

**STUDENT FEDERATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA**  
**MINUTES OF THE NINTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION FOR 2013-2014**

Date: Sunday February 23<sup>rd</sup> , 2014

Location: RGN 2029

Time: 1:00pm

Chair: Dave Molenhuis

Secretary: Amy Hammett

**9.1 Welcome**

The meeting began at 1:19pm

**Roll Call**

<b>SFUO</b>	<b>Anne-Marie Roy</b>
<b>SFUO</b>	<b>Dave Eaton</b>
<b>SFUO</b>	<b>Ikram Hamoud</b>
<b>SFUO</b>	<b>Pat Marquis</b>
<b>SFUO</b>	<b>Chris Hynes</b>
<b>SFUO</b>	<b>Nicole Desnoyers</b>
<b>Arts</b>	<b>Nicolette Addesa</b>
<b>Arts</b>	<b>Alex Boettger</b>
<b>Arts</b>	<b>Sam Randazzo (absent)</b>
<b>Arts</b>	<b>Zorga Qaunaq</b>
<b>Education</b>	<b>Marilyn Tourangeau</b>
<b>Common Law</b>	<b>Emily Beveridge</b>
<b>Droit Civil</b>	<b>Jonathan Savard-Shaw (absent)</b>
<b>Engineering</b>	<b>JP Dubé</b>
<b>Engineering</b>	<b>Ossob Hassan</b>
<b>Health Sciences</b>	<b>Daniel Stojanovic (proxy – James Denny)</b>
<b>Health Sciences</b>	<b>Sinthusan Sinadurai</b>
<b>Health Sciences</b>	<b>Alex Roy</b>
<b>Management</b>	<b>Alexandrine Silga</b>
<b>Management</b>	<b>Mahmoud Dief (proxy – Taylor Davidson)</b>
<b>Management</b>	<b>Todisoa Audrey Paraina (absent)</b>
<b>Medicine</b>	<b>Miso Gostimir</b>
<b>Sciences</b>	<b>Sophie Cousineau</b>
<b>Sciences</b>	<b>Chris Macmillan (absent)</b>
<b>Sciences</b>	<b>Alexandre Giroux (proxy – Reily Ische)</b>
<b>Social Sciences</b>	<b>Ciara Roberts</b>
<b>Social Sciences</b>	<b>Ahmed Hussein</b>
<b>Social Sciences</b>	<b>Katya Moussatova</b>
<b>Social Sciences</b>	<b>Sarah Weldetnsae</b>
<b>Social Sciences</b>	<b>John Davies</b>
<b>Social Sciences</b>	<b>Hanna Sam</b>
<b>Special Student</b>	<b>VACANT</b>

### **Comments from the Chair**

**Be it resolved that** Ciara Roberts be granted just cause for the Jan 2014 meeting

Proposed by: Ciara Roberts

Seconded by: Ossob Hassan

***Adopted***

**Be it resolved that** Zorga Qaunaq be granted just cause for the Jan 2014 meeting

Proposed by: Dave Eaton

Seconded by: Sarah Weldetnsae

***Adopted***

**Be it resolved that** Emily Beveridge be granted just cause for the Jan 2014 meeting

Proposed by: Reily Ische

Seconded by: Chris Hynes

***Adopted***

**Be it resolved that** Emily Beveridge be granted just cause for the Jan 2014 meeting

Proposed by: Reily Ische

Seconded by: Chris Hynes

***Adopted***

**Be it resolved that** Alex Roy be granted just cause for the Jan 2014 meeting

Proposed by: Zorga Qaunaq

Seconded by: Marilyn Tourangeau

***Adopted***

### **9.2 Adoption of the Agenda**

**Be it resolved that** the agenda be adopted as presented:

- 9.1 Welcome
- 9.2 Adoption of the Agenda
- 9.3 Adoption of the Minutes of the previous meeting
- 9.4 Executive Update
- 9.5 Question Period
- 9.6 First Reading Section 3.13
- 9.7 First Reading: Section 4
- 9.8 First Reading: Section 2
- 9.9 First Reading: Section 3
- 9.10 Second Reading: Section 3.1.3
- 9.11 First Reading: Section 3.1.6

- 9.12 First Reading: Section 3.1.10.7.6
- 9.13 First Reading 3.1.12
- 9.14 Vote: Ad-hoc BOA Reporting Committee
- 9.15 Vote: Executive Office Hours at RGN
- 9.16 Vote: Community Kitchen
- 9.17 Miscellaneous
- 9.18 Question Period
- 9.19 Closing of the Meeting

Proposed by : JP Dubé

Seconded by: Taylor Davidson

**Be it resolved that** an emergency motion be added as section 9.6 of the agenda

Proposed by: Nicole Desnoyers

Seconded by: Ciara Roberts

***Adopted***

**Be it resolved that** the following discussion points be added:

9.17 BOA Reforms

9.18 Revisiting the Executive Roles

Proposed by: Katya Moussatova

Seconded by: Sophie Cousineau

***Adopted***

***Adopted***

### **9.3 Adoption of the Minutes from the Previous Meeting**

**Be it resolved that** the minutes from January 2014 be adopted

Proposed by: JP Dubé

Seconded by: Chris Hynes

***Adopted***

### **9.4 Executive Updates**

***President***

***VP Finance***

***VP Equity***

***VP University Affairs***

***VP Services and Communications***

## ***VP Social Affairs***

### **9.5 Question Period**

### **9.6 Emergency Motion**

Be it resolved that the Board of Administration formally condemn Alexandre Giroux and Pat Marquis for their involvement in a Facebook conversation in which they graphically discuss and joke about sexually assaulting Anne-Marie Roy.

