

Federation of Students' Student's Council Minutes

SLC MPR, UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO

Speaker: COUNCILLOR O'SULLIVAN Secretary: COUNCILLOR POTTER

ATTENDANCE

The following members were present:

- Altaf, Subhan
- Brieva, Antonio
- Eyre, Alexander
- Easton, Benjamin
- George, Rebecca
- Jowhari, Nickta
- Knight, Jill
- Mohan, Andrew
- O'Sullivan, Elizabeth
- Potter, Tristan
- Schwan, Brian
- Shibli, Aisha
- Simpson, Abigail
- Small, Jason
- Terzian, Hagop
- Velling, Seneca*
- Ye-Mowe, Stephanie

* remote

The following members were absent:

- Clarke, Antonio
- Clubine, Andrew*
- Goomer, Kanishk
- Mills, Cameron*
- Mistry, Harsh
- Tran, Tomson*
- Xu, Wenyu

* 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 September 17, 2017 meeting as presented.

Vice President Schwan and Vice President Knight.

Motion carries unanimously.

CONSENT

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

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

Councillor Potter and Councillor O'Sullivan.

Councillor Velling noted that he was recorded as absent, but was present.

Motion carries unanimously.

OUNCILLOR REPORTS

No reports were given.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

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

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Just finished oweek, spoke at several events throughout the week. Several faculties also requested the president's presence at various academic events

Mental health committee has posted the panelists, 5 main panels. There was a launch event to introduce everyone and the panels will be beginning investigating mental health on campus. A Q&A panel will be created, going to put it after the General meeting.

Working with Andrew and the other u15 student associations to develop briefs on the student loan program, and aid for indigenous students. Also increased access to undergraduate research funding and counting work done during undergrad as work for international

student residency. Will be advocated nov 6-10 in ottawa. Aso working on a brief to define the coalition better to make it stand out and why the coalition is unique.

PPC has been meeting regularly, bi-weekly. Overall looking at expired and soon to be expired policy and looking at how to consolidate and reduce the number of policies.

A councillor asked if the fall GM had been scheduled. October 25 at noon , notice will be september 25th.

REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT, INTERNAL

Events: - spoke at events during orientation, worked with various stakeholders and o week leaders - welcome week was very successful, high attendance. - ramping up for wrap up week

Wellness: - working actively with campus wellness and athletics to create a coalition and unified front with the wellness initiatives on campus to ensure everyone is on the same page. Wrap up week will likekly change to be focussed as a wellness week. bein more preventative

societies - still hiring, having the first cops meeting soon. Will be talking about whats happening in each society and how they can come together to run events and support students

Volunteer appreciation - went to an event to investigate how other unions appreciate volunteers and how we can do better, will be presenting to CLAC with some ideas

Gender and sexual diversity workgroup - education; 16 days of activism against gender violence, visibility

Clubs assistance that was hired in the beginning of fall is now actively supporting clubs and working diligently.

REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT, OPERATIONS AND FINANCE

Lots of detail in his report, please read.

Bomber menu has launched, more food options and more accomodations for different diets.

Express menu to launch in winter, to allow students to get in and out quicker.

Fazing our straws at Bomber to eliminate plastic use.

INews is creating more grab and go items, they are very successful. Fried chicken and potatoe wedges are some of the options

Feds used books is super busy, strong push for affordale textbooks on campus

Revisting efficiencies on entry and exit to the building to address the cluster around campus bubble due to construction.

Exec action plans are all posted online, go check them out.

Pharmaplus has come out with a list of prescription drugs they will be covering, andrew and brian went to an OHIP meeting to determine more informaiton. set to launch in january. Creating documentation to inform students. Monitoring the health and dental plan and looking at what might be needed for the future, but not making any short term decisions (pharmaplus will launch in the middle of a term year).

budget has been approved, will be posted. IT was emailed to councillors and received some questions but nothing unresolved.

New website will launch soon, will be much better organized and accessible on multiple devices.

Opt-out health and dental, september 5th till october 7th.

legal insurance survey. A survey has been drafted with student care and will be launched in october to re-visit whether students want legal coverage.

a councillor asked why council didn't have to approve the budget. The previous meeting, council delegated it's approval to the budget committee, provided that the budget was sent to council for comments.

brian is also re-working how the budget is constructed and presented to make it more accessible to students and make the budget process more streamlined.

A councillor also asked about our executive salaries, and why they were so high compared to other unions. Salaries are set by board, so the executive are not privy to those situations due to conflict of interest.

a councillor asked what prompted the menu changes in commercial services, the vpof responded that they are always looking to improve and ensuring they aren't in a rut. A major concern was that students couldn't get the food they wanted in the bomber, and we want to serve a variety of students. It is also important to ensure that people have food to eat, so making sure that there were adequate vegetarian and vegan menus. Also addressing continual changes in the restaurant industry, and looked at how things were selling.

The councillor was concerned due to the selection at the cambridge campus. the vpof will touch base with the cambridge councillor and admins to ask.

A councillor inquired what happens if council doesn't approve the budget, and if it would be like a government shut down. Clubs and services would not have funding, but salaries and commercial items would still have funding.

A councillor asked about hallal options at commercial services, and the vpof responded that Grab and go chicken was hallal and more options would be moving into the bomber.

REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT, EDUCATION

Absent.

GENERAL ORDERS

HOURS OF TEACHING BUILDINGS

Be it resolved that Brief description from Tristan

Vice President SchwanCouncillor Velling

Motion carries unanimously

APPROVAL OF SERVICE COORDINATORS

Be it resolved that Council approves the service coordinators as presented. Vice President Schwan

These are for one term.

