

**STUDENT FEDERATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA
MINUTES OF THE SECOND SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION FOR
2016-2017**

Date: Thursday January 26th, 2017

Location: TBT083

Time: 5:30pm

Chair: Shawn Philip Hunsdale

Secretary: Jesse Root

1.1 Welcome

The meeting began at

1.2 Roll Call

FÉUO	Romeo Ahimakin NP
FÉUO	Rizki Rachiq NP
FÉUO	Hadi Wess
FÉUO	Morissa Dalia- Ellis
FÉUO	Vanessa Dorimain
FÉUO	Francesco Caruso
Arts	Kathryn Leblanc
Arts	Tristain Lamonica
Arts	VACANT
Arts	Jocelyn Cadieux NP
Common Law	Lee Chitty
Droit Civil	Safie Diallo NP
Education	VACANT
Génie	Arsalan Ahmed Khan NP
Génie	Princejeet Singh Sandhu NP
Génie	Jeffry Colin
Sciences santé	Ellen Galupo
Sciences santé	Minh Duong
Sciences santé	Vacant
Administration	Milly Pang
Administration	Serge Andersen Bakoussam Proxy Sukayina
Administration	Sarah Mhidi
Sciences	Axel Gaga
Sciences	Paloma Sawaya NP

Sciences	Setti Belhouari (Iris Samputu)
Sciences sociales	Caylie Mckinley
Sciences sociales	Iris Wong NP
Sciences sociales	Leila Moumouni — Tchouassi
Sciences sociales	Mikayla Vattiata
Sciences sociales	Tony Bui
Medicine	Alexander Liam Pearson
Étudiants spéciaux	David Gakwerere

1.3 Comments from the Chair

1.4 Adoption of the Agenda

Agenda

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FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL

1.5 GA Motions

- i. Motion for SFUO executive elections reform
- ii. Motion for the creation of a VP Student Affairs
- iii. Motion for the creation of the Student Court
- iv. General Assembly Motion for Online Voting in SFUO Elections
- v. Motion for a Statement Condemning Turkish Political Purges
- vi. Motion Supporting a Living Wage
- vii. Capital in Motion – Contemporary Perspective on Capitalist Political Economy

FOR INFORMATION

1.6 Miscellaneous

1.7 Question Period

1.8 Closing

Be it resolved that the agenda be approved as presented

Moved: Tristan Lamonica

Seconded: Alexander Pearson

Carried

Motion to amend the agenda to include:

1. Ratification of BOA members 1.5
2. Committee Vacancies 1.6
3. Add 10 min question period 1.7
4. Emergency motion SFUO Elections 1.8

Moved: Tony Bui

Seconded: Romeo Ahimakin

Carried

Add item corporate maintenance report after 1.7

Moved: Jeffry Colin

Seconded: Tristan Lamonica

Carried

Be it resolved that Kathryn Leblanc, Sarah Mhidi, Axel Gaga, and David Gakwerere be ratified as members of the board of administration as per the recommendation of the Selection Committee

Moved: Vanessa Dorimain

Seconded: Tony Bui

Carried

Motion to table to the next meeting

Moved: Romeo Ahimakin

Seconded: Alexander Pearson

Defeated

1.5 Committees

Motion to open nominations

Moved: Tony Bui

Seconded: Hadi Wess

Be it resolved that Rizki Rachiq be named to the Constitutional Committee, and that Kathryn Leblanc be named as an alternate.

Moved: Vanessa Dorimain
Seconded: David Gakwerere

Be it resolved that David Gakwerere be named to the Disciplinary Committee, and Safie Diallo be named as an alternate.

Moved: Vanessa Dorimain
Seconded: David Gakwerere

Be it resolved that Serge Bakoussam and Safie Diallo be named to the Elections Committee
Moved: Vanessa Dorimain
Seconded: David Gakwerere

Be it resolved that Kathryn Leblanc be named to the General Assembly Outreach Committee
Moved: Vanessa
Seconded: David
Carried

Motion to consider Motions on Executive salary increases, and vp finance eligibility.

Moved: Rizki Rachiq
Seconded: Jeffry Colin
Carried

Motion to pass motion 9 of the Corporate Maintenance Report at second reading

Moved: Jeffry Colin
Seconded: Romeo Ahimakin
Carried

Emergency Motion

Emergency Motion - SFUO 2017 General Elections

WHEREAS Section 4.7.2 of the Constitution, detailing the Duties of the Elections Committee, states that "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.", which was not done;

WHEREAS The VP University Affairs currently holds the role of CRO, despite Section 4.14.1 of the Constitution explicitly stating that "A member of the current Executive, or current Faculty Director cannot be employed by the Elections Office in any role, paid or otherwise.";

WHEREAS The Elections Office wishes to deviate from standard ballot counting procedure for this year, proposing to count ballots every night instead of counting them all at once after the campaign period is over, which, although not illegal, goes against standard Federal, Provincial, and SFUO common electoral practice;

