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UWSA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Thursday April 7, 2016 4:00pm Winclare A, Vanier Hall

1.0 Call to Order

2.0 Chair's Business

3.0 Approval of Agenda

4.0 Approval of the Minutes

4.1 Annual General Meeting, April 2, 2015

5.0 Presentations to Board

5.1 Audited Financial Statements, 2015

5.2 Report on General Election

6.0 President's Report

7.0 Vice President Finance's Report

8.0 Vice President Student Service's Report

9.0 Vice President Student Advocacy's Report

10.0 Proposals/Posted Motions

10.01 Appointment of Auditors

BIRT that the UWSA appoint Collins Barrow as their auditors for the 2016 financial year.

10.02 Whereas bylaw 70.06 is a duplicate bylaw with bylaw 70.06 (g) covering the same item.

BIRT bylaw 70.06 h) be removed.

10.03 Whereas this wording is already located in the bylaws but is not lettered.

BIRT bylaw 80.08 stating "All appeals decisions of the Elections Committee are final and non-appealable" be lettered d).



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10.04 Whereas bylaw 90.07 (d) does not currently exist

BIRT bylaw 90.02 b) be amended to remove “and 90.07 d)”

BIFT it be reworted to state “All appeal decisions of the Elections Committee are final and non-appealable”

10.05 Whereas the current bylaws do not afford the ability for the elected first year representative to vote as they are not recognized as being on the board of directors
Whereas this is only due to the provisions of The Act requiring each person on a board of directors to be the age of majority.

BIRT the following amendment be enacted into bylaw 50.02b)

5. First Year Representative

i. If the individual does not meet the requirements of The Act they shall be a board observer without the ability to vote.

10.06 **BIRT bylaw 140.01 b) be amended to read:**

b) Signing authority of the President and Vice President of Finance will end the second Friday of April.

BIFRT bylaw 140.01 be amended to add

c) All deeds, transfers, assignments, contracts, obligations, and other instruments in writing must have, at some point, involved at least one of the executives with signing authority when reasonably possible.

10.07 **BIRT bylaw 10.03 be amended to remove the word “not”**

10.08 Whereas safety provisions should be in place in the case of an absence of the chair so that an AGM may still function.

BIRT bylaw 40.08 be amended to read:

a) The Chair or Facilitator of the board shall chair the AGM. The Secretary of the board shall be the secretary of the AGM.

b) If none are available the President or if unavailable/unwilling another executive shall chair the meeting and call the meeting to order with the first order of business to be appoint a chair and/or secretary for the AGM.



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10.09 **BIRT bylaw 105.03 d) replace “resignation” with “removal”**

BIRT bylaw 105.3 e) replace “resignation” with “removal”

BIRT bylaw 105.03 f) replace “resignation” with “removal”

10.10 Whereas The Act requires the appointment of a chair from the board.

Whereas the UWSA hires a facilitator to guide the meetings.

Whereas if a director chairs a meeting of the board they lose their right to vote.

Whereas the following provision will clear up certain confusions.

BIRT in all instances within the UWSA bylaws that the term “The Chair” is used that it is amended to read “The Chair and/or Facilitator”

10.11 Whereas the month of May is typically a month of training for the incoming executives and board.

Whereas this would not prohibit a meeting take place but instead not make it mandatory.

BIRT section 60.02 be amended to add “other than the month of May”

10.12 Whereas the section could be interpreted incorrectly to the intent of the bylaw.

BIRT section 60.07 be amended to add “currently sitting” between “total” and “directors

10.13 Whereas there are cases that the person may be unavailable to attend the meeting.

Whereas there do not seem to be current provisions in those cases.

BIRT section 60.08 be amended to all the following:

b) In the case that the secretary is unable to be present at a meeting the board may appoint another person to take minutes for that meeting; if that individual is a board member they shall not lose their right to vote or presence counting towards quorum.



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10.14 BIRT bylaw 80.01 f) be amended to read:

f) All committees must meet at least once a month during the Fall and Winter term.

10.15 BIRT bylaw 80.01 c) (1) be removed and replaced with the following:

1. The executive sitting on the committee shall be the chair of the committee.

10.16 Whereas the Faculty of Law representative would be best suited to the Governance and Policy committee.

BIRT bylaw 80.04 a) (2) be moved to 80.06 a) as (4)

10.17 Whereas there are many meetings of an ad-hoc hiring committee as they sometimes hire 7 positions at a time.

Whereas there are currently strict rules regarding the missing of committee meetings.

Whereas this may create an atmosphere where individuals may not want to serve on this committee.

BIRT the following be an addition to bylaw 80.09

b) Meetings of ad-hoc hiring committees shall not count against the attendance of the member.

10.18 Whereas the current UWSA services are not codified in any governing document.

Whereas the creation of UWSA services should be done with the upmost diligence.