Motion carries unanimously.

LIBRARY

Library update on construction. No comments

FALL READING BREAK

Councillor Velling gave a brief feedback on the survey held.

Science constituents, science society, env and engineering and arts also participated.

What should uw do to compensate for added days of reading week. 43% said class and orientation should start early.

Allow exams (38%) on sundays

least popular was to shorten the time between the end of classes and the start of exams.

Some student did not want to extend reading week, and some wanted to get rid of it.

One student suggested condensing two days of classes into one day.

Weekend classes were also very unpopular.

Second question was what students should be expected to do.

Most students wanted to study and prepare for midterms.

Many students also said that reading week should be for mental health or relaxation.

A limited amount of students said that they should be able to do interviews during reading week.

A little under half said that students should check email daily

And very few students wanted exams or quizzes.

Almost 550 student comments, this will be sent to council.

The vast majority of students supported extensions or keeping it the same.

Many international students wanted a full week to go home, but an important consideration is that less summer is net zero.

A councillor voiced support for the data and work, and the policy that was created.

A councillor agreed with the point of international students, and added that it was impossible to move orientation sooner, as students come in and must immediately move into orientation week as is. The councillor also inquired if the year of the student was recorded in the survey.

Councillor Velling responded that there was no demographic data gathered with the survey. This was intended as an original poll to get some preliminary data on the issue, and the amount of data gathered ended up being slightly overwhelming.

The Vice President, Operations and Finance reassured councillors that the executive had discussed some of the points of the working group and had come to the same

conclusions as the data that was presented. The Vice President, Operations and Finance expressed gratitude for the data that was collected, as it will be useful, and encouraged councillors to reach out to the Vice President, Education with any questions.

An environment councillor expressed that they had also collected data, and would like to add it to the data pool.

A councillor asked about the timeline for this policy and how much there was.

A councillor expressed that we should make another poll to gather more official data. Another councillor countered that this was a representative body that could make decisions in the best interest of students with student input. Another councillor asked that councillors talk to their student societies and gather feedback from them, and potentially send out emails about it.

RESOLUTION ON THE EXTENSION OF FALL READING BREAK

Be it resolved that Council perform a first reading of the presented Resolution on the Extension of the Fall Reading Week, and

Be it further resolved that Councillors will communicate with constituents and societies to gather more feedback on the proposed resolution, and

Be it further resolved that the Vice President, Education will draft a survey to distribute to constituents, and

Be it further resolved that the Policy and Procedures Committee will work with stakeholders to create a more formal standing policy on mid term breaks. Councillor Velling/Councillor George

unanimously.

RENEWAL OF POLICIES

Be it resolved that Council renews policies 1, 3, 16, and 31 as presented by the Policy and Procedures Committee.

Councillor Velling and Vice President Schwan.

Councillor Velling gave a brief overview of the policies in question. They are fairly unchanged, with the exception of the policy on student study space where it is recommended that the percent of space allocated as study space be increased.

unanimously

PLASTIC WATER BOTTLE POLICY

Based on a policy that was made at EngSoc, a councillor would like to create a more general policy at the Feds level on how commercial services distribute bottled water, in the effort to make this more environmentally sustainable.

A councillor voiced opposition to the policy due to lack of water fountains in older buildings, a consideration for students ingesting excessive amount of alcohol, and that

the Federation shouldn't dictate the drinking choices of students. The councillor instead would ask that Feds advertise reusable options to students, but not stop the sale of bottled water.

The Vice President, Operations and Finance expressed support for plastic water bottles to be removed from campus, citing the successes had on McMasters campus with this initiative. However, the Vice President, Operations and Finance expressed concern that there were no reusable bottle filling stations on campus, and that maybe Feds should take a leading stance on this but it was a concern that it would be difficult for students to refill the bottles. The Vice President, Operations and Finance would like to investigate this further as a campus wide stance on bottled water. The Vice President, Operations and Finance brought forward a potential middle ground of boxed water which is much more efficient. Finally, he would like a phase out period, as otherwise bottles will still end up in landfills.

A councillor brought up that other liquids in bottles would likely see increased sales, and so proposes that perhaps we should take a stance on all bottled liquids.

Councillor Small expressed interest in meeting with the Vice President, Operations and Finance about this policy, as well adding lines regarding water-filling stations on campus. He also expressed disagreement that Feds removing water bottles does not infringe on student choice rights.

The President added that this policy is a bit internal, so may not pass the Council definition of policy, so this should be kept in mind throughout policy development.

A councillor suggested keeping bottled water sales in buildings that did not have water-filling stations. Another suggestion is that Feds re-usable water bottles present a great branding opportunity.

The councillor that was earlier opposed suggested that this was the wrong solution to the right problem, re-iterating that students would likely be upset at Feds for discontinuing the sale of water bottles and re-iterating that advertising is a more individual solution.

A councillor inquired about precedent for this kind of policy. The Vice President, Operations and Finance responded that some items had been banned by the provincial government, but that it was rare for Council to bring forward explicit bans against certain items. They also mentioned the existing policy on environmental sustainability that Councillors should read for context.

A councillor brought up that it may be better to modify the environmental sustainability policy, and that PPC could work to create a more comprehensive policy.

Another councillor expressed that a large number of students would be happy with this policy, however expressed that they were reprenting environment students. They also mentioned there was a small number of students that would be unhappy with Feds discontinuing water bottles.