WHEREAS Counting ballots each voting day not only has never been standard practice, but also gives an unfair advantage to candidates who have scrutineers for all three days, who will have daily updates on their electoral standings in certain buildings, and ergo faculties, which will fundamentally alter the electoral period and practices;

WHEREAS The elections office previously attempted to go against section 4.10 of the SFUO Constitution, which states that debates "must be held during the campaign period", by scheduling a debate to be held on Saturday, January 28th, a day before the launch of the campaign;

BE IT RESOLVED That the VP University Affairs be removed from her position as CRO, as it is a direct breach of Section 4.7.2 of the Constitution;

Defeated

Motion to extend speakers list by 5 for and 5 against

Moved: Francesco Caruso

Seconded: Rizki Rachiq

Motion to recess for 5 minutes

Moved: Lee Chitty

Seconded: Arsalan Ahmed Khan

Carried

Modify to 10 mins

Moved: Arsalan Ahmed Khan

Seconded: Safie Diallo

Carried

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the ballot counting procedure be the same as it has been for the previous years, which is to say counting all ballots once the campaign period is over after Friday, February 10th at 5pm;

Carried

Abstention of Rizki

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Elections Committee keep a close oversight of the Electoral Process as to ensure that everything goes according to the rules and that the Constitution is respected.

Moved: Tony Bui

Seconded: Romeo Ahimkain

Call question

Moved: Caylie McKinlay

Seconded: Hadi Wess

Carried

Motion to split the motion to deal with BIRT clauses separately

1.5 General Assembly Motions

Motion for SFUO executive elections reform

WHEREAS the SFUO should strive to ensure that its elections are as free, open and democratic as possible;

WHEREAS the SFUO still uses the imperfect first-past-the-post voting system for its executive elections;

WHEREAS under the first-past-the-post system, it is possible for a candidate to win a seat with the support of only a minority of voters;

WHEREAS a proportional representation system would confer excessive amounts of power to slates and would discourage independent candidates;

WHEREAS the single transferable vote system is already used by many student governments, and even by several national governments across the world;

BE IT RESOLVED section 4.11 of the SFUO Constitution be amended to read as follows:

“4.11 Method of Voting

The Federation’s elections are conducted according to the Wright System of the single transferable vote electoral system.”

Moved: Jeffry Colin

Seconded: Tony Bui

Motion to refer to the elections committee

Moved: Hadi Wess

Seconded: Alexander Pearson

Carried

Motion to amend to include BIFRT: Elections committee would analyse the feasibility of STV in the SFUO context and recommend if a referendum should be held.

Moved: Jeffry Colin

Seconded: Arsalan Ahmed Khan

Carried

Motion for the creation of a VP Student Affairs

WHEREAS each executive position of the SFUO should focus on one particular aspect of the Federation’s activities;

WHEREAS the duties of the VP Equity are currently divided between managing clubs and spearheading social justice initiatives, and whereas the duties of the VP Communications and Services are currently divided between communications and managing the Federation’s services;

WHEREAS managing clubs does not necessarily fall under a social justice mandate, and whereas managing services does not necessarily fall under a communications mandate;

WHEREAS adding an additional executive position would improve the executive decision-making processes by preventing split votes, as there are currently six (6) executive positions;

WHEREAS managing clubs and services would fall under a student affairs mandate;

BE IT RESOLVED that article 3.1.1.1 of the SFUO Constitution be amended to read as follows:

“The affairs of the Federation are managed by a Board of Administration composed of 33 members:

a. the SFUO President

b. the SFUO Vice President, Communications

c. the SFUO Vice President, Finance

- d. the SFUO Vice President, Social Activities
- e. the SFUO Vice President Equity
- f. the SFUO Vice President, University Affairs
- g. the SFUO Vice President, Student Affairs
- h. 25 faculty directors elected directly by and from their faculty membership
- i. 1 special student director appointed by the selection of the BoA”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that article 3.2.1 of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:

“Composition

The Executive is composed of seven members:

- a.The President;
- b.The Vice-President, Finance;
- c.The Vice-President, Equity;
- d.The Vice-President, University Affairs;
- e. The Vice-President, Student Affairs;
- f.The Vice-President, Social;
- g.The Vice-President, Communications;

The members of the Executive are the officers of the Federation and are nominated by the Board of Administration. Only those persons having been duly elected in conformity with section 4 to a position on the Executive are qualified for that particular position.”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT article 3.5 of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:

“Vice-President, Equity

3.5.1 Duties

3.5.1.1 She shall work towards breaking down barriers to full participation in student life and addressing discrimination on campus.

3.5.1.2 She shall be responsible for the Federation’s Women’s Resource Centre, Pride Centre, International House, Centre for Students with Disabilities, and Bilingualism Centre.