Proposed by: Nicole Desnoyers

Seconded by: Ikram Hamoud

Be it resolved that a recess of 15 minutes be taken

Proposed by: Ikram Hamoud

Seconded by: James Deeny

Be it resolved that a recess of 7 minutes be taken

Proposed by: Ossob Hassan

Seconded by: JP Dubé

***Adopted***

***Adopted***

**Be it resolved that** the meeting move in-camera

Proposed by: Sophie Cousineau

Seconded by : Marilyn Tourangeay

***Be it resolved that*** the executive Coordinator be invited to join

Proposed by: Dave Eaton

Seconded by: Sophie Cousineau

***Adopted***

***Adopted***

noted against: JP DUBé

**Be it resolved that** the motion be tabled indefinitely.

Proposed by: Anne-Marie Roy

Seconded by: Nicole Desnoyers

***Adopted***

**Be it resolved that** a recess of 15 minutes be taken

Proposed by: Nicole Desnoyers

Seconded by: Sarah Weldetnsae

***Adopted***

### **9.7 First Reading: Section 3.13**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Section 3.13 be amended to read:

#### 3.13 General Assemblies

3.13.1 The SFUO will hold a minimum of one (1) General Assembly in the Fall semester and one (1) General Assembly in the Winter semester.

3.13.2 General Assemblies may not be held during exam periods.

3.13.3 General Assemblies will be chaired by the Chairperson of the Board of Administration.

3.13.4 General Assemblies act as the highest decision making body of the SFUO.

3.13.5 Annual audits of the Federation will be approved by the SFUO membership at a General Assembly following adoption at the Board of Administration

3.13.6 Election results, when timelines allow, will be ratified at a General Assembly

3.13.6 General Assembly dates must be made available to members a minimum of four (4) weeks in advance.

#### 3.13.7 Motions

3.13.7.1 All motions must be submitted to the chairperson a minimum of three (3) weeks before the date of the meeting.

3.13.7.2 A motion must be submitted through a petition signed by at least 100 members, or by a 2/3rd vote of the Board of Administration.

3.13.7.3 A motion to initiate an impeachment referendum in regards to any elected member of the SFUO must be submitted through a petition signed by at least 5% of the membership

3.13.7.3 Motions must be made available to members a minimum of one (1) week in advance of a General Assembly

#### 3.13.8 Agenda

3.13.8.1 All regular meetings will keep the following order of business:

- a. Call to order by the Chairperson;

b. Recognition by the Chairperson that the meeting is taking place on the Traditional Territory of the Algonquin First Nations and that the Algonquins in Ontario have never surrendered their rights and title to these lands;

c. Approval of the agenda;

d. Update from the Executives and question period;

e. Motions;

f. Close of the meeting.

3.13.8.2 The question period following the update from the Executive is limited to twenty (20) minutes. This limit may be extended by a simple majority of votes.

### 3.13.9 Consideration of Business

3.13.9.1 General Assemblies will be governed by

Robert's Rules of Order.

3.13.9.2 Each member of the Federation will have one vote.

3.13.9.3 All simple resolutions will require 50%+1 of votes cast in order to be successful.

3.13.9.4 All amendments to SFUO by-laws or policies will require two-thirds (2/3) of votes cast in order to be successful.

3.13.9.5 A motion to initiate an impeachment referendum will require a two-thirds (2/3) of votes cast in order to be successful.

3.13.9.6 A decision of the Chairperson may be reversed by two-thirds (2/3) of votes cast

3.13.9.7 All General Assemblies will require a quorum of 1% of membership of the SFUO. No business may be considered unless quorum is met.

3.13.9.8 If quorum is not met, all items of business will be considered at the next meeting of the Board of Administration

### 3.13.10 Special Meetings

3.13.10.1 Special General Assemblies may be called by a two-third (2/3) vote of the Board of Administration or through a petition signed by at least 5% of SFUO membership and must contain the full language of the item of business to be discussed

3.13.10.2 A petition may not be submitted during any exam period

3.13.10.3 A Special General Assembly must be held within four (4) weeks of either a successful vote of the Board of Administration or petition as per Section 3.13.10.1.

