

# Federation of Students' Student's Council Minutes

SLC MPR, UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO

*Speaker:* COUNCILLOR O'SULLIVAN    *Secretary:* COUNCILLOR POTTER

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## ATTENDANCE

The following members were present:

- Altaf, Subham
- Eyre, Alexander
- Clubine, Andrew
- Clarke, Antonio
- Easton, Benjamin
- George, Rebecca
- Goomer, Kanishk
- Jowhari, Nickta
- Knight, Jill
- Mills, Cameron
- Mohan, Andrew
- Mistry, Harsh
- O'Sullivan, Elizabeth
- Potter, Tristan
- Schwan, Brian
- Shibli, Aisha
- Simpson, Abigail
- Small, Jason
- Terzian, Hagop
- Tran, Tomson
- Velling, Seneca\*
- Xu, Wenyu\*
- Ye-Mowe, Stephanie

\* remote

The following members were absent:

- Brieva, Antonio

\* excused

# PRELIMINARIES

## CALL TO ORDER

Councillor O'Sullivan called the meeting to order at 12:36 PM.

## APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

**Be it resolved that** Student's Council approves the agenda for the July 16, 2017 meeting as presented.

*Vice President Schwan and Councillor George.*

**Motion carries** unanimously.

## CONSENT

### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

**Be it resolved that** Board approve the minutes from May 28, 2017.

*Councillor Potter and Councillor Velling.*

There was one minor correction, which will be emailed and corrected in the final version.

**Motion carries** unanimously.

## COUNCILLOR REPORTS

The Environment Councillors made a report, touching on some renovations that were occurring and some changes they were pushing within the university.

## EXECUTIVE REPORTS

Action plans are still being developed, and will be presented at the next meeting.

## REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

The President was not present, but submitted a written report (attached).

## REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT, INTERNAL

The Vice President, Internal reported that a Feds Wellness Committee had been created, comprised of 3 people internal to Feds. They are continuing to connect with stakeholders on campus and being careful not to overstep. The aim is to ensure Feds is doing the best they can to support students, including reaching out to various university services

to have more partnerships. The committee is also doing a critical analysis of wrap-up week and mental health week.

They also reported that one service, the Women's Center, had reached out about centralizing advocacy efforts. The Vice President, Internal is hoping to have the other 5 services become part of this pilot initiative as well.

Feds on Tour did not happen; instead, the Vice President, Internal is investigating how to make it more effective for all students, and is reaching out to satellite campus' and societies to improve outreach.

## **REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT, OPERATIONS AND FINANCE**

The Vice President, Operations and Finance highlighted that special bomber events were a success, with over 200 people attending on average. As well, Beerfest was similarly successful, with students providing the feedback that they preferred that it was an relaxed evening event instead of a day or night event.

The Vice President, Operations and Finance continues to push to make the Bomber more sustainable, improving environmental practises within the organization.

Feds also provided wrap-up week deals for all commercial services, which was well recieved by students.

Wasabi and campus bubble are re-doing their menus, students are invited to taste test the new ideas being introduced, with samples being provided in the great hall.

In external news, the Vice President, Operations and Finance is continuing to monitor the ongoing discussions around Pharmacare plus. The government has not released any new updates.

The budget committee was officially formed at the last Board meeting, and the budget has been compiled. It is in the process of being finalized, and will be presented at the next meeting.

A councillor inquired what was meant by action planning, specifically whether that was long or short term planning. The Vice President, Operations and Finance responded that they were annual plans to accomplish their platform points, to provide strategy for accomplishing goals, and to provide students with transparency to hold them accountable.

Finally, the Vice President, Operations and Finance reported that Councillor Velling was elected as councillor representative, Mathew Gerrits as board representative, and Graham Barnes as at-large representative to the budget committee.

## **REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT, EDUCATION**

The Vice President, Education began by apologizing for the lack of written report.

They unveiled a land-acknowledgement plaque, which is the first public action in response to the truth and reconciliation commission. There will be a report that goes to the Provost's Advisory Committee on Equity about further actions.

The Vice President, Education also reported that the Municipal Affairs Commissioner is starting a project on what transit and safety should look like on campus, and how that will integrate with the transit solution in the rest of the region.

The Academic support has gotten a lot better, the commission is improving their back end processes to increase capacity so that the commission can help more students with their grievances.

Additionally, Feds has met twice with the university committee behind the coop fee review. They are creating a student advisory board that will be appointed for a year, made of at-large students. More information will be presented at a later date.

OUSA priorities have been set, they will be: sexual violence prevention and response, data collection, open education (open materials, reduce costs), mental health funding, experiential education (including coop), and a funding review.

Advocan has also set its priorities for the year, which will be focussed around indigenous students, mental health, international students, and the financial aid system. The goal of the last priority is to re-work the available aid money to make it more accessible.

Finally, there has been continuing work on course evaluations. For context, a committee of Senate has been meeting to discuss how course evaluations happen for the last three years. After these three years, they have submitted a report to the provost that was met with heavy opposition from faculty. Professors seem to think that student feedback is not a valid way to judge teaching. A more formal report will be going to senate soon, and the Vice President, Education is expecting it to be a lively meeting. Student senators will be meeting to talk through the report and ensure that students are well informed to debate it on the senate floor. The Vice President, Education can provide the report to councillors who are interested.

A councillor asked a question about international tuition hikes, and whether that was a federal concern. The Vice President, Education responded that it is, and that the main concern is (in addition to the high prices), that it is very inconsistent and that students should have stable costs. Another concern is what extra services international students receive in exchange for the high prices they pay, and how many services are inaccessible to them.

## BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

### RATIFICATION OF AT-LARGE MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES

**Be it resolved that** Council ratifies Vaishnavy Gupta as an at-large member of the Presidents Advisory Committee, and

**Be it further resolved that** Council ratifies Hannah Sesink as an at-large member of the Internal Administration Committee.

*Vice President Schwan and Councillor Tran.*

**Motion carries** unanimously.

# GENERAL ORDERS

## FALL READING BREAK

After advocacy from the Vice President, Education and a referendum of students, a pilot of a fall reading break was started. The implementation of the break is now being reviewed, and a committee was created to this purpose.

The results from surveys show that stakeholders were generally dissatisfied. It seems inevitable that we will get a 1 week break at some point, but there is currently no clarity on how that will be implemented.

The Vice President, Education would like councillors to poll their constituents and determine:

- Are students in support of a full week fall reading break, as a pilot?
- What are the things we should give up in order to make that happen?

The Vice President, Education expressed that first years of the class of 2021 got short changed with orientation, and doesn't think we should cut any more into orientation.

A councillor inquired about how other schools in the province have solved this problem. McMaster pushed orientation earlier in the year. Some councillors expressed support for that, but most schools don't go this route. Many schools start classes on wednesday, which is undesirable since it cuts further into orientation week.

The main options being considered are:

- introducing sunday exams, and/or
- removing one study day.

In terms of the purpose of the break, there is a conversation to make the week more academic. The Vice President, Education is looking for there to be an explicit list on what the break is a break from. They are looking for feedback specifically on what things students should be expected to be doing during the break (i.e assignments, coop interviews, checking email, etc).

The Vice President, Education took some in-person comments, but encouraged councillors to email.

A councillor expressed that coop interviews were totally unreasonable to happen during a break, and that minor assignments over the break were fine, but there should be no deadlines during or immediately after (since services/assistance is not accessible during the break).

The Vice President, Education wrapped up that this was ongoing, and that he would appreciate emails on the subject. He also would like everyone to contact their societies and students about what they would like fall breaks to look like, particularly what the expectation of students should be over the break.

## WATERLOO NANOTECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE

The Speaker read out a blurb from the Waterloo Nanotechnology Club (WNC).

A councillor asked about what kind of support Feds was giving WNC. They were informed that WNC is pursuing funding through the internal funding committee. If they are looking for more support they can reach out to the Vice President, Operations and Finance or Vice President, Internal.

## NEW BUSINESS

### APPOINTMENT TO PPC AND IAC

**Be it resolved that** Council appoints Antonio Clarke to the at-large seat on the Policy and Procedures Committee and the Internal Administration Committee.

*Vice President Schwan and Councillor Tran.*

**Motion carries** unanimously.

### COMMITTEE INQUIREES

A Councillor inquired about when the Education Advisory Committee and the Government Affairs Advisory Committee would be meeting. The Vice President, Education responded that they were looking to make those committees more functional, as in the past those committees had been a token gesture. A proposal for potential changes will be coming to those committee before it is brought to Council.

Another Councillor wished to know the status of the investigation into the functionality of General Meetings, and the push to implement online voting.

Some Directors in the room gave a brief update on the legal framework behind it, and encouraged councilors to modify or write a policy expressing Council's support for online participation in General Meetings.

### MEETING TIMES

A discussion on the date and time of Council Meetings began, and the possibility of having them earlier on Sunday or moved to another day. It was determined that the Speaker would send out a poll to determine the best date and time for future meetings.

### MEETING FREQUENCY

Council discussed the possibility of having meetings less than monthly. Including the possibility of cancelling the August meeting.

The Vice President, Operations and Finance informed Council that the budget would need to be approved by August, but that Council could delegate approval of it's section of the budget to be approved by the Board instead.

## MEETING DATES

**Be it resolved that** Council task the Speaker to send out a doodle poll to select the meeting dates for the fall.

*Vice President Schwan and Vice President Knight.*

**Motion carries** unanimously.

## CANCELATION OF THE AUGUST MEETING

**Be it resolved that** Council designate the power to approve its portion of the budget to the Board, subject to it being brought back for information at the next Council meeting, and

**Be it further resolved that** Council allow the Speaker to cancel the August meeting if there is not enough agenda items.

*Vice President Schwan and Councillor Tran.*

The Vice President, Operations and Finance stated that they will provide a session to allow Councillors to ask questions in person

**Motion carries** unanimously. Councillor Small abstains.

## ADJOURNMENT

**Be it resolved that** Council adjourn until the next meeting as determined by the Speaker.

With the agenda exhausted and no other business, the Speaker adjourned the meeting at 1:53PM

## Agenda for FEDs Council Meeting

July 16, 2017

### Present

- Altaf, Subham
- Ayre, Alexander
- Clarke, Antonio
- Clubine, Andrew
- Easton, Benjamin
- George, Rebecca
- Goomer, Kanishk
- Jowhari, Nickta\*
- Knight, Jill
- Mistry, Harsh
- Mohan, Andrew\*
- OSullivan, Elizabeth
- Potter, Tristan
- Schwan, Brian
- Shibli, Aisha
- Simpson, Abigail
- Small, Jason
- Terzian, Hagop
- Tran, Tomson
- Velling, Seneca\*
- Ye-Mowe, Stephanie\*

\* remote

### Excused

- Xu, Wenyu
- Mills, Cameron
- Brieva, Antonio

### Preliminaries

1. **Motion:** Be it resolved Council elects \_\_\_\_\_ as temporary Assistant Secretary of Students' Council.