3.5.1.3 She shall work with services, clubs, and students-at-large to address systemic issues of discrimination and inequality.

3.5.1.4 She shall implement campaigns and programming to educate students on equity issues, amplify historically marginalized voices, and eliminate barriers on campus.

3.5.1.5 She shall actively seek consultation from historically and currently marginalized communities on any pertinent campus issues.

3.5.1.7 She shall be responsible for Black History Month events, in consultation with the Black History Month committee in accordance with Policy 40 of the Federation’s Policy Manual.

3.5.1.8 She shall maintain contact with the University of Ottawa’s Aboriginal Resource Centre, Ombudsperson, and Office for the Prevention of Discrimination and Harassment.

3.5.1.9 She shall maintain a relationship with the Ontario Public Interest Group (OPIRG) at the University of Ottawa.

3.5.1.10 She shall chair the Student Life Services Committee.

3.5.2 Eligibility

Any member of the Federation is eligible to run for the position of Vice-President, Equity, on the condition that she:

- a. Is at time of her election at least eighteen years of age.
- b. Is bilingual, that is to say, achieves a grade of two (2) out of four (4) on the reading test and four (4) out of five (5) on the oral test in both official languages. Tests are to be administered by the Official Languages and Bilingualism Institute of the University of Ottawa using the “French Proficiency Test,” the “English Proficiency Test” and the “CanTEST.” Each potential candidate must take the tests scheduled for her by the Chief Electoral Officer.”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT article 3.8 of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:

“Vice President, Communications

3.8.1 Duties

3.8.1.1 She shall assume the duties of Vice President of the Federation.

3.8.1.2 In extraordinary circumstances, the executive may grant her signing authority with a unanimous vote.

3.8.1.3 She shall assume responsibility for all communication-related matters of the Federation and will ensure they are bilingual in nature.

3.8.1.4 She shall be responsible for Zoom Productions.

3.8.1.5 She shall assume responsibility for the Federation's website, social media, brand, image, and visibility on and off campus.

3.8.1.6 She shall assume responsibility for producing media releases, internal communications, and general information reports about the Student Federations' activities. When appropriate, information will be distributed on campus and to local, provincial, and national media.

3.8.1.7 She shall be responsible for maintaining a comprehensive calendar of events offered by the SFUO.

3.8.1.8 She shall maintain contact with the University of Ottawa's Media Relation Department, and with external media groups.

3.8.1.9 She shall coordinate requests from the media for interviews and news stories and will direct reporters to the appropriate sources.

3.8.1.10 She shall be responsible for the Translation Department, the Promotion Team and the SFUO's Marketing department.

3.8.2 Eligibility

Any member of the Federation shall be eligible for the office of Vice-President Services and Communications, provided that she:

a. is at the time of her election at least eighteen years of age;

b. is bilingual, that is to say, achieves a grade of three (3) out of four (4) on the reading test, of five (5) out of five (5) on the oral test and of four and a half (4.5) out of five (5) on the writing test in both official languages. Tests are to be administered by the Official Languages and Bilingualism Institute of the University of Ottawa using the "French Proficiency Test," the "English Proficiency Test" and the "CanTEST." Each potential candidate must take the tests scheduled for her by the Chief Electoral Officer."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that article 3.9 be added to the Constitution:

"Vice-President, Student Affairs

3.9.1 Duties

3.9.1.1 She shall assume duties of Secretary of the Federation.

3.9.1.2 She shall be responsible for the Federation's clubs.

3.9.1.3 She shall be responsible for the Federation's Food Bank, Sustainable Development Centre, Foot Patrol, Bike Coop, and Peer Help Centre.

3.9.1.4 She shall chair the Sustainability Committee and shall be responsible for the Federation's sustainable development initiatives.

3.9.1.5 She shall chair the Student Experience Committee.

3.9.1.6 She shall chair the Accessibility Fund Committee.

3.9.1.7 She shall be responsible for the Federation's Student Refugee Program.

3.9.2 Eligibility

Any member of the Federation shall be eligible for the office of Vice-President Services and Communications, provided that she:

a. is at the time of her election at least eighteen years of age;

b. Is bilingual, that is to say, achieves a grade of two (2) out of four (4) on the reading test and four (4) out of five (5) on the oral test in both official languages. Tests are to be administered by the Official Languages and Bilingualism Institute of the University of Ottawa using the "French

Proficiency Test,” the “English Proficiency Test” and the “CanTEST.” Each potential candidate must take the tests scheduled for her by the Chief Electoral Officer.”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that sections 3.3.1.9 and 3.3.1.10, dealing with the duties of the President of the Federation, be struck from the Constitution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that section 3.4.1.10, dealing with the duties of the Vice-President, Finance, be struck from the Constitution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that section 3.6.1.1, dealing with the duties of the Vice-President, University Affairs, be struck from the Constitution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the rest of the Constitution be re-numbered accordingly.