Proposed by: Chris Hynes  
 Seconded by: Zorga Qaunaq

***Adopted***

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#### **9.8 First Reading: Section 4**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 4 be struck from the Constitution of the SFUO; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No.4: Elections and Referenda be adopted as By-Law No. 4; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** Appendix A: Elections Regulations be adopted as an annex to the Federation's Constitution:

#### By-Law No. 4 Elections and Referenda 4.1 Interpretation

4.1.1 a. This By-Law must be read and interpreted in its entirety and in conjunction with Appendix A. b. This By-Law is originally authored in English. c. This By-Law is adopted in both the official languages of the Federation in accordance with By-Law No. 5. The text of both versions is equally authoritative. In the case of discrepancy between the English and French version of the text, any discrepancy shall be settled in accordance with ordinary rules of legal interpretation based on the language in which the original was authored.

4.1.2 The definitions in this subsection apply to this By-Law and to Appendix A: Election Regulations.

"Appendix A: Elections Regulations" Appendix A: Elections Regulation, also referred to as Appendix A, means the section attached to the Federation's Constitution, that shall govern details regarding the administration of elections and referenda at the Federation.

"Elections" Elections means any or all of general elections, by-elections, special elections, or University of Ottawa student representative elections.

"General elections" General elections means an election in the winter semester to elect executives of the Student Federation of the University of Ottawa, faculty directors of the Board of Administration. Use of this term encompasses University of Ottawa student representative elections that are held concurrently.

"By-elections" By-elections means an election in the fall semester to elect faculty directors for faculties that offer only one-year programs and for any vacancies, where possible.

"Special elections" Special election means an election other than a general election or by-election.

"University of Ottawa student representative elections" University of Ottawa student representative elections means the elections held by the Federation under delegated authority of the University of Ottawa Board of Governors, by the Vice President, Governance for the positions of Board of Governors Representative and Senate Representatives, as the case may be.

"Executive" Executive, or executive member, means elected executive officers of the Federation as outlined in By-Law No. 3.

"Faculty director" Faculty director means members of the Board of Administration elected directly by and from their faculty membership as outlined in By-Law No. 3.

"Referendum" Referendum means a direct vote of the entire electorate of the federation in



which it is asked to accept or reject a proposal. The results are binding.

“Elections Office” Elections office means the Elections Director and Polling Director, as well as the administrative agent, poll clerks, or other employees.

“Elections Director” Elections Director means a hired employee of the Board of Administrator in charge of overseeing the totality of the election process.

“Polling Director” Polling Director means a hired employee of the Board of Administration in charge of the logistical and polling requirements of the elections process and to serve as assistant to the Elections Director.

“Nomination” Nomination means the solicitation of support for a members candidacy in the Federations elections.

4.2 Appendix A: Elections Regulations The document entitled Appendix A: Elections Regulations attached to this Constitution shall have authoritative force and effect for regulating the administration of elections and referenda at the Federation. It is intended to offer a more flexible and responsive mechanism for ensuring best practices, to ensure consistency in annual elections and to codify practices that enhance the transparency and strength of the elections processes. In circumstances where there is a contradiction between this By-Law and Appendix A, this By-Law shall take precedence.

4.2.1 Modifications Any addition, withdrawal, or change to Appendix A must be made, in one single reading, by a two- thirds (2/3) majority vote of the votes cast by the directors present at a meeting of the Board of Administration.

4.3 Processes Governed by this By-Law This By-Law shall govern the administration of the following processes. In addition to this By-Law, the processes herein shall be further regulated by Appendix A.

4.3.1 General Elections The general elections are elections held in the Winter semester of every year to elect the Executive members of the Federation and Faculty Directors of the Board of Administration.

No member may be a candidate for more than one position from this category during the same election.

4.3.2 University of Ottawa student representative elections University of Ottawa student representative are elections held by the Federation under delegated authority of the University of Ottawa Board of

Governors, by the Vice President, Governance for the positions of Board of Governors Representative and Senate Representatives, as the case may be.

These elections are to be held concurrently with the Federation’s general elections according to,

in order of authority and preference, the rules determined by the University of Ottawa, and in compliance with this By-Law and Appendix A.

**4.3.3 By-Elections** By-elections means an election in the fall semester to elect faculty directors for faculties that offer only one-year programs and for any Executive or Faculty Director vacancies, where possible. No member may be a candidate for more than one position from this category during the same election.

**4.3.4 Special Elections** Special elections are elections other than general elections and by-elections that must be called in order to fill any vacancies that may not be filled through by-elections.

No member may be a candidate for more than one position from this category during the same election.

**4.3.5 Referenda** Referenda of the federation are votes on ballot questions in which a direct vote of the entire electorate of the federation is asked to accept or reject a proposal. The results of referenda, the option selected by a simple majority of members casting ballots, are binding upon the Federation and must be acted upon in a timely fashion.

