

Students Council Meeting
July 9, 2009
7:00pm
UWSA Council Chambers

Voting Members Present: Mohsin Khan, Aaron Campbell, Robert Woodrich, Ryan Osterberg, Chris Connell, Laine McGarragle, Andrew Peltier, Shae Kavanaugh, Patrick Lalonde, Braydon Beaulieu, Kate Hargreaves, Ayesha Raza, Thomas Sasso

Voting Members Absent: Shereen Singh, Luke Weiler, Mohsin Budhwani, Luv Aggarwal, Justin MacLean, Jonathan Wypych, Kush Aggarwal, Omar Raza, Odion Kalaci, Nicholas Koutros,

Call to Order at 4:08pm

Chair: We have a request from the observer from the Lance requesting permission to record the meeting.

Motion to allow the Lance to record this meeting

MOVED: Hargreaves

SECONDED: Kavanaugh

VOTE (13/0/0)

MOTION CARRIES

1. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the Agenda

MOVED: Khan

SECONDED: Osterberg

Khan: I would like to add the senate report as item 9.0.

Campbell: I would like to add VP Finance Update as item 10.0

Vote: (13/0/0)

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2. Approval of the Minutes

Motion to approve minutes from February 26, 2009, March 5, 2009, March 12, 2009, and March 22, 2009.

MOVED: Khan

SECONDED: Osterberg

Chair: Any changes to the minutes? Seeing none all those in favour

VOTE (13/0/0)

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3. Chairs Business

Chair: This will be the last time we use this format of the agenda, I am going to be working on a new format for our next meeting.

4. ASC Appointments

Osterberg: ASC is the Appointments Selection Committee of Council and it is responsible for filling vacancies such as the Council Chair and Secretary. We need 2 Council members to fill the committee. This is important, because we need a new Council Secretary, so we need an ASC. I am looking for those who would be interested.

Kavanaugh: I nominate Patrick Lalonde.

Chair: Mr. Lalonde do you accept the nomination

Lalonde: Yes

Raza: I would like to nominate Thomas Sasso

Chair: Mr Sasso do you accept.

Sasso: Yes

Chair: Any other nominations, seeing none you are both acclaimed to the ASC.

Kavanaugh: I was wondering if the two of them are unavailable could we empower the office of the VPA to appoint a Councilor over email.

Chair: If there are no objections from Council...seeing none. That should be fine.

5. Board Member Appointments

Osterberg: Last year Council approved an amendment to the Bylaws to have two Council members sit as observers on Board. I am looking for two Councilors to sit on Board, their schedule currently has them meeting Tuesdays at 7pm. They meet on the opposite weeks as Council. Please be aware that attendance at these meetings does count towards your attendance as outlined by bylaw.

Raza: Would they have to submit reports to Council on what Board has been doing.

Osterberg: The bylaw is vague on this point, but it is to encourage communications between the two bodies. So Council can ask Board members what is happening in Board and Board can ask the Council members what is going on in Council. If Council wants a report however, they would be free to ask for one.

Chair: Any nominations for these two positions

Kavanaugh: The nomination package stated 4pm so I made my schedule around that.

Chair: Does these positions need to be filled today Mr. Osterberg

Osterberg: No, we could wait till after the by-elections and offer the opportunity to the new members.

Campbell: If Council wants to sit on BOD, now is the time to do it, at the next meeting they will be passing the budget. So if you want to see the Budget early and see how the process works now is the time.

Raza: I want to nominate Thomas Sasso

Chair: Mr. Sasso do you accept

Sasso: Yes

Chair: Any other nominations, seeing none Mr. Sasso will fill one of the vacancies. Mr Osterberg will carry this item into the fall following the by-elections for the other spot.

6. Sub-Committee Appointments

Osterberg: In your packages I provided the list of committees, many of you have signed up, for those of you who haven't we can do that now.

Hargreaves: When I signed up, I signed up for External and I ended up on Marketing.

Osterberg: Ok, I will fix that. Looking around it looks like everyone here is signed up for a committee. So we will now wait until the by-elections.

7. Proposed Elections timeline and Communications Strategy

Kavanaugh: I will be presenting as the DRO. I will start with the timeline. As per our bylaws it has to be approved five weeks before voting. We are here now, to see if anyone has any questions or concerns. The bylaws are pretty strict. There are two changes, half way down the first page it says Monday September 8th, it should say Tuesday. The second, it says Tuesday September 22nd at 6pm, and the All Candidates meeting will actually start at 5pm.