Moved: Jeffry Colin

Seconded: Tony Bui

Motion to refer to constitutional committee

Moved: Kathryn Leblanc

Seconded: Rizki Rachiq

Carried

Motion for the creation of the Student Court

WHEREAS the separation of powers should be a fundamental attribute of democratic government;

WHEREAS the judicial power of the SFUO should be kept independent from the executive and legislative power of the SFUO;

WHEREAS the judicial power of the SFUO should be as depoliticised and free from partisan influence as possible;

WHEREAS the General Assembly, which only meets twice a year, is currently the only body that oversees the work of the Board of Administration;

WHEREAS the Board of Administration should not be its own judge and jury;

WHEREAS the current Constitutional Committee does not adequately fulfil the role of an independent judicial body because it is neither independent nor free from partisan influence;

WHEREAS the current Constitutional Committee does not adequately fulfil the role of a strong judicial body because it does not have a sufficient mandate to fulfil that purpose;

WHEREAS the Student Court of the Federation was originally created in the 1960s as an essential part of the Federation’s process of growth and independence from the university;

WHEREAS the original Student Court served students of this university for over 40 years;

WHEREAS the Student Court was abolished by the BoA in 2011 without a referendum or proper consultation with students;

WHEREAS several other student governments across Canada, including at UBC and at the University of Calgary, have institutions fulfilling the role of a student court;

BE IT RESOLVED that Bylaw 5 be added to the SFUO Constitution and read as follows:

“Bylaw 5

Student Court

5.1 Functions

The judicial authority of the Federation is vested in the Student Court.

5.2 Powers

The Student Court shall have the authority to:

5.2.1 Interpret the letters patent, the preamble, the Bylaws, the policies and resolutions of the Federation;

5.2.2 Decide upon the constitutionality of any action taken under the Constitution, the letters patent, the statutes, the Bylaws, the policies and resolutions adopted by the Federation;

5.2.3 Impose sanctions on any member of the Federation or on any group or organisation of the Federation. These sanctions must be appropriate and include, but are not limited to:

- a. Removing a member of the Federation;
- b. Suspending any privileges that are associated with being a member of the Federation.

5.2.4 Judge, when requested by an interested party who is a member of the Federation, any conflict opposing federated bodies, official student groups, one or more students, one or more employees of the Federation, or any conflict opposing one of these and the Federation;

5.2.5 Discharge any other duty at the request of the Federation's Board of Administration or General Assembly;

5.3 Composition

5.3.1 The Student Court is composed of five (5) arbitrators and two (2) alternate arbitrators for situations of conflict of interest, all members of the Federation and at least 18 years of age;

- a. When appointed by the Chief Arbitrator to sit on a particular hearing, alternate arbitrators shall have the full rank and authority of arbitrators.

5.3.2 The membership of the Court shall include no more than two arbitrators per Faculty;

5.3.3 No director, employee or other official, elected or appointed, of the Federation or any Federated Body of the Federation may be an arbitrator of the Student Court.

5.3.4 The arbitrators shall choose among themselves a Chief Arbitrator by means of a secret ballot.

5.3.5 Student Court Selection Committee

- 5.3.5.1 Arbitrators shall be appointed by the Student Court Selection Committee, who shall appoint them as vacancies occur

5.3.5.2 The Student Court Selection Committee shall be composed of five (5) Federated Body Presidents;

- a. The Presidents' Roundtable shall recommend the Presidents to be members of the Student Court Selection Committee to the Board of Administration which shall ratify them as vacancy occurs;

5.3.6 All arbitrators must be bilingual.

5.3.7 Each arbitrator is appointed to hold office for a two-year term, beginning the 1st of May subsequent to their appointment and ending on the 30th of April two years after, which may not be renewed, until she meets one of the following criteria:

- a. She ceases to be a member of the Federation;
- b. She submits her resignation to the Chairperson of the Board of Administration
- c. She ceases to meet any of the other requirements of article 5.3.

5.3.7.1 The term of office for an arbitrator filling a vacant seat shall commence immediately following appointment and end on the following 30th of April.

5.3.8 Each arbitrator must complete the following training, along with any other training deemed necessary by the Board of Administration or the General Assembly:

- a. A training session on the Constitution, policies and letters patent of the Federation, and on past judgments of the Court;
- b. A training session organised by the Chairperson of the Board of Administration and the SFUO President, including a training session on conflict resolution/anti-bullying, a session on anti-oppression, a session on the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (2005), and Indigenous Solidarity and Recognition Training;
- c. A training session on proper Court procedure and conflict of interest;
- d. A guide to the general workings of the Federation, provided by an appropriate Federation staff member.

e. Any other training session deemed necessary by the Board of Administration or the General Assembly.