**4.3.5.1 Referendum Proposals** Referenda may be initiated by one of the following methods: a. a resolution, clearly indicating the question to be posed in accordance with subsection 4.3.5.2, adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the votes cast at a meeting of the Board of Administration. In this case, the Board of Administration must, at the same meeting, select a timeline to hold the referendum consistent with subsection 4.4.2. b. a petition duly signed by one thousand five hundred (1500) or five (5) percent of the members of the Federation, whichever is less. The petition must list the student number of every signatory and must be delivered to the Chairperson of the Board of Administration, no later than 7 days prior to a meeting of the Board of Administration. The petition must clearly indicate the question to be posed in accordance with subsection 4.3.5.2. In this case, at the Board of Administration meeting immediately following delivery of the petition, the Chairperson must require the Board to select a timeline to hold the referendum consistent with 4.4.2.

**4.3.5.2 Referendum Question** The referendum question must be concise, precise, and unambiguous.

The question must be answered simply by a YES or NO.

**4.3.5.3 Referendum Convenor** When the Elections Office has been engaged by the Federation, the Elections Director shall assume the role of Referendum Convenor. The Referendum Convenor has duties, responsibilities, and powers equivalent to the Elections Director and Polling Director for the duration of the referendum.

#### 4.4 Timeline

**4.4.1 General elections** General elections are held each year, in the Winter semester. Elections

must be held no later than the last business day in the month of February.

4.4.2 By-elections By elections are held each year, in the Fall semester. Elections must be held no later than the last business day in the month of October.

4.4.3 Referenda Referenda administered concurrently with a Federation election shall follow the same guidelines as the elections.

If the referendum is held outside an election period, it may not be held within a moratorium period fourteen (14) business days before the opening of the nominations for the election, and fourteen (14) business days after the last day of voting for the election.

In the case of non-election time referenda, there shall be a two-week preparation period to assemble the YES / NO referendum committees, followed by a one-week campaign period of no less than seven days, followed by no less than 2 voting days.

4.5 Nominations Nomination forms must be made available by the Elections Office in a timely manner for all elections.

Nomination forms must be signed by candidates indicating acceptance of the nomination, and attesting to adherence to all eligibility criteria for the position being sought.

Nomination forms must conform to regulation and deadlines as prescribed.

4.6 Eligibility Following the deadline for nominations, the Elections Office must verify that each candidate meets the eligibility requirements for the position being sought in accordance with the relevant subsections in By-Law No. 3

4.6.1 No member may be a candidate for two faculty director positions in the same elections. No sitting voting member of the Board of Administration may be a candidate in a by- election or special election without first resigning from their current position.

4.6.2 A member deemed ineligible by the Elections office may appeal the decision to the Elections Committee within two business days. The elections committee must render its judgement within two business day following delivery of the request for appeal.

4.6.3 Any individual owing a debt to the Federation is rendered ineligible to participate in any Federation election until the debt has been repaid in full.

4.7 Elections Committee

4.6.1 Composition The elections committee is selected by the Board of Administration, by secret ballot, no later than the second meeting of the Board of Administration. The committee is composed of three (3) voting members who may not be candidates in any election occurring during their term as members of the committee. No more than one (1) of these positions may be occupied by an executive of the Federation.

4.6.2 Duties a. The elections committee is responsible for selecting candidates for the positions of electoral officers. The committee must design a selection process and, upon review of the applicants, present the selection process as well as recommend their top candidates to the Board of Administration. The top candidates will have the ability to answer questions from the Board to help Directors make an informed decision. The Board shall select the successful candidate by a simple majority vote of the votes cast at a meeting of the Board of Administration by secret ballot.

b. Review any motions regarding modifications to Appendix A

c. Solicit feedback regarding elections and referenda from the University of Ottawa community.

4.6.3 Powers a. At the request of a candidate in the elections, to reconsider the ruling of the Elections Office and to provide a response, in one of three ways: (i) to reject the ruling of the Elections Office and render any sanction(s) invalid, (ii) to reaffirm the ruling and accept any sanction(s), or (iii) to reconsider the ruling and modify sanction(s) (without the ability to increase sanction(s)). b. Any decision of the Elections Committee may be appealed by a candidate to the highest decision making body of the Federation[, the Board of Administration]. c. The Elections Committee may, if there is sufficient reason to suspect misconduct, investigate the actions of the Elections Office and submit recommendations to the Board of Administration to impose remedies.

#### 4.8 Election Office 4.8.1 Elections Director

4.8.1.1 Duties a. See to the physical organization of the elections; b. Interpret and enforce the elections rules in accordance with this By-Law and Appendix A; c. See to the promotion and advertising of the elections, including the dissemination of information pertaining to nominations, polling station locations, and voting days; d. Enforce the timelines and restrictions; e. Establish the seats available per faculty on the Board of Administration and draw up the list of eligible voters based on the information provided by the University of Ottawa; f. Act as the primary point of contact for the Elections Office and to communicate with members, media, the University, and others in matters pertaining to the Federations elections; g. Publish the official results of the elections.

4.8.1.2 Powers a. Determine the eligibility of candidates; b. Declare the winner(s) of each race in all elections following a final tally of vote; c. To accept complaints from candidates regarding breach of rules and regulations of the elections, to make rulings and prescribe sanctions and remedies as deemed appropriate.