### **Approval of the Agenda**

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.

2. **Motion:** Be it resolved Council approves the agenda for this meeting.

### **Reading and Approval of the Minutes**

No motion or vote is required to adopt the minutes, once corrections are made. 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.

3. **Minutes:** Minutes of May meeting

### **Consent Agenda**

Per Council Procedure 9, items on the consent agenda will be considered in gross, without debate or amendment. Items will be moved from the consent agenda to the regular agenda upon the request of any member. The purpose of the consent agenda is not to suppress debate but to allow Council to quickly consider and approve uncontroversial items.

4. **Councillor Reports**

- **Environment**

5. **Committee Reports**

### **Regular Agenda**

#### **Reports**

Reports are submitted to Council by various officers and committees of Feds and of Council. 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.

## 6. Executive Reports

- President
- Vice-President, Internal
- Vice-President, Operations and Finance
- Vice-President, Education

## 7. Executive QA Period

## 8. Councillor Oral Reports

9. **Councillor Oral Report** (Councillors who submitted a report will be called to deliver an oral summary lasting no longer than 30 seconds)

## 10. Speaker Update

## 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 vote unless originally included in the agenda.

## Unfinished Business and General Orders

Unfinished business is business carried on to a meeting from the previous meeting. A general order is an item of business that is ordered to be taken up at a meeting. The most important thing that the agenda does is set general orders and their relative ordering. Time limits to discussions indicate the point at which the Speaker will end the discussion unless Council directs otherwise.

11. **Motion:** Be it resolved that council ratifies Vaishnavy Gupta as an at-large member of the Presidents Advisory Committee.
12. **Motion:** Be it resolved that Council ratifies Hannah Sesink as an at-large member of the Internal Administration Committee.
13. **For Discussion:** Fall Reading Break.

14. **Presentation:** WNC (Waterloo Nanotechnology Conference) information session

### **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 or another experienced Councillor.

Adjournment by 4:00 PM

## Previous Meeting Minutes (28 May 2017)

Federation of Students May 28, 2018  
Federation of Students' Council Minutes  
SLC MPR, University of Waterloo  
*Speaker:* President Brieva *Secretary:* Vice President Knight

### Attendance

The following members were present:

- Altaf, Subham
- Ayre, Alexander
- Brieva, Antonio
- Clubine, Andrew
- Easton, Benjamin
- George, Rebecca
- Knight, Jill
- Mohan, Andrew
- OSullivan, Elizabeth
- Potter, Tristan
- Schwan, Brian
- Shibli, Aisha
- Small, Jason
- Tran, Tomson
- Velling, Seneca\*
- Xu, Wenyu\*
- Ye-Mowe, Stephanie
- Small, Jason

\* remote

The following members were absent:

- Clarke, Antonio
- Goomer, Kanishk
- Jowhari, Nickta
- Mills, Cameron
- Mistry, Harsh
- Simpson, Abigail
- Terzian, Hagop
- Mohan, Andrew

\* excused

The following gallery was present:

- Kim, Ju Hyun
- MacDonald, William

## Preliminaries

### Call to Order

President Brieva called the meeting to order at 12:55 PM.

### Appointment of the Speaker

**Be it resolved that** Students Council appoints Vice President Clubine as temporary speaker for the current meeting.

*Vice President Schwan and Councillor Easton.*

**Motion carries** unanimously.

### Appointment of the Secretary

**Be it resolved that** Students Council appoints \_\_\_\_\_ as secretary, for the term ending April 30, 2018.

*Vice President Schwan and Councillor Easton.*

Vice President Schwan nominates Councillor Potter who accepts the nomination. There were no other nominees.

The motion now reads:

**Be it resolved that** Students Council appoints Councillor Potter as secretary, for the term ending April 30, 2018.

**Motion carries** unanimously.

### Appointment of the Assistant Secretary

**Be it resolved that** Students Council appoints \_\_\_\_\_ as assistant secretary, for the term ending April 30, 2018.

*Vice President Schwan and Councillor Potter.*

Councillor Xu nominates themselves. There were no other nominees.

The motion now reads:

**Be it resolved that** Students Council appoints Councillor Xu as assistant secretary, for the term ending April 30, 2018.

**Motion carries** unanimously.

As Councillor Xu is participating remotely, they will assume their duties at the next meeting. Until then, Vice President Knight continues as acting assistant secretary.

### **Approval of the agenda**

**Be it resolved that** Students Council approves the agenda as presented. *Vice President Schwan and Councillor Small.*

Vice President Schwan updated an inaccuracy in the agenda. The councillor appointment to Budget Committee is made by recommendation to the Board of Directors.

**Motion carries** unanimously.

### **Executive Reports**

Please see the attached written reports for the full reports from the Executive Board to Students Council.

All executives spent this month preparing for their terms, including hiring their staff and creating their individual annual plans for the term.

### **Report of the President**

The President noted that construction on the expansion to the Student Life Centre and Physical Activities Complex had begun, and that all students had received an email detailing how they would be affected. A ground-breaking ceremony is being planned for June 19, 2017 and the President will be co-hosting with President Bruce of the Graduate Students Association.

The President also touched on some of the plans they were making for the year, as well as the positive advocacy relationships that had already begun. As an example, Premier Kathleen Wynne came to campus to promote the new PharmaPlus plan. The President also took the opportunity to also discuss the governments roll in preventing sexual violence on campus; a follow up meeting was scheduled to discuss the matter in more depth. More

locally, the President was invited to a police task force on sexual violence and how it affects students.