5.3.9 Each arbitrator is entitled to receive an honorarium of no more than \$300 per semestre;
5.3.9.1 This amount shall be adjusted for inflation each year, beginning with the Federation's fiscal year 2017-2018.

5.3.10 Impeachment

5.3.10.1 Ground for impeachment

Grounds for impeachment of arbitrators shall be as follows:

- a. Failure to carry out constitutional duties without just cause; and
- b. Abuse of power;

5.3.10.2 Impeachment Proceeding shall be initiated by a majority vote of the Board of Administration, a majority vote of the General Assembly, or a petition

5.3.10.3 Any motion or any petition initiating impeachment proceedings shall specify the grounds for which impeachment is sought and the specific reasons or events justifying impeachment

5.3.10.4 An arbitrator may be impeachment by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Administration

5.3.10.5 In the case of an impeachment, the impeached arbitrator ceases to exercise her functions immediately after the Board of Administration meeting

5.4 Criteria to be Respected in Decision Making

The members of the Student Court must be at least subject, among others, to the following criteria in rendering their decisions:

5.4.1 In order to render a valid juridical decision, the members of the Student Court must ensure that the following principles have been respected:

- a. The impartiality of the arbitrators is not put in doubt by their interest in the case before them;
- b. The nomination of the arbitrators conforms to the rules of the Federation;
- c. The processing of the case before the Student Court respects the established rules of practice (section 5.5);
- d. The parties involved have had full opportunity to be heard in their case;
- e. The decision taken is motivated by laws, rules, or principles of equity recognised in Canada;
- f. The decision taken is motivated by the bylaws and principles of the Federation; and
- g. The necessary means are taken to render the decision effective

5.4.2 To respect the Common Law rules of fair procedure, usually known as the Rules of Natural Arbitrator. These rules comprehend two basic principles of fairness:

- a. A person must not be an arbitrator in her own cause; and
- b. A person must not be condemned unheard.

5.4.3 Here are the minimum guidelines to abide by in relation with the right to be heard:

- a. Notice of the intention to make a decision should be given to whose rights may be affected if she is entitled to a hearing;
- b. The party whose rights may be affected must be sufficiently informed of the allegations against her interest to enable her to make an adequate reply;
- c. A genuine hearing must be held at which the party affected is made aware of the allegations against her and is permitted to answer;
- d. The party affected must be allowed the right to cross-examine parties giving evidence against her interest;
- e. A reasonable request for adjournment to permit the party affected to properly prepare and present her case must be granted by arbitrators.

5.4.4 To respect the following rules of interpretation when dealing with any document or agreement that may result from or be related to this constitution including any appropriate changes that may be effectuated:

- a. The constitution as a whole is to be read in its entire context so as to ascertain the intention of the General Assembly, Board of Administration, executive or pertinent director (taking into consideration the literal sense, if not implicit meaning of the words contained in the constitution), the objectives wanted to be fulfilled by the constitution, and the general arrangement of the constitution
- b. The words of the individual sections are to be applied to particular cases under consideration so as to be read in their grammatical and ordinary sense in light of the intention of the Board of Administration or the General Assembly embodied in this constitution, its objectives and general arrangement. If the words are clear, unambiguous and in harmony with the General Assembly, Board of Administration, objectives and general arrangement of the constitution, then no further interpretation will be required
- c. If the words of the individual sections are apparently obscure or ambiguous, then a meaning that best conforms with the intention of the General Assembly, Board of Administration, the objectives and general arrangement of the constitution shall be found. Let it be noted that the meanings given to the words shall be meanings that the said words are reasonably capable of bearing
- d. If, notwithstanding that the words are clear and unambiguous when read in their grammatical and ordinary sense, there should still be disharmony with this constitution or any other statute that may rule on analogous matter, then a less grammatical or less ordinary meaning that will produce harmony is to be given to the words. Let it be noted that the meanings given to the words shall be meanings that the said words are reasonably capable of bearing
- e. If obscurity, ambiguity or disharmony cannot be resolved objectively by referring to the intentions of the General Assembly, Board of Administration, the objectives of the constitution or its general arrangement, then a meaning of the words that appears most reasonable shall be selected.

5.4.5 The Court shall not stray into the area of policy making.

5.4.6 The Court shall seek out information and informed opinion from Federation officials when relevant to cases before it.

5.5 Procedure

5.5.1 General Provisions

5.5.1.1 Where a declaration is sought, or where a party wishes to submit a dispute before the Student Court, a written notice must be sent to the Chief Arbitrator. This notice must set out the relevant facts and the decision sought.

5.5.1.2 No application for a hearing may be submitted to the Clerk of the Court more than three months after the event to which it refers.

5.5.1.3 Upon receiving the notice, the Chief Arbitrator shall notify all parties involved in the dispute.

5.5.1.4 The members of the Student Court may, at their discretion, meet before the actual hearing.

5.5.1.5 Following a decision of the Student Court, a unanimous or a majority decision followed with a dissenting opinion, as the case may be, must be publicly rendered.