#### 4.8.2 Polling Director

4.8.2.1 Duties a. Act as assistant to the Elections Director; b. See to the physical organization of the elections; c. Hire and organize all temporary or casual employees of the Elections Office including an administrative agent and poll clerks; d. See to the promotion (and advertising) of the elections, including the dissemination of information pertaining to nominations, polling station locations, and voting days. e. Enforce the agreed upon timeline and restrictions. f.

Obtain all materials necessary for the administration of elections including coordination with Elections Canada. g. Ensure the destructions of ballots once the elections process has been completed and any appeals resolved.

4.8.2.2 Powers a. To design and obtain ballots for the elections; b. Determine the eligibility of voters at polling places.

4.9 Affiliations Candidates appear on the ballot individually with only their name.

#### 4.9.1 Endorsement

A candidate may voluntarily endorse any other candidate in any election excluding that candidate's own race.

#### 4.9.2 Resources

All campaign expenses must be filed individually by all candidates.

Financial resources may not be shared by candidates.

4.10 Method of Voting The Federations elections are conducted according to a First Past the Post system. Therefore, a voter may select only one candidate for each position available. A voter may only vote once in each race for which the voter is eligible.

4.10.1 Voting must be conducted in person, at a polling station, during polling hours.

Or, members on exchange, or otherwise stationed outside the City of Ottawa for academic purposes sanctioned by the University of Ottawa, may submit absentee ballots. The Elections Office is responsible for ensuring the availability and administration of both voting procedures.

#### 4.11 Disputed Elections

4.11.1 Any member of the Federation may contest an election wholesale by submitting a request to the Constitutional Committee and notifying the Elections Director within five (5) business days following official publication of the results. 4.11.2 An election may be contested wholesale only on the grounds of fraud or irregularity.

#### 4.12 Recount

4.12.1 Any candidate may request a recount by notifying the Elections Director no later than two (2) business days after the day of the vote count. In this case, the Elections Director must notify all other candidates for the disputed position of the request for a recount before the recount takes place.

4.12.2 In any race for an Executive position, an immediate recount must take place if twenty-five (25) votes or less separate the leading candidate from the candidate with the next greatest number of votes.

4.12.4 In any race for faculty director positions, an immediate recount must take place if ten (10) votes or less separate the candidate occupying the last seat to be filled from the candidate with the next greatest number of votes.

#### 4.13 Current members

4.13.1 A member of the current Executive, current Faculty Director, or current staff, cannot be employed by the Elections Office in any role, paid or otherwise.

4.13.2 Within five (5) business days following the deadline for nominations, each member of the current Executive must hold an information session with all of the candidates seeking that position; and the Chairperson of the Board of Administration must hold an information session with all of the candidates seeking a faculty director position.

4.13.3 The Federation's resources, financial, promotional, or other, cannot be used in favour of any candidate.

4.14 Status of elected candidates Between the date of publication of the results and the date of taking office, the elected candidate has no privileges or powers and continues to be considered a member of the Federation. The successful candidate in any elections becomes a member of the Executive or a faculty director, as the case may be, at the official date of taking office.

4.15 Resignation The elected candidate may resign at any time before officially taking office. A resignation is considered valid by any one of the following procedures:

- a. by advising the Elections Director, or President of the Federation by letter to that effect;
- b. by orally advising the President of the Federation, in person, with three (3) witnesses to certify the elected candidate's intention to resign; these witnesses must be present in the office of the President of the Federation when the elected candidate announces her intention;
- c. by a public announcement via press conference; or,
- d. by a public announcement published in both student newspapers at the University of Ottawa

Proposed by: Marilyn Tourangeau

Seconded by: Alex Boettger

Be it resolved that section 4.1.1 b and 4.1.1 c be removed.

Proposed by: Chris Hynes

Seconded by: Dave Eaton

***Adopted***

Be it resolved that the definition for "by-elections" in section 4.1.2 be amended to read:  
"By-election means an election in the fall semester to elect faculty directors for faculties

that offer only one-year program and for any vacancies of faculty directors or executive where necessary”

Proposed by : Chris Hynes  
Seconded by: Taylor Davidson

***Adopted***

Be it resolved that section 4.2 be amended to read:  
“Where this by-law and the electoral regulations disagree, this by-law takes precedence”

Proposed by: Chris Hynes  
Seconded by: JP Dubé

***Adopted***

Be it resolved that section 4.2.1 be amended to read:  
Modification  
Any addition, withdrawal, or change to the electoral regulations must be made by the Elections Director and ratified by the Elections Committee.

Proposed by: Chris Hynes  
Seconded by: Todisoa Audrey Paraina

Be it resolved that the following language be added at the end of section 4.2.1  
In the event of no Elections Directors having been engaged, any addition, withdrawal, or change to the electoral regulations must be made and voted on by the Elections Committee.