Finally, the President highlighted that some work had begun on the new Presidents Advisory Committee on Mental Health, and that Students Council could expect more updates at future meetings.

### **Report of the Vice President, Internal**

The Vice President, Internal also made note of the work happening in the University related to student mental health, including that there would be plenty of opportunities for Councillors to get their constituents active in the discussion.

In addition, the Vice President, Internal is involved in a wellness committee that is investigating how partners on campus are working towards a culture of wellness on campus. The goal is to have all of the stakeholders working together in a unified direction.

In terms of student life, the Vice President, Internal spent time learning more about the clubs and services ecosystem, and has determined some termly goals for the services as well as ensuring that the club support team has the necessary resources to excel in their roles.

Finally, the Vice President, Internal will be investigating potential renovations to the multi-faith prayer space to differentiate it from a classroom and make it more accommodating.

A councillor inquired about the Federations plans to increase interaction with the student societies, and was informed that the Vice President, Internal is attending the society executive meetings, organizing lunch and learns with the society executives, and increasing the role of the Committee of Presidents within their portfolio.

### **Report of the Vice President, Education**

The Vice President, Education provided an update on the co-op fee review process that was promised as part of their platform. Meetings with the Di-

rector of Coop are proceeding and the terms of reference for the fee review committee are being discussed.

In addition to their university advocacy, the Vice President, Education attended a conference held by the Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance and was elected President. They anticipate that this will assist them in achieving the goals of the Federation in concert with those of the Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance.

Finally, the Vice President, Education shared their desire to improve the Federations policy framework with research and evidence to support existing policy, and they encouraged councillors to contact them to discuss any policy they felt the Federation was lacking. In response to a question from Students Council, she also expressed that a large amount of the Federations policy is expired or expiring in the near future, and that councillors and their constituents could find the Federations policies and their expiration dates online.

### **Report of the Vice President, Operations and Finance**

Beginning with the commercial services, the Vice President, Operations and Finance highlighted that there was an increase in traffic to Bomber and plans for a new menu. As well, they announced that the selection of hot items at iNews had increased, stocking three hot meals a day and Campus Bubble now serves chocolate ice cream and twist cones.

Internally, the new website encountered some unexpected issues with its backend but will be launched soon.

Finally, the Vice President, Operations and Finance drew attention to the recent government announcement on subsidized access to medication. They are working closely with StudentCare to determine how the Federations health insurance plan will change with the new Pharmacare Plus program. A current lack of details about the plan is making it difficult to arrive at long-term sustainable decisions. At the moment, fees haven't changed for the health and dental plan; until more details are released the plan will operate as usual.



### Speakers Report

Given that no Speaker has been appointed, there was no formal report submitted for this meeting; however, Vice President Clubine highlighted the need for councillors to attend meetings and that council policy stated that councillors may be removed after two un-excused absences or four excused absences.

### General Orders

#### Election of Committees

**Be it resolved that** Council appoint members to the following committees.

- \_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_ to fill the councillor seats on the Policy and Procedures Committee.
  - Councillor Potter nominated himself.
  - Councillor Velling nominated himself.

There were no other nominees, Councillor Potter and Councillor Velling fill the blanks.

- \_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_ to fill the at-large seats on the Policy and Procedures Committee.

There were no nominees.
- \_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_ to fill the councillor seats on the Campus Life Advisory Committee.
  - Councillor Tran nominated himself.
  - Councillor Ayre nominated himself.

There were no other nominees, Councillor Tran and Councillor Ayre fill the blanks.

- \_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_ to fill the at-large seats on the Campus Life Advisory Committee.

There were no nominees.
- \_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_ to fill the councillor seats on the Internal Administration Committee.

- Councillor Tran nominated himself.
- Councillor Ayre nominated himself.
- Councillor Altaf nominated himself.

Councillor Tran withdrew his nomination. There were no other nominees, Councillor Ayre and Councillor Altaf fill the blanks.

- \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to fill the at-large seats on the Internal Administration Committee.  
There were no nominees.
- \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ to fill the councillor seats on the Education Advisory Committee.
  - Councillor Small nominated himself.
  - Councillor Easton nominated himself.
  - Councillor Ye-Mowe nominated herself.
  - Councillor Ayre nominated himself.

Councillor Ayre withdrew his nomination. There were no other nominees, Councillor Easton, Councillor Ye-Mowe, and Councillor Small fill the blanks.

- \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to fill the at-large seats on the Education Advisory Committee.
  - Councillor Tran nominated himself.
  - William MacDonald nominated himself.

There were no other nominees, Councillor Tran and William MacDonald fill the blanks.

- \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to fill the councillor seats on the Presidents Advisory Committee.
  - Councillor Velling nominated himself.
  - Councillor George nominated herself.

There were no other nominees, Councillor Velling and Councillor George fill the blanks.

- \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to fill the at large seats on the Presidents Advisory Committee.

There were no nominees.

- \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to fill the councillor seats on the Internal Funding Committee.

- Councillor Easton nominated himself.
- Councillor Tran nominated himself.

There were no other nominees, Councillor Easton and Councillor Tran fill the blanks.

- \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to fill the at-large seats on the Internal Funding Committee. There were no nominees.

- \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ to fill the councillor seats on the Government Affairs Advisory Committee.

- Councillor Small nominated himself.
- Councillor Ye-Mowe nominated herself.
- Councillor Altaf nominated himself.
- Councillor Easton nominated himself.