A councillor added that if we are modifying the environmental sustainability policy we should add clauses for recycling, as there are many buildings that have no recycling facilities.

The Vice President, Operations and Finance will move water bottles out of the forefront and will bring in boxed water instead. He will also investigate bringing in cheap but quality reusable water bottles.

Councillor Small and Vice President Schwan will connect to discuss this, and bring a more formal policy to .

Be it resolved that Council revoke the authority of Council ..

Councillor Velling and Vice President Schwan.

Councillor Potter proposed an amendment to make this motion specific to the policies that were delegated previously. This was friendly with the mover and seconder. The policy now reads:

Be it resolved that Council revokes the authority of the Policy and Procedures Committee to ratify amendments to the Ancillary Fees and Preventing Discrimination and Strong Representation, policies without the approval of Council.

Motion carries unanimously.

FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND EXPRESSION ON CAMPUS

Be it resolved that Feds adopt the distributed policy on Freedom of Speech as presented.

and Vice President Schwan.

The mover expressed that this policy is meant to treat all clubs the same regardless of their political belief, to allow campus police to intervene if protests happen, and to prevent protests from happening that would shut down events.

A councillor expressed that polls show students are interested in seeing this policy be explicit on what speech is allowed, and how this policy will be seen. They expressed support for a policy around free speech, but is wary of it passing in its current form.

The President expressed that was working on a current policy on free speech based on one that had just expired, and invited to come to a future meeting.

Another councillor expressed concern for how this would appear if passed as is, and further concern for the protections around civility in argument and the protections being given to the rights for campus community members to be in the space, particularly those who belong in marginalized communities.

The mover made the argument that freedom of speech allows our community to address and confront those who believe hateful things about other people. He is also open to working with in the future.

The President expressed support for the idea of this, but that the policy should be rolled into our current policy and freedom of expression.

Another councillor expressed support for this policy to exist, but that what constitutes as free speech does need to be defined.

The mover responded asking who decides what constitutes as hate speech, and that students should stand up and address when they are uncomfortable.

Councillor Potter proposed an amendment to make this a first reading of the motion. It is seen as friendly, the motion now reads:

Be it resolved that Council conduct a first reading of the Freedom of Speech policy as presented, and will receive a revised version at the next meeting.

A councillor expressed that there were enforced reasonable limits on the freedom of expression, and that the law had precedent.

Be it resolved that Council refer this to PPC to develop in concert with the current Freedom of Expression policy and the mover.

Councillor Velling and Vice President Schwan.

A councillor would like an investigation into the safeguards that will be put into place for marginalized groups.

unanimously.

COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Be it resolved that Council set the dates for the Fall Council meetings

President Brieva and Vice President Schwan.

unanimously

NEW BUSINESS

ENVIRONMENT COUNCILLOR REPORT

The environment councillors submitted a report during the meeting. See attached.

There is concern that students are not being repaid on time in student societies, and the possibility of societies having other bank accounts.

The Vice President, Operations and Finance expressed that the society accountant now had a credit card to make society purchases easier.

A councillor also inquired if there was any investigations into online reimbursement forms.

The Vice President, Operations and Finance responded that it was a project going on at the moment, and that he could bring an update at the next meeting.

Wanting more outreach from SLEF. As there has been not a lot of visibility.

A councillor inquired about open seats on IAC, the Vice President, Internal responded that there were none.

A councillor inquired about open seats due to the term changing. Councillors and at large students will continue in their seats unless replaced.

Accreditation happens in architecture. Students raised the issue that students on that campus feel neglected by Feds, and see a lot of attention during the election but would like to see more attention during the year.

The councillor would like to see executive office hours, having the Feds executives on campus in the satellite campuses for a day at least once a month, ideally more frequently.

Would like more support, students are feeling a lot of pressure and are working up till 3am every night.

The executives responded that they would be looking into that, and to reach out with any other concerns or suggestions.

Adjourned at 3:07.

elizabethbrian
unanimously.

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

September 17, 2017

Present

- Altaf, Subham
- Ayre, Alexander
- Brieva, Antonio
- 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*
- Xu, Wenyu

* remote

Excused

- Mills, Cameron

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**

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 renews of Policy 2. Hours of Teaching Buildings. - Tristan Potter

12. **Motion:** Be it resolved that Council approves the **Service Coordinators** - Jill Knight

13. **Update:** The library has given us an update on the renovations (in the form of a power point that is attached to this agenda) that they would like to share with the students. **Service Coordinators** - Jill Knight
14. **QandA:** A brief summary on the feedback for extending Fall Reading Week. - Seneca Velling
15. **Motion:** Be it resolved that Council approves the policies (**Policy 1,3,16,31**) from the PPC's recommended renewals currently in the works/being renewed. - Seneca Velling
16. **For Discussion:** plastic water bottle policy - Jason Small
17. **Motion:** Be it resolved that Council revokes the authority of the Policy and Procedure Committee to ratify policy or procedures without the approval of Council. - Seneca Velling
18. **Discussion:** A discussion of the (**Freedom of Speech and Expression on Campus**) - Alexander Eyre
19. **Motion:** Be it resolved that Council approves the future council meeting days to be Oct 22, Nov 19, Dec 3. - Antonio Brieva

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

President' Report

Antonio Brieva, President's; September Report

Orientation Week

- Spoke at several events including leader appreciation, Warrior Welcome, Transfer and Exchange orientation, and an SSO event called Dear First Year Me.
- Besides these speaking requests, I was also embedded as part of Faculty programming for various faculties (i.e. Arts Academic Sessions and Engineering Showcase). The week overall was a great success.