BIRT that Council adopt the 2009 By-election timeline.

MOVED: Kavanaugh

VOTE (13/0/0)

SECONDED: Beaulieu

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Kavanaugh: The last part of this package is the all candidates meeting package. We just wanted to bring this to Council so you would have a chance to review it. We will bring it to the next meeting for approval. This package outlines the rules that govern the election, and we really want this to make this everyones election, not just the CRO and DRO's election. If you have any suggestions for changes that you would like to see please email the CRO or DRO. You were all candidates and if there are things you remember that you didn't like we want to know so we can look at them.

Chair: Any Questions, seeing none.

8. Electoral Monitoring Committee.

Osterberg: The Electoral Monitoring Committee, is the appeal body during the election. You all ran so you probably have a good idea of what the EMC is. We currently need two Council members to sit on EMC and there is two members at large. The members at large will be taken care of later. What we need now is two Council members.

Kavanaugh: Just to add, you can't be affiliated with anyone running in the election or involved with any media.

Raza: What about being related to the CRO?

Kavanaugh: Good question, I think that is for Council to decide. I think you are pretty impartial.

Osterberg: This is not something that can wait till after the by-election either. This is a pretty big chunk of the existing Council as is. I do need people.

Kavanaugh: It won't be that much of a commitment.

Lalonde: I would like to nominate Mr. Braydon Beaulieu.

Chair: Mr. Beaulieu do you accept

Beaulieu: Yes

Chair: Any other nominations

Sasso: I would like to nominate Ms. Raza

Chair: Ms Raza do you accept.

Raza: Yes

Campbell: I nominate Pat Lalonde

Chair: Mr. Lalonde do you accept

Lalonde: No

Chair: Any other nomination, seeing none, the two positions are acclaimed.

9. Senate Report

Kavanaugh: This is our report, its what has been happening so far in our Senate Caucus as well as the Senate floor itself. We have had three meetings so far plus our training. We listed our committees we are sitting on, both the UWSA committees and the Senate committees. The full minutes will be available on the University website, they are running a little behind but they should be put up their shortly. We had a special budget meeting of the Senate to go over the budget before it was proposed for approval at the Board of Govenors. We had another special meeting to review the Provost and Vice President Academic position, which as we all know was created when Neil Gold stepped down and Kaitlyn Crone will be starting. I also listed our emails in case anyone wanted to contact us.

Chair: Any questions about the Senate Report, seeing none.

10. Vice President Finance Update

Campell: This is just an update about what has been going on with the office of the VP Finance. I have been working to mend the relationship with our clubs, which have been damaged a bit in the past by us taking a long time to give access to accounts and things like that. I feel it has been going well. The annual budget, I have spent the last month on this. We gave it to BOD on Tuesday to review, and they will meet to vote on it in two weeks. The UNIWIN pub loan, UNIWIN has not decided whether to give the pub its loan yet, we suspect we will because we consider it a vital part of student life, we have a budget done but we are also working on a business plan. Two weeks ago we finished our annual audit, we are just waiting for the audited financial statements. I plan to do a cash flow analysis, investment income is down due to the bad economy, so what the GM and I will be doing is look into what expenses we expect to have and what income we expect to have. Then that will give us an idea of how much money we have to invest. As you all know, we have a dental office going into the basement of the CAW. That is not going as quickly as we had planned, there have been delays. Not UWSA delays but delays with the school and the dentist. We do have meetings scheduled in the upcoming weeks. So that's what I have been up to.

Chair: Any questions. See none, thank you Mr. Campbell.

Discussion:

Kavanaugh: I was just wondering if the UWSA hours of operation are going to be posted, on the door or the website.

Khan: We can arrange that.

Campbell: That is something that we will look into immediately.

Raza: I was wondering if we could post on the website a schedule of UWSA Council meetings. I know it is sent to us. But it would be good for students to know.

Osterberg: Not a problem

Chair: Anything else. See nothing I will now entertain a motion to adjourn.

Motion to Adjourn

MOVED: Raza

SECONDED: Lalonde

Vote (13/0/0)

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