

**STUDENT FEDERATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA
MINUTES OF THE TENTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION FOR 2014-
2015**

Date: Wednesday April 8th, 2015

Location: GSD 307

Time: 5:00pm

Chair: Katherine Giroux-Bougard

Secretary: Amy Hammett

10.1 Welcome

The meeting began at 5:30pm

10.2 Roll Call

SFUO	Anne-Marie Roy
SFUO	Dave Eaton
SFUO	Ikram Hamoud
SFUO	Maya McDonald
SFUO	Chris Hynes
SFUO	Nicole Desnoyers
Arts	VACANT
Arts	Meaghan Flaherty
Arts	Emily McBain Ashfeld
Arts	Sofia Morales
Common Law	Julia McDonald
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Education	Juliana Scramstad
Engineering	JP Dubé
Engineering	Veronica Carpani
Health Sciences	Mahdi Beydoun (ABSENT)
Health Sciences	Aissatou Bah
Health Sciences	Sophia El Moumi (ABSENT)
Management	Mahmoud Dief (ABSENT)
Management	Christopher Flores-Lyons
Management	Maria Kisselgoff (ABSENT)
Sciences	Rabia Abdeddaim
Sciences	Romeo Ahimakin
Sciences	Adriana Congi (ABSENT)
Social Sciences	Kyle Larkin (ABSENT)
Social Sciences	David Ricardo Mendez Ortiz (ABSENT)
Social Sciences	Quinn Blue
Social Sciences	Hanna Sam (ABSENT)
Social Sciences	Sid Abdoulaye (ABSENT)
Social Sciences	Simone Biaye (ABSENT)
Medicine	VACANT
Special Student	VACANT

10.3 Comments from the Chair

10.4 Adoption of the Agenda

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted as presented:

- 10.1 Welcome
 - 10.2 Roll Call
 - 10.3 Comments from the Chair
 - 10.4 Adoption of the Agenda
 - 10.5 Adoption of the Minutes of the previous meeting
 - 10.6 Executive Update
 - 10.7 Question Period
 - 10.8 Selection Committee
 - 10.9 Vote: Collective Bargaining Team
 - 10.10 Vote: 101 Week and Mental Health
 - 10.11 Vote: Health Plan Referendum
 - 10.12 Vote: Anti-Racism Work
 - 10.13 Vote: IPPSSA Investigation
 - 10.14 Vote: Multi-Faith Space Policy
 - 10.15 GA Motion: Privatization of education
 - 10.16 GA Motion: Supporting an official bilingual City of Ottawa
 - 10.17 GA Motion: Creating a History Committee
 - 10.18 GA Motion: General Assembly Petitions
 - 10.19 GA Motion: Fiscal Accountability
- Miscellaneous
- 9.11 Question Period
 - 9.12 Closing of the Meeting

Proposed by : Dave Eaton
Seconded by: Julia McDonald

Adopted

9.5 Adoption of the Minutes from the Previous Meeting

Be it resolved that the minutes from January 2015 BOA Meeting be accepted

Proposed by: Maya McDonald
Seconded by: Sarah Boukhedimi

Adopted

Be it resolved that the minutes from February 2015 BOA Meeting be accepted

Proposed by: Nicole Desnoyers

Seconded by: JP Dubé

Adopted

Be it resolved that the minutes from March 2015 BOA Meeting be accepted

Proposed by: Romeo Ahimakin

Seconded by: Veronica Carpani

Adopted

10.6 Executive Updates

President

VP Finance

VP Equity

VP University Affairs

VP Services and Communications

VP Social Affairs

10.7 Question Period

10.8 Selection Committee

Be it resolved that Romeo Ahimakin be ratified as the interim VP Services and Communication.

Proposed by: Chris Hynes

Seconded by: JP Dubé

Adopted

10.9 Vote: Collective Bargaining Team

Be It Resolved That a bargaining committee be struck to negotiate with CUPE 4943 in the upcoming round of negotiations on the Collective Agreement; and

Be It Further Resolved That this committee be comprised of the SFUO President, VP Finance and Executive Coordinator; and

Be It Further Resolved That this committee be responsible for these negotiations until they are completed and an agreement has been ratified by the Board of Administration.