Presidents Advisory Committee on Student Mental Health

- At the end of July the Committee hosted all the panels that will be reporting their findings to the main committee. These Panels have begun meeting on a biweekly basis and will have mid-term reports completed by October 24th.
- These reports will be presented at a Symposium, where all the panels and their Chairs will get the chance to present their early findings and recommendations. As a Committee member, Ill be liaising the Student Experience Panel.

Federal Advocacy: Undergraduates of the Canadian Research-Intensive Universities (UCRU)

- Our Briefs on our four priorities (e.g. Canadian Student Loans Program, Indigenous Students, Undergraduate Research Funding, and International Students) this year are on track to be completed by this month. These briefs will inform our Federal Advocacy efforts in Ottawa. Our Advocacy week is set to occur from November 6-10.
- In addition to our briefs, were collaboratively developing a new logo and creating a brand guideline for the organization. The goal is to set ourselves apart from other federal student advocacy groups;

- And finally, were close to adding two new members to our Coalition.

Policies and Procedures Committee

- The Committee is committing itself to a thorough policy clean-up. Were looking to review all the policies on the books that are set to expire within the next 12 months or already are expired. Some of the policies presented to Council for renewal at this meeting are a result of some of that work. Well look for opportunities to merge existing policies that fall under broader policy categories (i.e. mental Health and student financial aid) to reduce the sheer number of policies on the books.
- Were also looking at our council procedures to identify any potential changes that can be made to facilitate and enhance Councils evidence-based policy development process. Any of these changes will be recommended to council. In addition, were looking at ways we can classify and distinguish our policies and belief statements.

Vice-President Internal Report

Jill Knight, Vice President Internal; September Report

Events

Orientation was a great time and I had the opportunity to give 4 speeches during the week. I had a thank you and difficult conversation speech with all the dons on our campus before Single and Sexy. I had the honour to do a welcome speech for Arts, Applied Health Sciences and Environment faculties for their International students. I spoke at the Faculty of Science welcome and did a presentation for the Student Success event Dear Future Me. On top of the speeches, we attended several other events.

Welcome Week just happened. The week was filled with events and activities. I attended an event per day and engaged with students there. Highlights of this week were the two-day carnival plus the bonfire that happened on the Tuesday evening.

Get Involved Week is upcoming. During this week we host the Feds Open House and our Clubs and Society days. These events are to inform the student population about the different ways to get involved with Feds.

Wellness

The Campus Life Department has started to redefine their purpose of wrap up week. We have started working with Campus Wellness and Athletics and Recreation to organize wellness events for Winter 2018 as a united front. As for this upcoming Fall Wrap Up Week, we will remain consistent with what has traditionally happened.

Feds on Tour

These dates for our satellite campuses have been booked with the help of the respective societies.

Societies

The Committee of Presidents meeting has been booked. Societies are getting back into a routine from the change over during the Spring term. Moving

forward, visiting student societies will be booked for the last week of September.

The Societies Relations Commissioner role has been taking a lead at planning our Fall event with the societies.

OUSA Best Practices

The Executives attended a best practice sharing day with 7 other universities. I had the opportunity to share information about Orientation, volunteer appreciation, and volunteer training.

Presidents Advisory Committee on Equity

This meeting resumed this summer. I will be apart of the subcommittee Gender and Sexual Diversity Work Group. The sub meetings start shortly in September. More updates to come as the meetings take place.

Clubs

The part time Clubs Assistant role was posted, interviewed, hired and trained over the end of the Spring term. The role is now working at better supporting the clubs that we have on our campus.

Vice-President of Operations and Finance

Brian Schwan, VP Operations and Finance; September Report

Executive Report

- Month Summary
- Current Projects/ Initiatives

Month Summary

The Bombshelter:

New Menu has launched at Bomber, more food options with a greater menu diversity. We have created more menu options for vegans and vegetarians but are still looking at increasing options in the future. We are working on creating an express menu at bomber to increase speed of service. Bomber is in the process of phasing out straws and becoming a straw free restaurant to reduce the amount of waste that is caused through the restaurant industry.

International News:

We are currently working on creating a fried chicken option for the hot grab and go section. Have seen more traffic than usual and are in the process of opening up a third till to reduce the amount of time customers have to wait.

Campus Bubble/Bento:

Nothing new to report.

Feds Used Books:

Feds Used Books has seen incredible traffic this term and we are giving away free calendars with every purchase to aide in students planning while keeping a cost effective solution in mind.

Current Projects/Initiatives

A. Action Planning

Our Action Plan is now available on line.. check it out and reach out to us if you have any comments or concerns!

B. Pharmacare

Slowly but surely we have received more information from the government. Looking at a Jan 1 st launch date and will benefit Ontario students aged 24 and younger. Will be able to claim prescriptions under the OBD formulary by using their health card. We still need to confirm a couple other details but will communicate these to council when we get them. Additionally, we will be working on a communications plan to launch in the fall term to inform students.

C. Budget Committee

You all received an email regarding the budget and I received a handful of questions but nothing major and I appeared that all those were satisfied due to the lack of follow up questions. The budget will be posted online in conjunction with the new website.

D. Website

We are very close to finally launching a new website. Hopefully less than a month away and are very excited for the improved asthetics, increased functionality, and more efficient layout that will ultimately improve students experience and decrease the time they spend looking for information.