Councillor Altaf withdrew his nomination. There were no other nominees, Councillor Small, Councillor Ye-Mowe, and Councillor Easton fill the blanks.

- \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to fill the at-large seats on the Government Affairs Advisory Committee.

There were no nominees.

- \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ to fill the councillor seats on the Cooperative Students Council.

- Councillor Altaf nominated himself.
- Councillor George nominated herself.
- Councillor Velling nominated himself.
- Councillor OSullivan nominated herself.
- Councillor Small nominated himself.

There were no other nominees; however, given that there were more nominees than available seats the appointment proceeded to a secret ballot. The Chair reviewed the terms of reference for the committee and its existing membership, and each nominee was given a speaking turn. Councillors cast their ballots, and it was determined that Councillor George, Councillor Velling, and Councillor OSullivan fill the blanks.

- \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to fill the at-large seats on the Cooperative Students Council.
  - William MacDonald nominated himself.
  - Councillor Small nominated himself.

There were no other nominees, William MacDonald and Councillor Small fill the blanks.

*Vice President Schwan and Vice President Knight.*

**Motion carries** unanimously.

**Be it resolved that** the ballots created in the election of councillors to the Cooperative Students Council be destroyed.

*Vice President Schwan and Vice President Knight.*

**Motion carries** unanimously.

### **Councillor seat on the Budget Committee**

The Vice President, Operations and Finance informed Students Council that the process for creating the budget had started, and that there was a seat on the Budget Committee for an interested councillor.

Councillor Velling and Councillor Xu expressed an interest in being considered for the position, and the Vice President, Operations and Finance committed to bringing their names forward for consideration at the next meeting of the Board of Directors.

**Vacant at-large committee seats**

**Be it resolved that** councillors may fill vacant at-large committee seats, subject to ratification at the next council meeting.

*Councillor Small and Councillor Easton.*

**Motion carries** unanimously.

**Appoint service coordinators**

**Be it resolved that** Students Council appoint the service coordinators for the Spring 2017 term.

*Vice President Knight and Vice President Schwan.*

Students Council was informed that the coordinators are selected by the Vice President, Internal and then approved by Students Council. This is because Students Council has the ability to remove coordinators from their positions.

A councillor inquired about the turnover between spring terms, and the Vice President, Internal responded that there were about six returning coordinators.

**Be it resolved that** the appointment is postponed until the next meeting of Students Council.

*President Brieva and Councillor Easton.*

**Motion carries** unanimously.

**New Business****Next Meeting Date**

**Be it resolved that** the next meeting of Students Council occur on \_\_\_\_\_ and, **Be it further resolved that** the chair will send out a poll to determine the July and August meeting dates.

*Vice President Schwan and Councillor Small.*

After a brief discussion, June 18, 2017 was proposed as a potential meeting date. No councillor expressed a conflict with this date.

**Be it resolved that** the blank be filled with June 18, 2017.

*Vice President Schwan and Councillor Small.*

**Motion carries** unanimously.

The motion now reads:

**Be it resolved that** the next meeting of Students Council occur on June 18, 2017 and,

**Be it further solved that** the chair will send out a poll to determine the July and August meeting dates.

**Motion carries** unanimously.

#### **Reconsider the appointment of officers**

**Be it resolved that** Students Council reconsider the preliminary meeting motions on the appointment of the speaker and deputy speaker of Students Council.

*Councillor Velling and Councillor Easton.*

**Motion carries** unanimously.

The following motion is on the table:

**Be it resolved that** Students Council appoints \_\_\_\_\_ as speaker, for the term ending April 30, 2018 and,

**Be it further resolved that** Students Council appoints \_\_\_\_\_ as deputy speaker, for the term ending April 30, 2018.

Councillor Velling nominates Councillor OSullivan as speaker. She accepts. No other nominees, Councillor OSullivan fills the blank for speaker.

Councillor Velling nominates himself as Deputy Speaker. No other nominees, Councillor Velling fills the blank for deputy speaker.

The motion now reads:

**Be it resolved that** Students Council appoints Councillor OSullivan as speaker, for the term ending April 30, 2018 and,

**Be it further resolved that** Students Council appoints Councillor Velling as deputy speaker, for the term ending April 30, 2018.

**Motion carries** unanimously.

### **Adjournment**

**Be it resolved that** Students Council adjourns. With no other business the speaker adjourned the meeting at 2:07 PM.

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## Environment Council Report

### Environment Councillors Report (June/July 2017)

Created by: Councillors Stephanie Ye-Mowe and Rebecca George

This report will provide a brief overview of ongoing and student issues within the Faculty of Environment. Future versions of this report will include **recommendations** on how FEDS can better support and advocate on the behalf of Environment undergraduates.

### Renovations

This Spring semester, the Faculty has seen a series of renovations and updates take place in the EV buildings in preparation for the upcoming Fall term. These projects range in scale and vary from being university, faculty, student group, and individual student-initiated.