Proposed by : Nicole Desnoyers  
Seconded by: Sophie Cousineau

***Adopted***

***Adopted***

Be it resolved that section 4.3.3 be amended to read:  
4.3.3 By-Elections  
By-Elections means an election in the fall semester to elect faculty directors for faculties that offer only one-year programs and for any Executive or Faculty Director vacancies occurring prior to the last working day of October.  
No member may be a candidate for more than one position from this category during the same election.

Proposed by: Chris Hynes  
Seconded by: John Davies

***Defeated***

Be it resolved that the following language be added to the end of section 4.3.5.3  
When the Elections Office has not been engaged, the Referendum Convenor shall be chosen by a majority of members present at a Board of Administration meeting or by a resolution of the Executive upon authorization of the Board of Administration.

Proposed by: Chris Hynes  
Seconded by : Dave Eaton

***Adopted***

Be it resolved that section 4.3.5.2 be amended to read:

4.3.5.2

Referendum Question

4.3.5.2.1

The referendum question must be concise, precise, and unambiguous.

The question must be answered simply by a Yes or No.

4.3.5.2.2

In the case of an impeachment referendum, the question shall read: “should (*name of the Executive*), cease to occupy the position of (*position held by that member of the Executive*) of the Student Federation of the University of Ottawa?”

Proposed by: Chris Hynes  
Seconded by: Sarah Weldetnsae

***Adopted***

Be it resolved that section 4.3.5.3 be added:

4.3.5.4

Quorum

In order for the result of a referendum to be valid, 5% of all members of the Federation must have exercised their right to vote

Proposed by: Chris Hynes  
Seconded by: Nicole Desnoyers

***Adopted***

Be it resolved that section 4.4.3 be amended to read:

Referenda administered concurrently with a Federation election shall follow the same guidelines as the election.

There shall be a two week notice period followed by a campaign period of no less than 7 days, followed by no less than 2 voting days.

In the case of non-election time referenda, there shall be a two-week preparation



period to assemble the Yes/No referendum committees, followed by a one-week campaign period of no less than seven days, followed by no less than 2 voting days.

Proposed by: Chris Hynes  
Seconded by: Nicolette Addesa

Be it resolved that the speaker list be extended by one in favour and one against  
Proposed by: Alex Boettger  
Seconded by: Chris Hynes

***Adopted***

***Adopted***

Be it resolved that 4.5 be amended to read:

Nominations

Nomination forms must be made available by the Elections Office at the beginning of the nomination period.

Nomination forms must be signed by candidates indicating acceptance of the nomination and attesting to adherence to all eligibility criteria for the position being sought.

Nomination forms must conform to the deadlines as prescribed.

Nomination forms for the position of Faculty Director must be signed by at least twenty-five (25) members of the Federation enrolled in the faculty in which the candidate is seeking election.

Nomination forms for the Executive positions must be signed by at least fifty (50) members of the Federation.

Proposed by: Chris Hynes  
Seconded by: Ikram Hamoud

***Adopted***

Be it resolved that section 4.6.1 be amended to read:

“No member may be a candidate for two faculty director positions in the same elections. No sitting voting member of the Board of Administration may be a candidate for a faculty director position in a by-election or special election without first resigning from their current position.

Proposed by: Chris Hynes  
Seconded by: Anne-Marie Roy

***Adopted***

Be it resolved that 4.6.4 and 4.6.5 be added:

4.6.4 Any member who is seeking nomination for an Executive position must complete the bilingualism testing as directed by the Elections Director and successfully attain the

required levels of bilingualism as outlined in by-law 3.

#### 4.6.5

Any member who is seeking nomination for an Executive position who is deemed ineligible on the grounds of failing to meet the specified requirements for bilingualism shall have the option to automatically be considered a candidate for faculty director for the faculty in which she is currently enrolled. The individual member must indicate her desire to present herself for the faculty director position within 72 hours of being informed that she did not meet the eligibility requirements for the executive position.

Proposed by: Chris Hynes

Seconded by: John Davies

Be it resolved that section 4.6.5 be amended to read:

#### 4.6.5

Any member who is seeking nomination for an Executive position who is deemed ineligible on the grounds of failing to meet the specified requirements for bilingualism shall have the option to be considered a candidate for faculty director for the faculty in which she is currently enrolled. The individual member must indicate her desire to present herself for the faculty director position within 24 hours of being informed that she did not meet the eligibility requirements for the executive position. The individual member will then have 48 hours in which to collect the 25 required signatures of members of the federation in the faculty in which the candidate is seeking election.