E. OPT OUTs

Please communicate to your fellow students that the Opt Out period for the health and dental plan for the 2017-2018 year is from September 5 th October 7 th and can be done online at www.studentcare.ca

F. Legal Survey

We are in the process of setting a date to send out a survey to students to see if there is a demand for legal insurance. Ultimately the results will be brought back to council to have a critical and fruitful discussion to see if we would like to continue pursuing it or not. We are looking to have this completed in October.

Vice President, Education

Andrew Clubine, VP Education September Report

Co-op Fee Review

The co-op fee review team met throughout the summer. Hannah Beckett (Coop Affairs Commissioner) and I are representing Feds on this group. A draft work plan was agreed to. The current state analysis was delayed because of an unexpected staffing issue in the Co-op Department. However, a terms of reference for a Student Advisory Panel were approved. Applications for the panel will be available next week and will be due at the end of the month.

OUSA

OUSA has set lobby priorities for this year. These include experiential learning, open educational resources, data collection for universities, sexual violence prevention, tuition and mental health. In October, WLU will be hosting the Fall General Assembly. Applications to become a Feds delegate will be available at the end of September. The policy papers to be discussed are indigenous students, system vision, accountability and open educational resources.

Academic Advising

Feds has been offering academic guidance for a few years, but has only recently begun to formalize the service. Maya Venters (Academic Affairs Commissioner) has developed a suite of resources for students who are filing petitions, grievance or appeals. These are now being used and have received positive responses from students.

Campus Design

Campus design and development have been issues of interest at Feds for a few years, but have not been addressed in policy to date. Jennifer Chen (Municipal Affairs Commissioner) has begun compiling a draft report on this topic, with support from staff and students. This draft should be completed by the end of September.

Government Relations

Throughout the summer, I have met with elected officials at all levels of government. Our municipal, provincial and federal partners have been briefed on our priorities for their respective jurisdictions already. We have received overwhelmingly positive responses about Feds OUSAs and U-CRUs priorities.

Outreach

Following the Feds Exec Welcome Video, we will be releasing the first a series of videos about the Feds Education portfolio.

Student Housing

For the fourth year in a row, we have seen a major housing development in Waterloo go unfinished. Shortly after move in, I had the opportunity to attend a roundtable with the Minister of Housing at Queens Park. The minister acknowledged Waterloo students concerns and committed to following up.

Course Evaluations

The Provosts Course Evaluations Project Team has completed a 3-year report with recommendations for how to improve the course evaluation tool on campus. This group was initiated a result of former Feds VPED, Adam Garcias advocacy. The report will be presented to Senate at the September meeting for approval.

EAC and GAAC

In Fall term, I intend to revitalize the existing VPED Council Committees by consolidating them into a single committee for the portfolio. The committees will meet together until an updated terms of reference is presented to Council.

Service Coordinators

Name	Service
Declan Smeaton	Food Bank
Vanessa Wilderman	Food Bank
Tori Garner	OCC
Michael Pinna	OCC
Alana Carr-Matthews	Volunteer Centre
Jevera Knelsen	Volunteer Centre
Shashwat Pratap	ICSN
Shuyan Hong (Nancy)	ICSN
Hannah Sesink	Warrior Tribe
Awn Duqoum	MATES
Vaiva Dzemonas	MATES
Jesse Jakobsh	Bike Centre
Lucas Krist	Bike Centre
Alex McEwin	Glow
Judy Liu	Glow
Midori Matthew	Women's Centre
Amanda Singh	Women's Centre
Zayd Schafer	CRT
Tatiana Portelli-Graham	CRT
Meghan Metke	SCI
Shengdi (Sharon) Chen	SCI
Jade Alexander	Co-op Connection

PPC Recommend Renewals

Policy 1: Secrecy in University Governance

WHEREAS the essence of higher education is open and free discussion; and

WHEREAS this ideal is not realized when the governance of institutions dedicated to higher learning is conducted in secrecy; and

WHEREAS in such situations students, staff, and faculty are unable to exercise their rights and responsibilities as members of the institutions; and

WHEREAS a restricted flow of information produces unnecessary and harmful tensions within the institution; and

WHEREAS an atmosphere of openness, integrity, accountability and transparency is essential to the effective operation of the University,

BIRT All decisions in the government of an institution of post-secondary education should be made in a democratically open, transparent, and accountable manner; and

BIFRT Every exception to the principles of open decision-making must be justified by the person or persons making it; and

BIFRT Non-confidential documents should be available upon request by a member of the student body in a timely fashion.

Policy 3: Statement of Autonomy

WHEREAS the Charter of Incorporation of the Federation of Students approved by the Board of Governors of the University of Waterloo charges the Federation of Students with the responsibility for administering its own affairs; and

WHEREAS the Federation of Students cannot tolerate any arbitrary interference in its internal operations that opposes the spirit of the Charter of Incorporation;

BIRT the faculty student societies shall have the exclusive right to exercise control over and influence in the Federation of Students through methods determined by the Students Council and approved by General Meeting of the Federation; and

BIFRT while the Federation of Students welcomes the opportunity to hear advice and discuss policies, no external entity not herein discussed will be permitted to exercise any control over the activities of the Federation of Students.