Proposed by: Dave Eaton

Seconded by: Romeo Ahimakin

Adopted

10.10 Vote: 101 Week and Mental Health

BE IT RESOLVED that the SFUO conduct an investigation into mental health awareness and intervention training for 101 week guides

Proposed by: Quinn Blue

Seconded by: Nicole Desnoyers

Adopted

10.11 Vote: Health Plan Referendum

Be it resolved that a referendum question be put to students during the 2015 By-elections reading:

“Do you agree to increase the Health and Dental Plan levy by \$35, which includes an 8% mandatory retail sales tax, and authorize the SFUO Board of Administration to increase the fee up to 8% per year to enhance benefits as needed?”

Proposed by: Dave Eaton

Seconded by: Maya McDonald

Be it resolved that the question be amended to read:

“Do you agree to increase the Health and Dental Plan levy by \$35 and authorize the SFUO Board of Administration to increase the fee up to 8% per year to enhance benefits as needed?”

Proposed by: Veronica Carpani

Seconded by: JP Dubé

Adopted

Adopted

10.12 Vote: Anti-Racism Work

Be It Resolved That the SFUO dedicate resources including but not limited to funding, booking spaces, materials, information and support resources

Be It Further Resolved that campaigns focusing on anti-racism work be created through community consultations to ensure this work is lead by racialised students and catered to the specific needs and realities of racialised students

Proposed by: Romeo Ahimakin

Seconded by: Ikram Hamoud

Adopted

10.13 Vote: IPPSSA Investigation

Be It Resolved That the irresponsible and inaccessible presence and consumption of alcohol at the IPPSSA Debates be condemned; and

Be It Further Resolved That the Constitutional Committee of the 2014-2015 Board of Administration be tasked with the investigation of sanctions and actions to be imposed on the International, Political and Policy Studies Students Association

Proposed by: Nicole Desnoyers

Seconded by: Emily McBain-Ashfield

Be it resolved that the following be added at the end of the second Be It Resolved clause:

“And to review by-law 11 more generally to provide recommendations that will improve the execution of Federated Body elections”

Proposed by : Chris Hynes

Seconded by: Meaghan Flaherty

Adopted

Be it resolved that speakers list be extended by 2 in favour and 2 against:

Proposed by: Nicole Desnoyers

Seconded by: Julia McDonald

Adopted

Adopted

Be it resolved that a recess of 10 minutes be taken

proposed by: Nicole Desnoyers

Seconded by: Ikram Hamoud

Adopted

10.14 Vote: Multi-Faith Space Policy

Be It Resolved That Policy 44 be added to the SFUO Policy Manual:

Policy 44

The SFUO supports student run and student managed multifaith spaces and prayer spaces on campus to meet the needs of its diverse membership

Proposed by: Nicole Desnoyers

Seconded by: Maya McDonald

Adopted

10.15 GA Motion: Privatization of Education

BE IT RESOLVED that the Student Federation oppose any efforts to privatize post-secondary education. This includes contracting out of on campus work to undermine high wage unionized work, increasing influence in academic research, and an increased reliance on user or tuition fees rather than public funds.

Proposed by: Anne-Marie Roy

Seconded by: Chris Hynes

Adopted

10.16 GA Motion: Supporting an official bilingual City of Ottawa

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SFUO send a letter to Mayor Jim Watson and city council demanding that Ottawa be officially designated as a bilingual city by 2017, the 150th anniversary of Canada's capital

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SFUO support the campaign advocating for Ottawa's official bilingualism designation

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SFUO send out by e-mail the change.org petition calling for the city of Ottawa to be officially designated as a bilingual city

Proposed by: Anne-Marie Roy

Seconded by: Nicole Desnoyers

Adopted

10.17 GA Motion: Creating a History Committee

This is a motion for the creation of a committee of volunteers tasked with the purpose of writing a cumulative history of the SFUO. This committee will be required to submit a yearly report chronicling the SFUO's actions during present school year, as well as creating similar reports for years prior. All records created by this committee are to be accessible to all University of Ottawa students. This committee will be a standing committee, as each upcoming year needs to be chronicled accordingly.

