in the SLC, so again i find these statements misleading \

B. Wharrie (recognized) – POI. I did not say we were in favour of an online system, but that we were in favour of an easier system.

H. Vigil-Gutierrez – I would like to donate my speaking time to Councillor Pyatin.

D. Pyatin – In favour, but on the number of students that voted for Royal is a bad indicator of student involvement. I would propose that we look at changing the percentage of support needed to approve referendums.

J. Fishbein – That is not germane to the debate.

A. Zamojc – Question. Is there an easier way for refunds to be implemented in the near future?

K. Royal – There is nothing stopping CKMS from obtaining a booth in the SLC to process refunds more effectively. They have chosen not to, which is of course their choice.

A. Sivji – I am for the motion. Students should have a voice.

A. Gupta – Question to our guests in the gallery. Are you prepared to seek out alternative funding, including from Laurier?

J. Fishbein – The second part of the question is not germane to the issue.

B. Wharrie (recognized) – in answering your first question, we are currently trying to do this., as opposed to turning in our license and donate our equipment, as mandated by our letters patent.

B. Wharrie (recognized) – One point that has not been raised in the debate so far is the mechanism with which this issue is coming to council. Requests have for referenda have traditionally come from students themselves, as opposed to this radical departure from traditional procedures.

J. Fishbein – Just to answer that, we have 3 mechanisms, and historically each of these have been used by the Federation.

A. Sivji – I would like to pass my speaking time to CKMS

B. Wharrie (recognized) – My only comment was that the referendums passed by means other than petition were initiatives of the Federation and thus entirely appropriate, as

opposed to the moving to remove funding.

J. Aho – Withdrawn.

J. Fishbein – Ok. My list is empty. Is everyone ready to vote on this motion?

K. Royal – Motion to divide the assembly.

Gupta – ney

Jayakumar – yea

Spendlove – yea

Aho – yea

Cull – yea

Andrey – yea

Grover – yea

Vent- yea

Zamojc – yea

Jurica – yea

Vigil – yea

Pyatin – yea

Lalani - abstaining

Eation – yea

Beitz – yea

Williams – yea

Falcao – ney

Sivji – yea

Chan – abstaining

Higgins – abstaining

Pereira, yea

Royal yea

**Motion passes 17-2-3**

A. Sivji – I motion for a 5 minute recess (seconded by Keith Chan)

**Motion passes 15-3—0**

J. Fishbein – We are in recess. Please be back at 3:17 PM

**Meeting resumes at 3:17 PM**

***ITEMS FOR REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENT***

**5. REPORTS**

**6. EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

**a. Vice President, Internal**

D. Higgins – I will add something that happened this week. Kevin and I went to speak with Catharine Scott this week in about positive space and the GLOW Ally program. The University maintains a position that labeling space as 'positive' suggests that other space is negative. We asked her to support through the Office of Human Development, ally training for orientation and for any group looking for it, and there was good support there

**b. Vice President, Education**

J. Fishbein – No report was filed, so we will move ahead.

**c. Vice President, Administration & Finance**

Pereira – renos will be done on time.

**d. President**

K. Royal – Only thing to add is the Royal Award of Distinction and Merit.

**7. COUNCILLOR REPORTS AND QUESTION PERIOD**

**Arts**

Cull – AEF is looking for a staff member to sit on the committees

**Engineering**

J. Aho – We have a new Engineering Councillor, Councillor Mike Spendlove.

**8. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Higgins – Work well with your societies.

Theis – Please let your constituents know that we will be having a referendum, and will be holding an organizational meeting for those parties interested in joining Yes and No campaigns on January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

K. Royal – have received several questions about Policy 24, so we are at the vanguard.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**Meeting adjourned at 3:26 PM**

*Items for Action January 2008*

**4.c**      **Education Advisory Committee** (moved by Jonah Levine)