BIRT the following section be added into the bylaws

BY-LAW 86. SERVICES OF THE UWSA

86.01 Hiring, Creation and Records

- a) On an annual basis, or as often as required, the UWSA shall establish a hiring committee for the purpose hiring coordinators and others as required
- b) Enduring coordinator positions and/or services may only be created or eliminated through bylaw amendments



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- c) During the course of the year, each Co-ordinator shall maintain the records and documents used by their position which will be submitted to the proper reporting position

86.02 Coordinator Headed Services of the UWSA

- a) The following shall be the services of the UWSA, each with their own enduring coordinator
 - 1. Walksafe
 - 2. Student Groups
 - 3. Afrofest
 - 4. Shinerama
 - 5. Out on Campus
 - 6. Peer Support
 - 7. Womyn Centre
 - 8. Elections

86.03 Reporting

- a) Coordinators report to the following positions for leadership
 - 1. Vice President of Student Services
 - i. Walksafe
 - ii. Afrofest
 - iii. Shinerama
 - iv. Out on Campus
 - v. Peer Support
 - vi. Womyn Centre
 - 2. Vice President of Finance
 - i. Student Groups
 - ii. Secretary
 - 3. General Manager
 - i. Elections

86.04 DISCIPLINE

- 1. The executive providing leadership will, in consultation with the General Manager, report any concerns regarding the work of a coordinator to the Operations Committee for consideration of further action
- 2. The executive may empower the General Manager for implementing disciplinary decisions of all coordinators following any relevant policies
- 3. A report outlining misconduct and actions taken will be presented to board for informational purposes before the act of terminating



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10.19 Whereas The Act enshrines the ability for teleconferencing

Whereas the current provision requires that the board vote for the ability of the individual to teleconference

BIRT bylaw 60.12 a) be amended to read

a) Any board or executive member may teleconference and participate in a meeting of the board by verbal telephonic or electronic means that permits all participants to communicate adequately with the board during the meeting.

10.20 Whereas there is a current possible interpretation of the governing documents that a senate or board of governor representative may run for a different position before their term is completed while still retaining their position if unsuccessful

Whereas this would create a potential that that if successful the position they had held would be empty till the next election

Whereas the positions of senate and board of governor representation are instrumental to the representation that students expect from the UWSA

BIRT the following section be added to bylaw 90.07

c) In the case that a senate or board of governor representative currently holding office wishes to run for a different position before the completion of their two terms they must inform the CRO to run their position in the upcoming election with full knowledge that if they are unsuccessful in the election they will not retain their seat for the coming year.

10.21 **BIRT bylaw 80.01 d) be amended to read:**

d) A board of director must serve on at least 1 committee

i) Senators and Board of Governors representation may only sit on the University Affairs Committee

ii) Senators must, where possible, sit on at least 2 University of Windsor Senate committees



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10.22 **BIRT bylaw 80.08 be amended to add the following:**

5. One member of the board of directors may be appointed as a nonvoting member of the electoral committee

10.23 Change to By-Law 105.03

RECOGNIZES that attendance at Board meetings is of the utmost importance, and is a Board of Directors basic requirement.

WHEREAS there has been too much leniency provided in the past and it is time to change the culture of the Board.

BIRT Directors and Executives will only be permitted four (4) absences from Board and Committee meetings during one (1) term of office

By-law 105.03 (f) will now read:

If a Director or Executive is absent from a total of four (4) Board or Committee meetings during one (1) term of office, which will be deemed to constitute that Director and Executive's removal from Board

BIFRT being deemed to resign is not enough, and it will be deemed that the Director or Executive has been removed from Board

10.24 **Addition to By-Law 90.02**

RECOGNIZES that having vacant Board positions and unrepresented students is unacceptable

WHEREAS there are situations that emerge throughout a term in office which may lead to a position being vacant

BIRT the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) has the discretion to hold a by-election for any position which becomes vacant during a term of office

BIFRT the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) has the discretion to fill a vacant position without holding a by-election if more than one (1) candidate does not come forward to run in the announced by-election

11.0 **Question Period**

12.0 **Adjournment**



UWSA Annual General Meeting
April 7th 2016
Winclair A
4:00 P.M.

Present:

Ghadeer, Justin, Moussa, Emmanuel, Diana, Makram, Michelle, Dunya, Hanan, Irvin, Larissa, Bilal, Ahmed, Hassan, RJ D'Aguilar, Matthew Dunlop, Jaydee Tarpeh

1.0 Call to order @ 4: 21 pm

2.0 Chair's Introduction

Brent Oneschuk will chair the meeting. The quorum has been reached, and the meeting is set to start.

3.0 Approval of Agenda

BIRT the agenda for the Annual General Meeting 2016 be approved.

Moved: #43

Seconded: #1

Passes

Agenda is approved.

4.0 Approval of Minutes

4.1 Annual General Meeting, April 2, 2015

BIRT the minutes from AGM on April 2, 2015 be approved.