Why?

1. This will give students access to the history of their student union, prompting them to make more informed political actions (voting, etc.) in respect to short and long term goals and interests.
2. The SFUO will be able to make more effective decisions by knowing historically what has worked and what hasn't.
3. This will help the SFUO create and maintain long term projects and mandates by granting its members the benefit of prior knowledge
4. The committee's works can potentially be published to garner awareness and even raise funds to go towards the betterment of student life at the University of Ottawa.
5. Having access to the SFUO's history will make it easier for students to come up with good ideas to improve conditions on campus.
6. This costs nothing to create.
7. This will be extremely beneficial to future students for the reasons above, so the Student Federation of the University of Ottawa can make continuous and visible progress long after we graduate.

Proposed by: Julia McDonald

Seconded by: JP Dubé

Be it resolved that we extend the speakers list by two in favour and two against

Proposed by: Nicole Desnoyers

Seconded by: Juliana Scramstad

Adopted

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Defeated

10.18 GA Motion: General Assembly Petitions

Be it resolved that the SFUO be mandated to recognize all motions supported by a petition of at least 10 valid members of the SFUO at all General Assemblies.

Proposed by: Veronica Carpani

Seconded by: Christopher Flores-Lyons

Be it resolved that the number of valid members required to support a motion by petition be 50

Proposed by: Christopher Flores-Lyons

Seconded by: JP Dubé

Defeated

Defeated

10.19 GA Motion: Fiscal Accountability

BE IT RESOLVED that in the name of fiscal responsibility and student union accountability, any increase in student association fees must be voted on in a democratic fashion with a voter turnout of 25% or more of eligible student voters.

Proposed by: Nicole Desnoyers

Seconded by: Julia McDonald

Defeated

10.20 GA Motion: SFUO Electoral Reform

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the usage of slates and official candidacy groups, as well as official affiliations between candidates for any position during the election period are henceforth banned and prohibited during SFUO elections; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Section 4.7 under Bylaw 4 of the SFUO Constitution is removed in its entirety, and replaced with “No official affiliations, slates, or official candidacy groups will be permitted during SFUO Elections.”; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT any attempt by a candidate (s) to circumvent this motion and form a slate and/or official candidacy group and/or official affiliation between candidates will be subject to penalties by the Elections CEO, up to and including that of disqualification; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE Board of Administrators is to examine and look into ways to amend Bylaw 4 of the SFUO constitution in order to make the election period, campaigning, and the usage of volunteers fairer and more transparent and to implement the above resolutions in time for the SFUO General Election in 2016; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT for SFUO executive positions, the number of spoiled ballots is to be counted and be disclosed alongside the usual declaration of results, with the definition and framework of what constitutes a spoiled ballot to be inspired by Elections Ontario rules.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Elections Committee, the Constitution Committee and the Policy and Bylaw Committee will be the committees in charge of studying and applying the motion.

Proposed by: Sarah Boukhedimi

Seconded by: Veronica Carpani

Be it resolved that the speakers list be extended by 3 in favour and 3 against

Proposed by: Julia McDonald
Seconded by: Nicole Desnoyers

Adopted

Defeated

10.21 CFS AGM Delegation

Be it resolved that Ali Chatur and Ashley Reynolds be members of the SFUO's delegation to the CFS AGM in June 2015.

Proposed by: Chris Hynes
Seconded by: Nicole Desnoyers

Adopted

10.22 Miscellaneous

10.23 Question Period

10.24 Closing of the Meeting

Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 9:30pm

Proposed by: Nicole Desnoyers

Seconded by: Ikram Hamoud

Adopted