Policy 16: Academic Autonomy

WHEREAS the Provincial Government is responsible for the financing, and overall health and sustainability of the post-secondary sector; and

WHEREAS Universities in Ontario are semi-autonomous, self-governing entities; and

WHEREAS final decisions involving the curricula at the university should only be made at the university level, following all proper and relevant decision-making processes; and

WHEREAS the University of Waterloo should endeavor to maintain its autonomy regarding the academic programs and courses it provides, when it doesn't impede the needs of students, the marketplace and society; and

WHEREAS there may be opportunities for partnerships with third parties from the government or private sector to improve the courses the University of Waterloo provides. BIFRT the Federation of Students Council believes that the university, through its faculty, administration and students, should strive to be the final arbiter of the content of courses and curricula offered at the institution;

BIFRT the Federation of Students believes that where it is not overly restrictive to academic autonomy, the University, through its administration, faculty and students, should work with the provincial government to achieve a broader system-wide vision for post-secondary education;

BIFRT the Federation of Students Council believes that where it is not overly restrictive to academic autonomy, the university, through its faculty, administration and students, should pursue opportunities to connect with private and public sector for the purposes of experiential learning and other community partnerships that improve the quality of the broader learning environment, so long as this private partnership does not erode the independence and quality of the learning process;

BIFRT the Federation of Students Council believes that all private sources of funding should in no way infringe upon the academic autonomy of the University and its administration, faculty and students;

BIFRT the Federation of Students Council believes that private funding should not be viewed as the alternative source for operational funding shortfalls, and that the provincial government has the primary responsibility for providing operational funding.

Policy 31: Student Space

WHEREAS student space is defined as space in which most students can comfortably: study, either independently or collaboratively; socialize; run and attend events unrelated to academics; play games; engage in physical activity; or enjoy a coffee or other snack; and

WHEREAS students have expressed continuous need for increased social and study space that scales with increased enrollment; and

WHEREAS student space on our campus has been in a continued decline since 1977; and

WHEREAS the University of Waterloo has less athletics, recreation, and study space than most other similarly sized Ontario Universities, far beneath the Council of Ontario Universities Space Guidelines;

BIRT the University of Waterloo should increase the total square metres of study space to the minimum recommended benchmarks of the Council of Ontario Universities; and

BIFRT students should only be charged for the cost of building student space once it is completed to ensure that students are only paying for space they deem useable; and

BIFRT students should not pay for space that is primarily academic, service oriented, administrative, or not directly usable by students; and

BIFRT at minimum, the University should fund half of all study space; and

BIFRT the University should fund any space allocated for use by the University in its administrative activities, academic activities, or service activities through its operating budget; and

BIFRT the Federation of Students should seek to offset the cost of managing student space through external means, external sponsorship, and commercial operations; and

BIFRT students and student representatives from the relevant faculty stu-

dent societies and the Federation of Students should be consistently involved with the development of the plans for all student space; and

BIFRT students should have full management control of student space; and

BIFRT the consultation and negotiation process regarding all student space should strive to achieve the highest level of transparency and accountability, through constant communication with the student body; and

BIFRT student space should strive to accommodate students technology needs; and

BIFRT the university should enhance existing spaces on campus to improve its student friendliness and use, by adding better seating, lighting, power sources, and work space; and

BIFRT any fee charged to students for student space must pass through referendum; and

BIFRT the Federation of Students believes that non-academic ancillary buildings should be eligible for funding from the provincial government; and

BIFRT students should either comprise the majority of any decision-making body, or hold a percentage proportional to their financial contribution to the project budget, whichever is higher, in student buildings; and

BIFRT the University in its allocation of student space and the Federation of Students in its administration of student space should prioritize utilization of space consistent with student wishes (be it recreational, academic, or social in nature).

Proposed Policy: Vending of Bottled Water

WHEREAS the Federation of Students strives for ethical and environmental responsibility in the conduct of its operations and practices (FEDS Policy 25, Sustainability); and

WHEREAS the University of Waterloo supports practices and processes to reduce consumption of resources, minimize output of water, and mitigate upstream and downstream environmental impacts from campus operations (UW Policy 53, Environmental Sustainability); and

WHEREAS bottled water is the cause of large volumes of plastic waste and the ongoing privatization of an essential human need; and

WHEREAS the use of cheap reusable bottles filled with tap water is a low-cost, safe, and sustainable alternative;

BIRT the commercial services run by the Federation not sell bottled water; and

BIFRT the International News store in the SLC instead sell reusable water bottles; and

BIFRT the Federation advocate to the university that UW Food Services cease to sell bottled water at food service locations and vending machines.

Note: I have chosen to write a full policy as a way of expressing my full ideas on the matter. I am very open to both amendments to this suggested policy and suggestions to pursue this in a completely different way. I also understand if time for consideration/discussion is desired before voting on something of this subject matter at some future meeting. I have primarily written this as a way of initiating discussion on this subject.

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A Resolution on the Extension of the Fall Reading Week:

WHEREAS the Federation of Students' (FEDS) Council acknowledges the approaching end to the three year trial period for the two-day Fall Reading Week as supported by a referendum of Waterloo undergraduate students casting ballots in the affirmative¹,

WHEREAS the initial 2014 referendum followed the culmination of years of student polling and summary reports by the Fall Reading Week committee (Consideration of a Fall Break at the University of Waterloo, Report to the Vice President and Provost; September 8, 2014.

https://uwaterloo.ca/associate-vice-president-academic/sites/ca.associate-vice-president-academic/files/uploads/files/fallbreak_-_sept_8_2014_final_report-accessible.pdf),

WHEREAS the FEDS Council reminds the student body that prior to this referendum Math and Engineering surveys indicated considerable student interest² in the implementation of a Fall Reading Week,

WHEREAS fourteen of the twenty Ontario University maintain a full week break in the fall for students, particularly out of province and international students, to study for midterms, visit family, and enjoy their long weekend for Thanksgiving,

WHERE such rest and recuperation in the difficult study environment of the University of Waterloo is essential to the mental health, stress-management and accommodation of extensive academic workload for student³,

WHEREAS the Federation acknowledges the significant concerns regarding Co-operative Education during this period and the accessibility of students in the employment process,

WHEREAS the Federation acknowledges the challenge of finding sufficient space to schedule a full Fall Reading Week break: 60 teaching days, a minimum of 2 pre-exam study days, and a minimum of 12 exam days while finishing by December 22,

¹ Federation records indicate that 73.8 per cent voted in favour of building a break into the school calendar.