Proposed by: Marilyn Tourangeau

Seconded by: Alex Boettger

***Defeated***

Be it resolved that section 4.6.4 be struck

Proposed by: Alex Boettger

Seconded by: Chris MacMillan

***Defeated***

Be it resolved that the amendment be divided

Proposed by: Chris MacMillan

Seconded by: Sophie Cousineau

***Defeated***

SFUO	Anne-Marie Roy –Y
SFUO	Dave Eaton Y
SFUO	Ikram Hamoud Y
SFUO	Pat Marquis Y
SFUO	Chris Hynes Y
SFUO	Nicole Desnoyers Y
Arts	Nicolette Addesa Y
Arts	Alex Boettger N
Arts	Sam Randazzo (absent)
Arts	Zorga Qaunaq Y
Education	Marilyn Tourangeau Y
Common Law	Emily Beveridge Y
Droit Civil	Jonathan Savard-Shaw (absent)
Engineering	JP Dubé Y
Engineering	Ossob Hassan (absent)
Health Sciences	Daniel Stojanovic (proxy – James Denny) Y
Health Sciences	Sinthusan Sinadurai Y
Health Sciences	Alex Roy Y
Management	Alexandrine Silga Y
Management	Mahmoud Dief (proxy – Taylor Davidson)Y
Management	Todisoa Audrey Paraina Y
Medicine	Miso Gostimir (absent)
Sciences	Sophie Cousineau A
Sciences	Chris Macmillan N
Sciences	Alexandre Giroux (proxy – Reily Ische) A
Social Sciences	Ciara Roberts Y
Social Sciences	Ahmed Hussein Y
Social Sciences	Katya Moussatova (absent)
Social Sciences	Sarah Weldetnsae Y
Social Sciences	John Davies Y
Social Sciences	Hanna Sam Y
Special Student	VACANT

### ***Adopted***

Be it resolved that the last sentence of section 4.5 be amended to read:  
Nomination forms for the Executive positions must be signed by at least fifty (50) members of the Federation, of which twenty-five of these signatures must be of members of the Federation enrolled in the same Faculty as the member seeking nomination.

Proposed by: Chris MacMillan  
Seconded by: Nicolette Addesa

Be it resolved that the last sentence of section 4.5 be amended to read:  
Nomination forms for the Executive positions must be signed by at least fifty (50) members of the Federation, of which it is suggested that twenty-five of these signatures must be of members of the Federation enrolled in the same Faculty as the member

seeking nomination.

Proposed by: JP Dubé

Seconded by: Audrey Paraina

***Adopted***

***Defeated***

Be it resolved that the meeting take a 15 minute recess

Proposed by: JP Dubé

Seconded by: Sophie Cousineau

Be it resolved that the meeting take a 10 minute recess

Proposed by Ahmed Hussein

Seconded by: Hanna Sam

***Adopted***

***Adopted***

Be it resolved that the meeting to continue for another hour.

***Adopted***

Be it further resolved that section 4.7.2b be amended to read:  
Review and ratify any modification to the Electoral Regulations.

Be it further resolved that section 4.10.2 be added:

4.10.2

In the event that there is only one candidate in the case of executive positions, or there is, within a given faculty, a number of candidates less than or equal to the number of seats to be filled, there shall be a ratification vote with a Yes/No ballot.

Be it further resolved that section 4.15a be amended to read:

a. by advising the Chairperson of the BOA or the President of the Federation by letter to that effect.”

Be it further resolved that section 4.10.3 be added:

4.10.3

Tied Elections

4.10.2.1

in the case of an election for an executive position or referendum, the Elections Director will vote twenty-four (24) hours before the opening of the polls and place her special ballot in a sealed envelope. This shall only be opened in the case of a tie between

leading candidates. On the special ballot, the Elections Director must list all candidates in order of preference.

#### 4.10.2.2

In the case of a tie in the election for a faculty director where the breaking of that tie would result in one candidate not being elected, a run-off vote is held no more than four (4) weeks after the election results are announced.

Proposed by: Chris Hynes

Seconded by: Sarah Weldentsae

***Adopted***

Be it resolved that the motion be tabled until March 2014

Proposed by: Alex Boettger

Seconded by: Chris Macmillan

***Defeated***

Be it resolved that the last sentence of 4.7.1 be amended to read:

“No more than two (2) of these positions may be occupied by an executive of the Federation”

Proposed by: Chris Hynes

Seconded by: Sinthusan Sinnadurai

***Adopted***

Be it resolved that section 4.7.2 a be amended to read:

The elections committee is responsible for selecting candidates for the positions of electoral officers.

The committee must design a selection process, and, upon review of the applicants, present the selection process as well as recommend the selected candidate for ratification to the Board of Administration.

Proposed by: Chris Hynes

Seconded by: James Denny

<b>SFUO</b>	<b>Anne-Marie Roy –Y</b>
<b>SFUO</b>	<b>Dave Eaton Y</b>
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<b>SFUO</b>	<b>Chris Hynes Y</b>
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Social Sciences	Ahmed Hussein Y
Social Sciences	Katya Moussatova (absent)
Social Sciences	Sarah Weldetsae Y
Social Sciences	John Davies Y
Social Sciences	Hanna Sam A
Special Student	VACANT

### ***Adopted***

Be it resolved that the following language be struck from section 4.7.3a:  
“without the ability to increase sanctions”

Proposed by: Chris Hynes

Seconded by: Dave Eaton

Be it resolved that the speakers list be extended by one in favour and one against

Proposed by: Chris MacMillan

Seconded by: Alex Boettger

### ***Defeated***

### ***Adopted***

Be it resolved that section 4.7.3b be struck

Proposed by: Chris Hynes

Seconded by: Ahmed Hussein

### ***Adopted***

Be it resolved that the meeting continue for one hour

### ***Adopted***

Be it resolved that section 4.8.1.1h be added:

4.8.1.1h

Facilitate the bilingualism testing process for Executive positions.