5.5.1.6 In any particular case, and at any time it deems necessary, the Student Court may, at its discretion, disqualify any one or more of its members.

5.5.1.7 As soon as the Chief Arbitrator has received notice of a case according to section 5.5.1.1, the Student Court has ten (10) working days to begin hearings in the case before it

5.5.1.8 All hearings of the Student Court shall be taped and published online on the Federation website

5.5.1.9 Minutes shall be kept of all Student Court hearings, and those minutes shall be published on the Federation website.

5.5.1.10 A quorum of the Court shall be five (5) arbitrators.

5.5.1.11 Prior to the termination of the Federation's fiscal year (the 30th of April), a summary report must be submitted to the Board of Administration by the Chief Arbitrator

5.5.2 Declarations

Where a formal declaration is sought from the Student Court:

5.5.2.1 A written notice must be presented to the Chief Arbitrator. Upon reception of the notice, she must, in return, convene the Court within the next ten (10) working days

5.5.2.2 This notice must indicate the intention of all parties involved to appear before the Court and be heard

5.5.2.3 The decision of the Student Court must be rendered within ten (10) working days following the last hearing

5.5.3 Dispute

When a claim or recourse is sought from the Student Court:

5.5.3.1 A written notice must be presented to the Chief Arbitrator. The notice sets out the relevant facts giving rise to the dispute. This notice must be served concurrently on the opposing party

5.5.3.2 The hearing must take place within ten (10) working days following the presentation of the notice

5.5.3.3 The decision of the Student Court must be rendered within ten (10) working days following the last hearing

5.6 Representation

5.6.1 Persons appearing before the Student Court may be represented by another member of the Federation provided that the person is not a lawyer

5.6.2 The Student Court will ensure that a list of student advocates be made available to the interested parties, prior to the commencement of the first hearing

5.7 Right of Appeal

5.7.1 Any individual member of the Federation may appeal a decision of the Student Court to the Board of Administration, on condition that the following requirements are met:

a. The person wishing to appeal is a party directly concerned by the decision of the Student Court of Appeals;

b. The request be brought to the attention of the Chairperson of the Board of Administration, no later than three (3) working days after the decision of the Student Court of Appeals has been rendered;

5.7.2 The decision of the Student Court may only be reversed by a two thirds (2/3) vote of the directors present.

5.7.3 The decision of the Board of Administration to overturn or uphold a ruling of the Student Court is final.

5.7.4 A request for an appeal can only be received once by the Board of Administration.

5.8 Clerk of the Student Court

5.8.1 A clerk of the Court shall be appointed by the Board of Administration.

5.8.2 The clerk of the Court's duties shall be:

a. To publish a notice as provided in the rules of procedure of the Court before each sitting of the Court.

- b. To prepare a room suitable for a sitting of the Court for the time, day and place specified in the notice of charge duly received by the accused in that proceeding.
- c. To take possession of and be responsible for the production of all exhibits and other materials relevant to a proceeding.
- d. To record the judgment of the Court, the course of the proceedings and in particular, the points of evidence adduced by counsel and to keep the same in a secure place.
- e. To request of each witness and each accused called to give testimony and undertaking in the terms provided in the rules of procedure of the Court.
- f. To request of each witness and each accused a statement of his or her faculty and year.

5.8.3 The clerk of the Court is entitled to receive an honorarium of no more than \$200 per semestre.”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that article 3.12.11 be struck from the Constitution, eliminating the Constitutional Committee as a standing committee;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that article 3.12.3 be amended to read as follows:

“Bylaw 5

Policy and By-Laws Committee

3.12.3.1 Functions

- a. To receive, conceive and word amendments to the Bylaws and Constitution in order to propose them to the Board of Administration and the General Assembly;
- b. To verify the congruence and correct wording of provisions of the Bylaws;
- c. To elaborate policies to propose to the Board of Administration and the General Assembly for the Policy Manual;
- d. To ensure that all presented motions to the Board of Administration and the General Assembly are in order, in accordance with Robert’s Rules of Order and the SFUO Constitution;
- e. To follow the activities of the Student Court of Appeals, and, in cases where the Court acts improperly, recommend actions for the Board of Administration to take.

3.12.3.2 Composition

- a. The President of the Federation, with the right to vote only to break a tie vote;
- b. The Chairperson of the Board of Administration;
- c. Three directors other than a member of the Executive;
- d. A delegate from the presidents’ roundtable; and
- e. All individual members of the Federation, with speaking rights only.”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Administration ratify any necessary re-numbering or further amendment to the Constitution.