² March 10th, 2014 Federation General Meeting Agenda
www.feds.ca/home/feds-general-meeting-agenda/

³ Based on the Report to the Vice President and Provost, "Promotion of sound mental health is widely claimed as the rationale for installing a Fall Break, although hard data to support this assertion is lacking. Students, counselors, instructors and academic advisors will, however, readily attest that the Fall term is widely seen as a "pressure cooker", especially in regards to transitioning issues and looming midterm exams for new incoming students. The University of Waterloo, among numerous other Ontario institutions, is keenly aware of the need to provide conditions that promote the physical and mental well-being of our students. An institution whose actions promote mental health well-being will be well regarded by undergraduate and graduate students, prospective students and their parents."

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WHEREAS a majority of students support the extension of the Fall break into a full week period,

BIFRT Students calls for a referendum on the implementation of a full, week-long Fall Reading Break at the University of Waterloo, after the implementation of a two (2) year pilot period to assess impact on student mental health, scheduling, and exams,

BIFRT the Federation believes Mid-term breaks, regardless of the term in which they occur, should have the same terms of reference:

1. A mid-term break (e.g., Winter Reading Week) is intended to act as a pause for on-campus students to reflect upon and catch up on their term's work to date and, as necessary, prepare for any upcoming mid-term assignments and assessments,
2. During this pause, there are to be no scheduled meetings for students (e.g., classes, labs, tutorials, seminars, exams),
3. Deadlines for graded assessments should neither be scheduled during the break nor within the first two (2) days following the extended break, so as to defeat the purpose of this hiatus,
4. Student services, such as Health Services, Counselling Services, the library, residences, etc. are expected to continue working at full capacity,

BIFRT the Students enrolled in online courses should realize the same benefits accrued for on-campus students during the Fall Break,

BIFRT that while the Federation did support, albeit with student consent and positive approval at the time⁴, a re-adjustment of the duration of Orientation, any further shortening the Orientation timeline to accommodate Fall Reading Week extension would be far too deleterious to the 1st Year Students and would reduce the capacity of the University, faculty-student societies, and the Federation to potentially introduce, transition, and equip these students in a manner to best provide them the opportunities for success at Waterloo,

BIFRT there ought to be an extension of "Orientation"-type activities judiciously into the first few weeks following the start of classes to continue to provide students opportunities lost to them by the prior reduction in Orientation length,

⁴ The duration of Orientation Week was particularly flexible in the implementation of Fall Reading Week in the past due to the removal of required ELPE writing during this period and the University's engagement with undergraduate students prior to their arrival on campus.

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BIFRT believes it best to accommodate the extension of Fall Reading Week by allowing all days of the week, including Sundays when required⁵, for the writing of examinations, provided religious exemptions, verified illness or familial exemptions, and exam conflict (all as currently supported) for students to whom these concerns apply,

BIFRT that to accommodate Fall Reading week, the University should consider starting the term earlier, without impinging the Orientation of 1st Year Students or the one-day Out-of-Province/American Students Orientation⁶, by adequately moving both Orientation and the first day of classes earlier into the fall,

BIFRT this option should not be acted on if it negatively impacts the sizeable portion of international students⁷ and out of province students that attend the University who already have limited time to visit family further away, particularly with Co-op,

BIFRT the Students call for the implementation of a full Fall Reading Week at the University of Waterloo, Students tasks the executive of the Federation of Students to work with the University to implement a full Fall Reading Week complimentary to its Winter counterpart, with the inclusion of the Federation Orientation Committee (FOC) in any decision making panel to ensure protection of the Orientation week from further cuts.

⁵ Including one Sunday exam day in the regular Fall exam period will allow the minimum 12 days for the exam period and the normal conclusion to the exam period (December 22). An alternative is using a Saturday later in the term as a teaching day.

⁶ Out-of-Province and American International students have a specialized one-day extension of orientation to acclimate and prepare them for life in Ontario
<https://uwaterloo.ca/orientation/first-year-out-province-american-students>

⁷ International Students account for ~25% rounded to the nearest full percentage of students at the University of Waterloo over the last 5 years. Information based on student headcount data:
<https://uwaterloo.ca/institutional-analysis-planning/university-data-and-statistics/student-data/student-headcounts>

Draft Policy: Freedom of Speech and Expression on Campus

WHEREAS the Statement on Campus Free Speech and the Chicago Principles on Freedom of Expression guides Feds free speech policy;

WHEREAS the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms recognizes the freedom of thought, belief, opinion and expression as well as freedom of peaceful assembly; and freedom of association;

WHEREAS the students of the University of Waterloo hold diverse and sometimes opposing moralistic, religious, and political beliefs;

WHEREAS recently many Canadian and American universities have discriminated against politically-orientated clubs and banned guest speakers on the basis of their political beliefs.

BIFRT Feds must not censor or impede any of its affiliates and/or clubs from holding events or hosting speakers. Feds must also not censor the promotion of clubs or club events on the basis of their political beliefs. Clubs must not be tasked with hiring security for their events.

BIFRT Feds must not forcibly disinvite or ban guest speakers and will advocate to the university to abandon the practice of disinviting or banning guest speakers invited by clubs.

BIFRT we request that the University of Waterloo Senate endorse the Chicago Principles as official university policy.

BIFRT Campus police must intervene if any protestors at any event become violent.

BIFRT Feds will not prevent ratification of any club based on a club's political affiliations and/or opinions.

BIFRT Feds will enforce its non-obstructionist policy for protests as laid on in the Statement on Campus Free Speech and advocate to the Campus Police to intervene if any protestors at or in the vicinity of an event turn violent

BIFRT Feds will enforce its resolution to improve viewpoint diversity as outlined in the Statement on Campus Free Speech.

BIRFT Feds must not discriminate in favour or against clubs in terms of the services FEDS provides on the basis of a club's political affiliations and/or opinions.

BIRFT A club may not be placed in probationary status by Feds on the basis of its political affiliations and/or opinions.

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Federation of Students' Student's Council Minutes

SLC MPR, UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO

Speaker: COUNCILLOR O'SULLIVAN Secretary: COUNCILLOR POTTER

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
- * remote
- O'Sullivan, Elizabeth
 - Potter, Tristan
 - Schwan, Brian
 - Shibli, Aisha
 - Simpson, Abigail
 - Small, Jason
 - Terzian, Hagop
 - Tran, Tomson
 - Velling, Seneca*
 - Xu, Wenyu*
 - Ye-Mowe, Stephanie

The following members were absent:

- Brieva, Antonio

* excused

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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.

OUNCILLOR 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

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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 inniative 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 prefered 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.

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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.

Advocacy 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.

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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).

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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 INQUIRIES

A Councillor inquired about when the Education Advisory Committee and the Goverment Affairs Advisory Committee would be meeting. The 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 its section of the budget to be approved by the Board instead.

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MEETINIG 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.

OTHER BUSINESS

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

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Agenda for FEDs Council Meeting

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Present

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

* remote

Excused

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

Preliminaries

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

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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.

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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.

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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

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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

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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.

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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 councilor 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 government's role in preventing sexual violence on campus; a follow up meeting was scheduled to discuss the matter in more depth. More

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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 accomodating.

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-

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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, they 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.

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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 Veling 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.

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- 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.

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- _____ 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, Council- lor 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.

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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.

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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.

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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 furture 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.

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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

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- 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

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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 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

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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. In 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.

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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

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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.

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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 Bombshter:**

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.

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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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*Nanotechnology: a small world with **huge** possibilities.*

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.

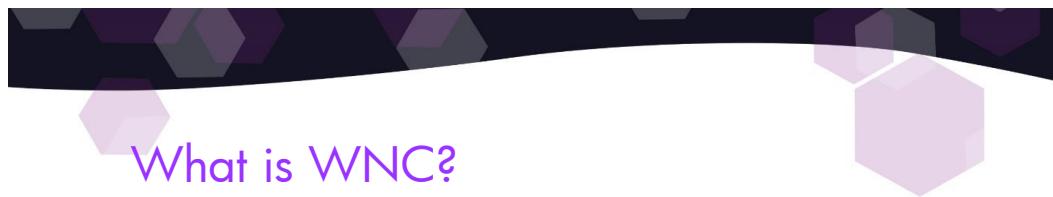
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patil".

Jatin Patil
Chair, WNC 2017

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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

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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.

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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)



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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 H2nanO, 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)

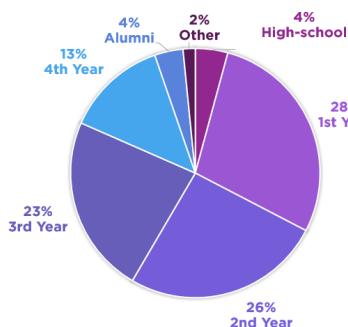
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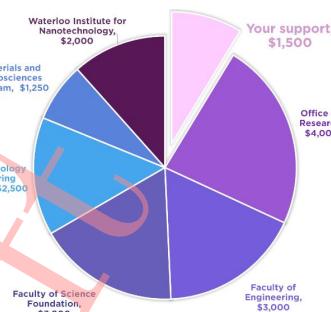


Students and Funding

Attendees by year of study



Funding sources



What students say about WNC

"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"

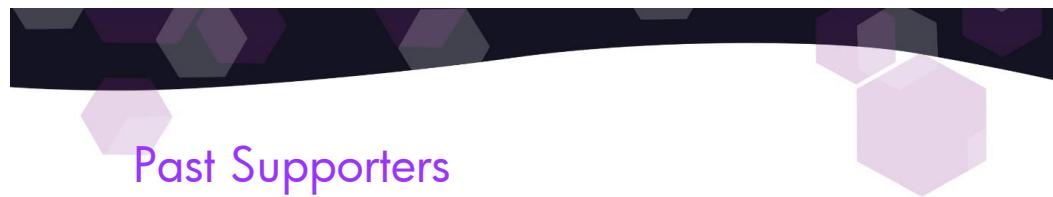
– Sinclair M., 2A Nanotechnology Engineering

"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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Academic speakers**THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA**

Industry panelists

Other speakers and posters

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