Proposed by: Chris Hynes

Seconded by: Nicolette Addesa

Be it resolved that the first sentence of 4.8.1.1h be amended to read:

Organize the bilingualism testing process for Executive positions

Proposed by: Alex Boettger

Seconded by: Chris Hynes

***Adopted***

***Adopted***

Be it resolved that section 4.9 be amended to read:

“Candidates must appear on the ballot individually followed by the name of their affiliation in parentheses when applicable.

Proposed by: Chris Hynes

Seconded by: Alexandrine Silga

Be it resolved that the speakers list be extended by one in favour and one against

Proposed by: Anne-Marie Roy

Seconded by: Hanna Sam

Be it resolved that the speakers list be extended by two in favour and two against

Proposed by Alex Boettger

Seconded by: Sophie Cousineau

***Defeated***

***Adopted***

Be it resolved that section 4.9 be amended to read:

“Candidates must appear on the ballot individually followed by an abridged version of their platform in parentheses”

Proposed by: Sophie Cousineau

Seconded by: Ahmed Hussein

Be it resolved that the question be called

***Adopted***

***Defeated***

Be it resolved that the question be called

***Adopted***

***Adopted***

Be it resolved that section 4.9.1 be replaced with

4.9.1

Candidates must declare any affiliation with other candidates prior to the start of the campaign by submitting a list of names and signatures of any candidates they are affiliating with to the Elections Director.

Proposed by: Chris Hynes

Seconded by: Sinthusan Sinnadurai

Be it resolved that the meeting continue for another hour

***Defeated***

***Adopted***

Be it resolved that section 4.12.5 be added:

4.12.5

A recount will be denied in the case that the difference of votes between the first and runner up candidate is greater than 5%.

Proposed by: Chris Hynes

Seconded by: Taylor Davidson

Be it resolved that the following language be added:

“unless 5% represents fewer than 10 votes”

Proposed by: Alex Boettger

Seconded by: Taylor Davidson

***Adopted***

Be it resolved that “the successful candidate with the least amount of votes and the runner up” replace “the first and runner up”

Proposed by: Alex Boettger

Seconded by: Chris MacMillan

***Adopted***

***Adopted***

Be it resolved that section 4.13.1 be amended to read:

4.13.1

A member of the current Executive, or current Faculty Director cannot be employed by the Elections Office in any role, paid or otherwise.

Proposed by: Chris Hynes

Seconded by: Nicole Desnoyers

***Adopted***

Be it resolved that section 4.16 be added:

4.16

Selection Committee



The selection committee shall be tasked with selecting candidates to fill the Special Student Director seat as well as any Executive or Faculty Director positions which become vacant after November 1<sup>st</sup>.

4.16.1

Composition

The selection committee is composed of five (5) members of the Board of Administration, of which at least one (1) and no more than three (3) is a member of the executive.

4.16.2

The role of the selection committee shall be to:

- a. establish selection criteria
- b. ensure that the vacant position is advertised
- c. conduct an interview process
- d. submit its recommendation for a candidate to the Board of Administration, along with the selection criteria used to reach this decision.

4.16.3

a recommendation of the Selection Committee shall be adopted by the Board of Administration by a vote of fifty percent plus one of directors present and voting.

Proposed by: Chris Hynes

Seconded by: Dave Eaton

Be it resolved that the language “of which at least one (1) and”

Proposed by: Alex Boettger

Seconded by: Sophie Cousineau

***Defeated***

***Adopted***

***Adopted***

**9.9 First Reading: Section 2**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** summer students not need to pay membership fees for their summer semesters; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** elements of bylaw 2.2.5 and 2.3.1c be struck and reworded to better reflect this:

Strike 2.2.5

Notwithstanding 2.2.1, a person who was an individual member for the whole of the winter term shall be deemed an individual member for the subsequent summer term. Such a member, unless currently registered at the University of Ottawa, shall not be required to pay the Federation membership fee during the summer months.

Modify 2.3.1.c In this article, except when specified otherwise, all fees are per fall or winter semester.

Proposed by:

Seconded by:

***Ruled out of order***

### **9.20 Miscellaneous**

Nicole – info point by law 8

JP Dubé – info point bylaw 3

Dave Eaton – info point by law 10

### **9.21 Question Period**

### **9.22 Closing of the meeting**

**Be it resolved that** the meeting be adjourned at 9:05PM

Proposed by: Alexandrine Silga

Seconded by: Sarah Weldetnsae

***Adopted***