Moved: #43

Seconded: #31

Minutes are approved.

5.0 Presentations to Board

5.1 Audited Financial Statement 2015: Collins Borrow

Fiscal year end April 30th 2015. They audit UWSA financial statement. Performed last summer July 30th.

The total money is allotted for different expenditures like health and dental student fee, etc. The expenses was lower this year due to the absence of an executive till January 2015.

It was surplus this year.

The second page of the statement showed the assets of the organization.

5.2 Report on General Election: Jaydee Tarpeh

Highlights:

- Two successful election: by-elections and general election.
- The bus pass referendum also happened.
- The election report will be posted online to review.

6.0 President's Report: Jaydee Tarpeh

Jaydee thinks in spite of ups and downs, it was a wonderful year. He appreciated his team, and thinks UWSA has made it possible. Bringing everyone on the board, he thinks, is the foundation o the board. He thinks he could not have an effect on senate this year, but hopes under Moussa's leadership .

Will announce the winners of Lancer Champs. In spite of challenges, UWSA accomplished much more. He couldn't do it without the students' support. The success of U-Pass referendum.

Will start the UWSA Bike share program in the summer. Have established the UWSA hub that connects the campus through clubs and societies. Work study

program was expanded to international students. Changed the policy on \$5 debit minimum as students should not be restricted.

Came to the office with 3 employees and leaving it with full efficient 8 employees. Projecting the launch of the lounge in Fall 2016. Launching this April a brand new UWSA website to provide clear accessible information to students.

The board passed multiple policies to guide the organization forward. Increased club funding by 33%. Worked with WUSK to increase the refugee students from Syria. Improved the relationship around the campus and the city of Windsor.

As a student union duty to give voice to the voiceless. Also protect freedom of speech, voice your thoughts.

Question: Why does most people don't know about UWSA even though it represents a huge student body?

Answer: Hoping to expand marketing. Represent 11,000 students.

7.0 VP Finance's Report: Jaydee Tarpeh

UWSA is on budget this year and is going to hit the targets this year.

8.0 VP Student Services: Tofunmi

Ran for this position and got him great experience and got acquainted to a lot of students. The services: AfroFest, Dinerama,

New Service is out on campus, It is a safe space for LGBTQ students to go to. Average 2-3 events a month. They had a successful frost week. Raising money for mental health.

Were able to get more clubs working together. There was a lot of collaboration. Over the years, also made some relationships and partnerships that helped to move the organization forward.

In spite of having events the whole year, they are still being conscious of the student money.

9.0 VP Student Advocacy: Matthew Dunlop

The creation of tri union position.

Establishment of policy and documents: taken steps to organize documents.
Assist them as they move forward.

Work done for federal elections and Canadian federation of students: Brought David Suzuki, and Windsor West Candidates' Debate. UWSA participated in multiple CFS this year.

Some recommendations for the coming year:

- Review of election policies
- Improvements of training of board
- No Solidarity for solidarity sake

10.0 Proposals/Posted Motions

10.01 Appointment of Auditor: Matthew

BIRT that the UWSA appoint Collins Barrow as their auditors for the 2016 financial year.

Moved: #31

Seconded: #77

**Abstention: Justin
Binkley**

Approved

BIRT omnibus the motion basing 10.02 to 10.22

Moved: Jaydee

Seconded: #18

Approved

BIRT motions from 10.02 to 10.22 be approved

Moved: #6

Seconded: #1

BIRT the reading of the motions be waived.

Moved: Jaydee

Seconded: Michelle

Passed

**Abstention: Soul Train,
#59**

All motions passed.

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Moved: #2

Seconded: #81

Start of Discussion

Discussions about moving from 5 board and committee meetings to 4 board and committee meeting due to attendance problems this year. It also includes the summer meetings.

Number 28 called the question

Seconded: #31

Discussion continued

Number 1 is against the motion as sometimes is gets hard with full time course load. Makram and Jaydee also speak against the motion.

Number 2 thinks that to see a change we should have accountability, and so is for the motion. This can help the organization to move forward.

Number 43 called the question.

Seconded: #31

Passed

Main Motion:

For: #9

Against: #58

Abstentions: #5

Motion Failed

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Moved: #25

Seconded: #34

Discussion: Incoherent to the idea of what UWSA stands for. Need 2/3rd majority.

Passed

Objected to the question.

11.0 Question Period

Number 53: Can the Senate discuss a few meeting they were able to accomplish in the last meeting?

Removal of Voluntary Withdrawal transcript entry. Lowest academic course grade dropped from the transcript so that the cumulative average is not affected. Senate Student Caucus to bring issues directly from the students and taking it to administrators directly. The Senate will also have an office in the UWSA office to enable their research.

12.0 Adjournment

BIRT the Annual General Meeting for 2016 be adjourned.

Moved: #25

Seconded: #26

Passed

Adjourned 6:09 pm