Moved: Jeffry Colin

Seconded: Tony Bui

Defeated

Motion to refer to the policy and bylaw committee

Moved: Jeffry Colin

Seconded: Tony Bui

Defeated

General Assembly Motion for Online Voting in SFUO Elections

WHEREAS the SFUO aims to “regroup all undergraduate students of the University of Ottawa in a democratic and cooperative organisation” as per the SFUO’s Statement of Principles;

WHEREAS a strong democracy requires high levels of active and engaged participation;

WHEREAS SFUO voter turnout in the last 50 years has consisted of a very small percentage of the student population;

WHEREAS the current voting system used is effectively the same one used in 1955 when the voting population was 1,009 in total (it’s over 35,000 now);

WHEREAS the current voting system is inaccessible to many students, especially those who belong to marginalized groups in society;

WHEREAS the SFUO should strive to be as paper-free as possible to protect the environment;

WHEREAS the Internet has proven itself to be a very effective tool to promote political engagement and participation;

WHEREAS the SFUO had online voting in 2009, which resulted in a voter turnout of over 8200 (27%), the highest amount of students voting ever;

WHEREAS the logistical and technical problems that caused the SFUO to stop using online voting in 2010 can be avoided, as evidence by the safe and successful use of online voting at many other student governments;

WHEREAS almost every other university in Canada and the world uses online voting and whereas those universities often have much higher voter turnout rates than the SFUO;

WHEREAS one example of a successful implementation of online voting is the Carleton University Students’ Association, where voter turnout was 33% in the 2016 General Elections;

WHEREAS online voting is being used successfully by fed bodies on our campus, including the Science Students’ Association;

WHEREAS online voting is becoming more and more accepted at a national level: for instance, Estonia has used online voting since 2007 and the British Parliament’s Digital Democracy Commission found that the UK should implement online voting in time for their next election;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT article 4.11.1 of the SFUO Constitution be amended as follows:

“4.11.1 Voting must be conducted in person or online during polling hours.

4.11.1.1 If voting is conducted in person, members on exchange, in co-op, or otherwise off campus may submit absentee ballots.

4.11.1.2 The Elections Office is responsible for ensuring the accessibility and administration of all voting procedures.”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the SFUO use an online voting system for its elections, beginning in the 2017-18 academic year;

Postpone iv, v, vi, and vii to the following meeting of the BOA.

Motion for a Statement Condemning Turkish Political Purges

WHEREAS Hizmet is a peaceful, non-partisan, non-governmental civil society movement dedicated to the advancement of human values and social cohesion through interfaith dialogue, education and the alleviation of poverty.

WHEREAS Hizmet its members and those affiliated with the movement, have been accused of plotting the failed military coup in Turkey occurring on July 15th, 2016, no evidence has been provided linking Hizmet to actions involved.

WHEREAS since July 15th, 2016 being accused of having ties to Hizmet, as of October 1st, 2016, at least 50,651 have been detained and 27,293 arrested; 104,914 people have become unemployed; 35 hospitals, 1284 schools and 15 universities have been close; 180 media outlets have been shut down and 120 journalists were arrested.

WHEREAS 61,382 students have been forced out of university, with their transfer to public universities being impossible to verify.

WHEREAS the behaviour of the current Turkish Government is endangering democratic process and the rule of law, making this a human rights issue.

WHEREAS there has been a lack of awareness outside Turkey to the full extent of the abuses inflicted on those detained, and the extent of the violations of property rights as well as rights to life and liberty.

WHEREAS there is a large Turkish community on campus and in Ottawa who have been affected directly and indirectly by these actions.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT that SFUO issue a statement in solidarity with Hizmet and others who have been unjustly targeted by the purges put in place by President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, condemning his unjust actions.

Motion Supporting a Living Wage

WHEREAS the current minimum wage in Ontario is more that 16% below the poverty line; and

WHEREAS many SFUO employees are currently not being paid a living wage; and

WHEREAS many SFUO employees are students, and are working part time to help pay for their education; and

WHEREAS the Fight for \$15 and Fairness campaign has been supported by organizations such as the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) Ontario, the Canadian Labour Congress, the Ontario Federation of Labour, the Central Student Association and the York Federation of Students, among others; and

WHEREAS the CFS_ Ontario has historically supported minimum wage increases, including the submission of a document to the province's Minimum Wage Advisory Panel in 2013, calling on the province to immediately raise the minimum wage to \$14 an hour; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SFUO adopt a \$15 minimum wage for all employees of the Federation,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this wage increase will take effect May 1, 2017

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT SFUO cannot terminate any positions or lay-off any employees due to this wage increase,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the SFUO must consult with CUPE local 4943 during the transition to this wage increase,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the SFUO support a \$15 minimum wage for all on-campus jobs,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the SFUO officially endorse the Fight for \$15 and Fairness campaign.

Capital in Motion – Contemporary Perspective on Capitalist Political Economy

WHERE AS: Students are continuously encouraged to discuss and critique economic subjects as separate entities within a system, capitalism,

WHERE AS: The prominence of capitalism seemingly taken for granted.