- The Environment Students Society (ESS) has replaced old and broken furniture (couches, stools, microwaves, etc.) in the Environment student lounge
- Joint project between our Deans Office and student groups to re-design one of our major study spaces to increase accessibility and functionality is underway
- Joint project between Environment Students Society (ESS) and Arts Student Union (ASU) to add student-designed mural in EV1-ML tunnel has received funding (50/50 split between the endowment funds) and selected design. Project is currently stalled. Waiting on response from Plant Ops to proceed further.
- EV1 to temporarily shut down in August for update of electrical system. Over the past few years, we've had issues with the electrical system being over-capacity. Hopefully, this will solve the issue, but if not future updates will have issues.
- WESEF-funded renovation proposals by individual students currently stalled or paused

### Waterloo Environments Student Endowment Fund



- In the process of undergoing constitutional revision to better serve its constituents
- Having a continuous Chair has lead to better communication with student body
- Questions regarding how much student groups depend on endowment fund due to lack of sufficient funds on in their own budgets

#### **Environment Students Society**

- Councillor Ye-Mowe to discuss FEDS-ESS relationship with President Cai De Ridder this week
- Recognize need to increase communication between all programs within Environment, trying to figure out how to do this
- Environment student lounge updates
- Director of Academics Ian Chui and Councillor George have been at work consulting students on the co-op system

#### **Orientation Week**

- Well-underway, successful Summer Leader Retreat

## President' Report

Antonio Brieva, President's June/July Report

## SLC/PAC Expansion, Pride Flag Raising, and Canada Day

- Robert Bruce, President of the Graduate Student Association (GSA), and I were co-MCs at the groundbreaking ceremony. The beauty of this student-led initiative – looking to address gaps in student social and study space on campus – is that it led to collaboration between campus stakeholders. However, we made it clear that in our speech that in the future we need to work together to move the financial onus for future projects that address study, social, and wellness space away from students. The message was received well and the overall event was great. Attendees got to the opportunity to leave their mark by signing their signatures as part of digital art instillation that will go into the new space.
- I spoke at the first ever, Glow-organized pride flag raising at UW the flag remained up throughout the month of June to celebrate Pride Month. The flag-raising event was followed by a candle light vigil to remember the LGBTQ+ lives that were lost in the Orlando Pulse nightclub shooting.
- Spoke at Canada Day festivities at Columbia Field and was part of the Canada 150 salute as part of our partnership with the University.

## WRPS Sexual Violence Task Force, Policy 42, Policy 33

- Our Stakeholder Relations Manager and our Research Policy Officer are working on a Brief outlining our stances and recommendations to the Police Service. The next meeting will be scheduled for the end of July and we are working with the Equity Office, Conestoga College, and Laurier to find areas to work together on the Task Force.
- Have met with Diana Parry to coordinate efforts and find common ground on what we would like to see out of the Policy 42 (Sexual

Violence Response and Prevention) review committee, which we will both be part of. Committee members have received a rough Terms of Reference for the committee and the plan is to start meeting at the end of the summer.

- Working with Diana Parry and the Equity Office, we are working on how we harmonize Policy 33 (Ethical Behavior), which is being redrafted, and Policy 42 procedures so that victims/survivors of sexual harassment have access to the same supports and reporting structures. Im working to make sure marginalized student populations are also protected under Policy 33.

### **President s Advisory Committee on Student Mental Health**

- The Committee has reviewed all the applications it has received for the Panels that will be reporting to the committee. We are in the process of finalizing membership on each of the panels. The five panels include Student Experience, Mental Health Experts, Student Services, Community Partners, and Academic. These Panels will be reporting to the committee based on mandate questions set by the committee. The committee (50 percent students; 50 percent staff, faculty, and administrators) must approve anything the Panels recommend before it is included in the Senate report Feridun Hamdullahpur tasked the committee to write in time for the December 2017 Senate meeting. The kick-off event for panel members to meet each other and get started is set for July 27th.

### **Federal Advocacy: ADVOCAN**

- I was elected Chair of ADVOCAN, an informal Federal advocacy coalition of eight U15 schools. We are in the process of determining priorities for the year, which we are aiming to have set by August 1st and have a rough draft of briefs done by the second half August.

## Vice-President Internal Report

Jill Knight, Vice President Internal June/July Report

### *Wellness Committee*

The Wellness Committee has continued to meet internally over the past month. We have now created a rough draft of an action plan that will be worked on over the summer to provide guidance and structure for the next 8 months. At Feds we have been working on reaching out to our key contacts for campus wide partnerships to enhance the overall campus wellness.

### *Service Advisory Committee*

An initial meeting for this committee was set among the staff to determine the need and the vision for this committee. Going forward, the advisory/advocacy committee will start meeting with 6/12 Student Run Services for the spring term. The execs with some of the staff will work to help the services advocate better on an assortment of topics. We will be gathering feedback about the process along the way and expanding this committee to the rest of the services in the Fall. I will be reaching out to the Services in the next two weeks to start these meetings.

### *IAC*

IAC has officially met and we are now onto approving clubs!

### *Societies*

Meetings have started with the student societies on and off campus. I have met with 4 of the 8 active societies in the spring term. Within these meetings, I am gathering more of an idea about how each society operates and how I can address some gaps that are currently present. Committee of President meeting is scheduled for June 20th. Lunch and learns are going to start in the Fall after a process has been developed. The idea behind the lunch and learns is to provide another opportunity to network with the societies and Feds.

The first COPs meeting happened. 3 presidents were in attendance. Conversations were high level and talked about how to be more productive and communicative throughout the rest of the time as presidents. Beach day

is happening on July 15th. Societies were encouraged to push their fellow students to attend a day in Grand Bend.

The Society Relations Commissioner has been hired and working away on Feds forms and updating a resource manual for societies. We are planning a central event with partnerships of the students societies to go to Grand Bend in July.

#### *HeForShe*

I am attending meetings on behalf of staff at Feds. These check-in meetings consist of Diana Perry, Womens Centre and Glow Centre. These meetings are times to get updates from Diana on how the University HeForShe initiative is going and to ensure that the student population is being consulted. These meetings occur every other month. Our next meet is scheduled for Thursday, July 13th. More updates to follow.

#### *Feds On Tour*

Feds on Tour is starting to be reevaluated to ensure that we are addressing our students in the most appropriate manner. Feds on Tour current stands as the Feds Executive and other guests to go around to various faculties and off campus communities to deliver information and updates about Feds this term. I will be engaging with stakeholders (students, Feds staff etc.) about how we are going to make the best use of time with Feds on Tour and are we meeting the needs of this initiative.

## Vice-President of Operations and Finance

Brian Schwan, VP Operations and Finance June/July Report

### Executive Report

- Month Summary
- Current Projects/ Initiatives

### Month Summary

#### The Bombshelter:

Bomber has seen lots of traffic this past week for convocation and has experienced a full restaurant while still prioritizing service. All request bomber was busy and received popular feedback. We are currently assessing opportunities to become more environmentally sustainable within our practices. Bomber hosted Beerfest where we saw many local vendors come in to show off their beer. We saw over 275 people at the event and received great feedback from students. We will be looking to continuing this event in the future and bring in even more vendors.

#### International News:

Nothing new to report

#### Campus Bubble/Bento:

We are currently redeveloping our menu options at Campus Bubble wasabi; we will be sampling these to students and asking for feedback to ensure we are making appropriate adjustments.

#### Feds Used Books:

Feds Used Books continues to see traffic and historically will until mid-terms are complete. Around mid-semester we will see students start to sell books back that they are either finished using or ones that have been sitting in their closet for a couple terms.

## Current Projects/Initiatives

### A. Action Planning

We are close to finalizing our action plans and are looking forward to sharing these with the student body.

### B. Pharmacare

We have continued to monitor the governments plans for this rollout. We have nothing new to report but would like to reassure students that we will continue to monitor the situation and will report back once decisions and announcements have been made available to the public.

### C. Budget Committee

We have officially elected a budget committee and I am looking forward to having a budget in draft form to present to council at the July meeting. The membership consists of Seneca Velling, Graham Barnes, and Matthew Gerrits. We will be meeting within the coming weeks and I am hoping to have the budget finalized and ready for approval by the end of July.



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On November 18, the Waterloo Nanotechnology Conference (WNC) – formerly known as the Waterloo Undergraduate Nanotechnology Conference (WUNC), will enter its third year – bringing together academia, industry, and entrepreneurs. We will discuss the past, present, and future of nanotechnology, with the goal of presenting role models and inspiration to the next wave of nanotechnology innovators.

Join us. See what students are capable of and discover how they are uniquely qualified to contribute towards the success of research, industry, policy, and more. Share your expertise and your story. By supporting us, you have a unique opportunity of showing your dedication and commitment to reassuring students of the bright future ahead of them, and the unique opportunities they have in Waterloo, in Canada, and beyond.

Join us and over 200 students to reveal and celebrate the impact of nanotechnology. Help us share the excitement and inspire everyone to play their part in advancing technology by thinking smaller. Join our vision, and invest in the next generation of innovation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jatin Patil', written over a large, faint red watermark that says 'DRAFT'.

**Jatin Patil**

Chair, WNC 2017

## What is WNC?

WNC is a student-organized conference that provides an opportunity for students, employers, and entrepreneurs to learn from one another, strengthening our mutual understanding about how nanotechnology is taught and how it is used in industry, in innovative research, and how it is powering new ventures.

We will educate and inspire our participants with exciting speakers, an informative industry panel discussion, and other interactive activities.

In the past, we have attracted everyone – ranging from high-school students to seasoned senior undergraduates to graduate students – who seeks an exclusive opportunity to learn about different career paths and the opportunities and resources available to them.

## The Team

### WNC Student Committee



Jatin Patil, Akshayaa Govindann, Mayuran Saravanapavanantham,  
Alisha Bhanji, Thomas Storwick, Tabi Salimi, Sahad Vasanji, Seneca Velling

### WNC Advisory Committee



Shirley Tang, Jenn Coggan Arthur Carty, Alain Francq, Caroline Brookes

## Benefits by Faculty

### Engineering

Engineering students, especially Nanotechnology Engineers, gain an opportunity to learn about the nature of nanotechnology – and how it can be leveraged to design devices and systems for everyday problems. Students learn about engineering problems classically split into biological, chemical, electrical, materials, and even software engineering problems. Companies are looking for students looking for an interdisciplinary line of work that like to explore new frontiers of design, development, and implementation of novel nanotechnologies.

### Science

Science students, especially Materials and Nanosciences (MNS) students, gain an opportunity to see technologies that use fundamental physical and chemical principles to drive large-scale processes and functions. Speakers at WNC explore fundamental scientific phenomena with a simultaneous focus on practical applications, making this conference an experience where students learn about career opportunities and new avenues of exploration.

### Applied Health Sciences

Applied Health Sciences students have an opportunity to leverage new discoveries and work in the biomedical field including new developments in tissue engineering, biosensors, drug delivery, and medical and prosthetic materials. These topics have been widely explored through WNC's previous speakers, and will be explored further in this year's lineup. Students with an in-depth knowledge of everything from biochemistry to physiology gain an excellent opportunity to meet with researchers and professionals with a biomedical focus who are looking to develop nanotechnologies from a patient or user-experience perspective.

### Environment

Nanotechnology is a new avenue of research that entails exciting possibilities in sustainable materials, and structural and energy-efficient technologies. Furthermore, nanotechnology is explored as a cause for hazardous and unknown environmental effects. These themes are explored throughout the conference and in nanotechnology development overall. Thus, WNC offers students a glimpse into the burgeoning career opportunities in nanotoxicology and large-scale integration of sustainable technologies.

### Arts

Nanotechnology is a new field that is rife with possibilities that extend from biology, materials science, engineering, electronics, and more. However, advances in technology require simultaneous progress in business, marketing, and policy efforts to bring innovative technologies to market. Students will learn these strategies employed by companies currently to sell nanotechnology innovation, as well as the policies and regulations required to encourage startups and large companies to flourish. Currently, nanotechnology companies have a high demand for business, policy, design and marketing roles – which means that WNC presents a ripe opportunity for Arts students looking to join a fast-paced, continuously evolving environment.

## Event Highlights

### Keynote speakers



**Dr. Vladimir Bulović**, Associate Dean for Innovation, and Professor at MIT's School of Engineering, talks to a few of the 220 eager attendees from his keynote presentation. He highlighted and discussed the research, development, and impact of nanotechnology-enabled innovations at both MIT and in Waterloo. (WUNC 2016)

**Dr. Mark MacLachlan**, Professor at UBC's Department of Chemistry, discusses undergraduate research with conference delegates at the poster session. His keynote talk addressed the presence of nanotechnology in nature, and recent discoveries of harnessing it as nature has for millennia. (WUNC 2015)



### Industry panel



**Simon Guthrie**, Lead Investigator at Christie Digital, shares some honest and relatable advice on working in teams from his experience with Christie. The industry panel is an open and friendly forum for industry representatives to discuss their experiences and give advice to students looking to enter the next stage of their careers. (WUNC 2015)

**Dr. Ian Burgess**, CEO of Validere Technologies, reflects upon a question posed to the panel. Discussions ranged from starting a company to life in industry. The panel addressed current concerns of entering the job market, the ups and downs of starting a company, and shared some advice for students seeking inspiration. (WUNC 2016)



## Poster / networking session



Students flock to the start-up company booths to learn more about recent advances, company culture, and job prospects. Poster sessions also include booths from student design teams and researchers at the University of Waterloo. (WUNC 2016)

Many students, including organizers and volunteers, come together to show their research from previous co-op terms at the poster session. This is a great opportunity to engage other students in an open learning environment. (WUNC 2016)

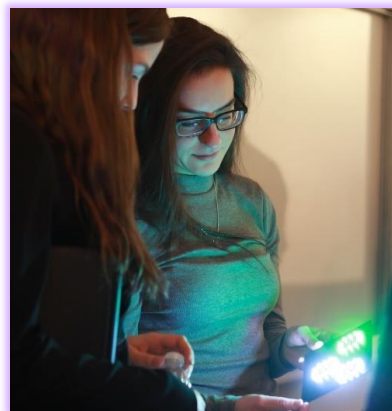


## Breakout sessions



**Tim Leshuk**, Graduate student at the University of Waterloo and Co-founder of H<sub>2</sub>nanO, gives a brief talk on his work on water treatment systems. Breakout sessions allow attendees to glimpse new and impactful work enabled by nanotechnology. (WUNC 2015)

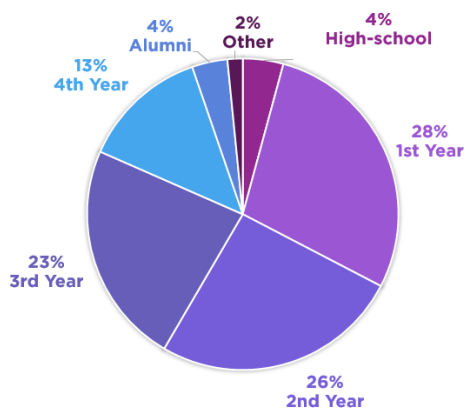
**Katarina Ilic**, Head of Research and Development at Voltera, shows a printed circuit board with LEDs. She talked about her transition from a nanotechnology research background to starting a company. She gave personal advice and shared the philosophy of Voltera – to show how nanotechnology can make a global impact. (WUNC 2016)



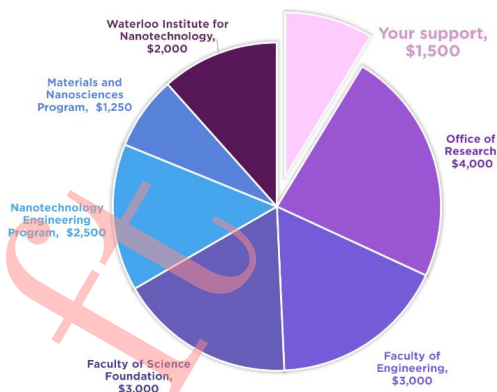


## Students and Funding

Attendees by year of study



Funding sources



### What students say about WUNC

"I have learned so much from the conference and [it] has also fortified my passions for nanotechnology. It was a great learning experience that I was so happy to be a part of."

– Nicholas A. S., High school student

"WUNC was the highlight of my fall term last year, and I was incredibly excited by the speakers and activities... I gained so much from this event"

– Sinclair M., 2A Nanotechnology Engineering

"I attended the WUNC 2016 conference as my first WUNC experience and, in brief, I was amazed. What made the experience truly amazing in my eyes was the diverse perspectives from all of the guest speakers."

– Austin B., 3B Nanotechnology Engineering

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### Industry panelists

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### Other speakers and posters

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