WHERE AS: There needs to be an academic course is to fill the gap between capitalist functioning and critical analysis of economy

WHERE AS: This gap presents itself as an inherently growing trend in academia.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: A course that explores capitalist economy and its contradictions as well as alternative modes of representation and social and political conditions under which forms of productions would exist is required in relevant academic programs at the University of Ottawa (Social Sciences or other faculties as advised by the student/administrative body).

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The course offered below, Capital in Motion, be introduced to the faculty of Social Sciences (or where applicable) and taught by the initiator of the motion, Golbon Moltaji, PhD Candidate at the University of Ottawa, Institute of Canadian Studies.

Suggested Course to be Adopted by the University of Ottawa Faculty of Social Sciences

Course title: Capital in Motion – Contemporary Perspective on Capitalist Political Economy

Credits:

Teaching language: English

Teacher in charge of the course: Golbon Moltaji, PhDc, University of Ottawa

1) COURSE PRESENTATION

Course objective:

- 1- To learn and understand the capitalist economy and its inherent contradictory functioning as well as its potential for crisis.
- 2- Learn about capitalism's prominence in the global economy and its relation with seemingly alternative modes of representation especially through trade and education.
- 3- Discuss and speculate social and political conditions under which [if/what] non-capitalist forms of production exist?

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Background and Suggested Syllabus:

Prerequisite:

Understand and speak academic level English. Be interested in economic and environmental issues.

Content:

The significant increase in mobility of data and other goods has brought many economists and environmentalists to adopt new theoretical paradigms for defining the ways in which capitalism is likely to end [itself] (e.g. Urry, 2012, Rifkin, 2014). Yet, there seems to be a lack of attention to the significant ways in which capitalism is impacting the functioning of majority of social and economic institutions and the practical ways that it can be analyzed and criticized by contemporary scholars.

This course is a review of David Harvey's Seventeen Contradictions of Capitalism and aims for students to develop a critical sociological tool for analysis of contemporary capitalist modes of representation.

The course will begin by introduction to main elements of Marxian economy and encloses them to contemporary underlying crises. The course will then focus on three groups of contradictions as categorized by Harvey (foundational, mobile and dangerous), all of which stem from Capitalism's yearn for infinite compound growth (Harvey, 2012). The third section of the course will be dedicated to understanding the implications of the contradictions studied throughout the course for humans as a species;

Pertaining to Harvey's Marxist and humanistic approach to economy, the course conclude with encouraging students to discuss ideas around praxis; is a society beyond capitalism possible?

Schedule of the course:

Session 1 - Introduction to capital; commodities, use and exchange value

Session 2 - Circulation of commodities, money and surplus value

Session 4 – Capital; fetishization of commodities and commodification of all things

Session 5 – The working day; contemporary appropriation of labour

Session 6 – The precariat; contemporary hierarchies and class systems

Session 7 - Production and displacement of labour; the case of international development

Session 8 – Mobility as capital; colonialism and imperialism remastered

Session 9 - Endless compound growth; the capitalist

Session 10 – Neoliberalism; rebirthing capitalism

Session 11 - Capital and nature; the indigenous view towards exploitation land

Session 12 – Beyond capitalism; a review of collective acts against social alienation

2) WORKLOAD

It shows the student workload both in class and homework:

Form	Number of hours	Comments
Class teaching	36 hours	
Cultural conferences	4 hours	
TOTAL	40 hours	
Off-site training, fieldtrips	includes 1-3h instruction	

	includes 1-3h instruction	
Homework	15 hours	
Student total workload	57 to 61 hours	
*Note: 1 contact hour = 60 minutes, whereas some academic systems use 45- or 50-minute contact hours.		

3) EDUCATIONAL METHODS

The class will consist of a combination of lectures, use of social media, group activities, discussions and audiovisual documents.

4) ASSESSMENT

Form	Number	Duration	Comments
Continuous assessment (percentage breakdown 20%)	Yes	All classes	Participation in discussions, developing questions and critique about the perspectives Introduced in the classroom
Final exam (percentage breakdown 40%)	1	- According to UOttawa's evaluation policies	Take home: write a Comparative analysis of the outcomes of contemporary capitalism (5 page max).
Assignment (percentage breakdown 40%) - In this assignment students will explore the world leaders' emphasis on the economic aspects of development and trade. - Group Assignment + Oral presentation of the assignment	Yes	- Can start preparing after the session on Production and displacement of labour; the case of international development. - Teacher will use the required basic method of Social Media search/analysis for finding references by so that students will be familiar with it.	Students are required to run simple social media analysis the most recent world environmental/trade summits and to present their report on the similarities and differences of prospected plans, statements and mandates and assess if these statements perpetuate the capitalist state.

5) ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Depends on Approval – Administrative Process

1.9 Miscellaneous

1.10 Question Period

1.11 Closing

Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned at

Moved:
Seconded: