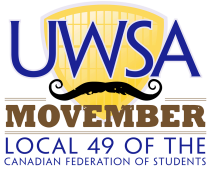


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ITEM	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTED BY:
1	<b>Call to Order</b> 6:03pm	Chris Rudnicki
2	<b>Chair's Business</b>  5 minute time limit for presentations. Board can decide if the time will be extended.	Chris Rudnicki
3	<b>Approval of Agenda</b>  Motion to waive notice of agenda - <b>Approved</b>	
4	<b>Approval of Minutes</b>  September 26 <sup>th</sup> 2013 – Tabled at last board meeting  October 24 <sup>th</sup> 2013  October 31 <sup>st</sup> 2013 –Emergency Meeting  <b>Approved</b>	
5	<b>Club Funding Requests</b>	
5.1	International Students Society  <b>Not in Attendance</b>	Orlando D'Souza or Delegate
5.2	Young Women 4 Change  Conference event. Slogan for conference: Our Feminism is worth us without inclusion.  Demonstrate that feminism joint venture, encouraging men and women to attend the conference.  Guests speakers: M. Akbar Jill Andrew Affordable for student to encourage many student to attend.  Jan 31 <sup>st</sup> at Fogolar from 5-8pm  Estimated Attendance 100 people \$10 student \$20 for non students  Total costs: \$2669.60  To break even with approximate 80% student 20% non-student they will	Shannel Diewold  Toluwani Falaye



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need an additional \$1469.60.

Expenses:

Hall rental – free, food \$15.25 per plate - Venue \$1596.5

Jill Andrew no fee. Expenses include Hotel, train, taxi, food: \$410.41

Décor: \$200

Tickets \$100

Posters: \$120

Additional allocations: Raffle prizes for guest attendance and unexpected costs

Meeting with OPUS in December

Fynbo: How many members participate in the club?

Toluwani: 31 active members

Zarif: When was the event?

Toluwani: Jan 31<sup>st</sup>

**BIRT** the UWSA approve \$1000 from Special Event Funding to the Young Women 4 Change for their conference.

**Amendment**

El Dika

Fynbo

**BIRT** the UWSA approve \$730.41 from Special Event Funding to the Young Women 4 Change for their conference.

**Amendment Approved**

Hong: What do we have in club funding?

Shahid: \$12,000, Special events \$9,000

**Approved**

**5.3** Palestinian Solidarity Group

Two years since the group has formed. Mission to support the basic rights of those in Israel and internationally. Focused on Human rights.

Working on education. Attendance of their international speakers

Mohamed  
Almoayad

Kevin Thomas



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estimated almost 500 people.

Speakers include: Norman Finkelstein, Harry Fear, Remi Kanazi. Mike Peled.

Group activities include: demonstrations, mock checkpoints, info booths, movies and open discussions. Activism on campus by setting up blockades. Campaigns on campus, freeze flash mobs, Art Exhibit with drawings from Children living in Gaza. Last year a large amount of work on campus.

The group has started Canadian's Student's Coalition for Palestine. Founded with University of Western SPHR group. Next conference in May.

Current Size includes Executives: 8 people Volunteers: 60 people

Asking for assistance with Marketing.

Total costs for marketing materials:

Includes: T-shirts, Kuffiyeh, Business cards, bookmarks.

Total Cost: \$2055.00

Goal not to come back to the UWSA for any other events. This will support the rest of their events for the year.

Has previously been given \$300 for previous event for the art exhibit from the UWSA.

S.Akbar: Would you sell them for cost or profit?

Almoayad: Profit

Crawford: Have you considered a pre-order? To offset the cost?

Thomas: Looking at collaborating with other student groups, if they all order together, it's possible.

Crawford: Consider sending out notice to members to pre-order shirts to help offset the costs.

Almoayad: If members want specific t-shirts then yes. They will be giving them to members and volunteers but these will be used at our booths to hand out as well.

Ogunbade: You are getting the T-shirts from Windsor?

Almoayad: Yes, the Windsor T-shirt company.



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Zarif: Are you going to use the profits for future events?

Almoayad: Yes. This is also helping fundraising for future events.

DeJong: Do you know if the company uses ethical means or sweatshops to make the shirts?

Almoayad: It's a local company from here in Windsor. Ordered the Kuffiyeh from Syria supplier.

**BIRT** the UWSA approve \$2055 to the Palestinian Solidarity Group for their Promotional Merchandise and campaign.

DeJong: Is the marketing material is just to promote what the group does?

Chair: Yes

Zarif: For the motion, they do a lot of great work on campus. And possible give them Lance advertisement for their events. This is what clubs are supposed to be doing, becoming self sustainable.

El Dika: In favour of the motion as it stands. Their outreach is large on campus. Allowing them to establish themselves now instead of a specific funding requests later on.

Crawford: Cautious against the amount. \$2,000 is a lot. Setting pre-orders could offset the cost for the group, they could devise a way to explore that.

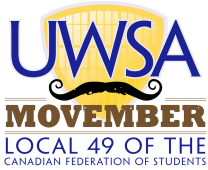
Ogunbade: Against the motion. Feels that giving \$2000 is too much for a club. Fund a part of it and help with other means such as the advertising with The Lance.

Zarif: Wasn't aware they were asking for the full amount.

S.Akbar: We have funded \$2000 for the Belize outreach. We have in the past funded this amount.

Zarif: This is one of the largest and active groups on campus. The proportion of money should match the outreach.

DeJong: Speak in favour at reduced cost it is higher than comfortable with. Prefers a specific event or activity, so they know where the money is going to. If we give each club funds to buy t-shirts, we don't have enough money to give clubs that amount throughout the year. Agrees with George and Hussein that they are one of the most active groups on campus.



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Fynbo: Motion to Amend

**Amendment**

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Fynbo: T-shirts would be a great way to promote on campus. It's a good way to reach out to their volunteers. They would come back later with funding requests to support their volunteers with swag.

DeJong: Did we see any designs on the t-shirts. Were the UWSA logos on them?

Chair: No

Akbar: \$899 full page. Half page \$449 for Lance advertisements.

S.Akbar: Asking if the Lance ad is included in this amount?

Chair: No, the Lance is not included.

**Approved**

Ogunbande: Motion to amend \$1000 with half page Lance advertisement

**BIRT** the UWSA approve \$1000 and a half page ad in The Lance to the Palestinian Solidarity Group for their Promotional Merchandise and campaign.

Ogunbande

Fynbo

Ogunbande: If you fund \$1000 to them, they can buy some of the products and still get exposure from the advertisements on campus.

Shahid: They can't generate profit for that. We want to empower them to run events themselves. The Lance advertisements won't allow them to run another event.

Zarif: The PSG does a lot of events. The amount of engagement from the event is worth something to the student union. Them being able to fundraise and hold better events will engage students better on campus.

Fynbo: Against the amendment. They didn't specifically ask for advertising in The Lance. With the \$1475, it gives them the products they ask for just at a lesser quantity.

DeJong: Didn't know the items were being resold. The more you give

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them, the more they can sell them at later. Should be looking at the amount of people being brought to their events.

Shahid: If we give them the t-shirts and kaffeyehs. That's giving to the students, rather than giving them The Lance.

Crawford: Who in Syria is making these scarves?

S.Akbar: They are getting them from a company in Windsor, that then gets them from Syria. The mentioned they didn't want to order from a company in China because of sweatshop concerns.

Crawford: Speak in favour of George's amendment. It is a lot of money for t-shirts. The pre-order can help offset costs. They can buy a lot of t-shirts with the money already given. Caution on spending too much money on one club. Wants to be fiscally conservative.

Akbar: Has the Lance ad been added?

Chair: The motion has been amended to add a half page in the Lance and decrease the amount to \$1000.

S.Akbar: Jessaline already brought that we should give them what they are asking for and not include the Lance.

ElDika: He said yeah he would take preorders. They have 60 members to ask but that leaves the 40 other shirts to order.

**Amendment Failed**

**Approved**

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**5.4 Sikh Student's Association**

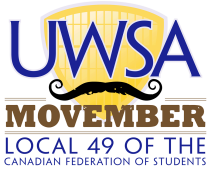
Omar Shahid

Shahid: There was an event held recently, and their temple is on the outside of Windsor. Three busses cost an additional \$390 to cover those costs. The busses were full in addition to personal transportation methods. 50-60 student per bus trip. 150-200 students attended.

DeJong: Do you know why they didn't use the multi-space purpose faith?

Shahid: It's not able to hold that amount of people.

DeJong: In favour of the motion, this is something the UWSA has been dealing with because it's far off of campus. The reason I asked, when we designed the space we knew it wouldn't be large enough for those events.



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El Dika: The event already took place?

Shahid: Yes

**BIRT** the UWSA approve \$390 from Club funding to the Sikh Students Association for their Gurdwara trips.

**Approved**

**6 Presentations**

**6.1 Judicial Panel Update**

Robert Crawford

**Motion to Move in Camera 7:03pm**

ElDika

Fynbo

**Approved**

**Motion to move out of camera 7:21pm**

Fynbo

ElDika

**Approved**

**6.2 CFS Website Service**

Mohammad Akbar

Akbar: The UWSA recently updated the website. The cost is about \$1000 a year, plus \$120 per hour of service. We use about half an hour per month. Does not like the website without control. Looked at the CFS website, recently they updated website service. Cost about \$60 per month. \$720 per year.

Includes: Back-end, customizable pages with a word press system.

Concerned about the lack of control on current system. Would like to switch to the CFS service, aside from the financial cost the advantage would be the design by CFS directed through 80 student unions.

Different applications, including housing registry. Currently pay a fee for this and this cost would disappear. Rideshare app. Tutor registry. Food Bank App. ISIC app and Student Stick App.

Introductory presentation. Waiting on contract for the services. Would like to bring the contract to the next meeting. Would like approval on this initiative from the board. It can be updated very easily. There's no service agreement. CFS would not have to pay for additional service on



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the website.

**BIRT** the UWSA approve the change of website services from Spry to the CFS Website Service.

DeJong: For places for students, do we have a contract for them?

Akbar: Yearly fee.

DeJong: \$60 a month to host plus an additional \$20? Or just the \$60?

Akbar: \$20 per month to keep the current website. It's \$60 per month if we change our website to the CFS style website and have hosting. Either renew or switch this month.

DeJong: Is that a guarantee for a certain amount of time?

Akbar: It's for a year. It renews at the end of every year.

Crawford: What are you looking to do with switching? Or are you looking to switch and use the CFS website?

Akbar: Looking to switch, anybody will be able to use the new site.

Crawford: Would you be looking to include that in the motion.

Akbar: Does not want to include it until there is a contract looked at.

DeJong: How much does the UWSA pay for Places for Students?

Shahid: They pay the UWSA.

EIDika: Did you look at any other website services?

Akbar: Orbits and another company, did not like the esthetics of those websites.

Shahid: The latest Wordpress is amazing. It's easy to understand and maintain. I.T. can always provide workshops. They have extra features that can be incorporated.

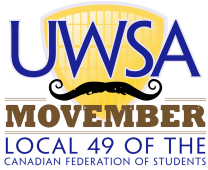
Crawford: Could we by switching, risk losing our website?

Shahid: We can direct it to wherever we want.

Akbar: There's no service costs. The current changes on our website costs thousands of dollars. It would be great to gain the right to change things on the websites.

EIDika: How much are we currently paying?





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Shahid: \$120 a month

S.Akbar: There are things that aren't done on the website because they cost money. It's going to cost more than moving one full year to another website to update the website now.

DeJong: There's no cost for us to work with Spry, separation costs?

Shahid: When Dale left, he didn't sign a yearly contract. We're paying month to month right now.

DeJong: Pass the motion with the \$60 a month. The CFS website is very nice. Financial perspective it saves about \$600 a month and up.

**Amendment**

Fynbo

Bolbol

**BIRT** the UWSA approve the change of website services from Spry to the CFS Website Service, to a maximum of \$80 per month.

**Amendment Approved**

**Approved**

**6.3 In Camera Discussion**

**Motion to move in Camera 7:38pm**

Fynbo

Ogunbande

**Approved**

**Motion to move out of Camera 7:45**

ElDika

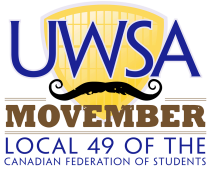
Fynbo

**Approved**

**7 Posted Motions**

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Mohammad Akbar



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**Amendment**

Fynbo

Bolbol

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**Amendment Approved**

**Approved**

- 7.2** **BIRT** the UWSA approve \$1000 from Special Event Funding to the International Students Society event, the Festival of Lights.

**Removed**

- 7.3** **BIRT** the UWSA approve \$1000 from Special Event Funding to the Young Women 4 Change for their conference.

**Amendment**

ElDika

Fynbo

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**Approved**

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**Amendment**

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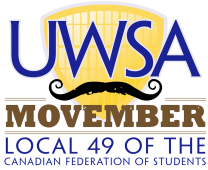
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campaign.

Ogunbande

Fynbo

**Amendment Failed**

**Approved**

- 7.5** **BIRT** the UWSA approve \$390 from Club funding to the Sikh Students Association for their Gurdwara trips.

**Approved**

**7** **New Business**

**BIRT** the UWSA forward the Palestinian Solidarity Group referendum question to the UWSA lawyer for review.

Zarif

Fynbo

**Motion wave notice**

EIDika

Fynbo

Zarif: What they are planning to introduce to council is that they have collected signatures for referendum to boycott sanctions against products stemming from Israeli occupation of Palestinian occupied areas.

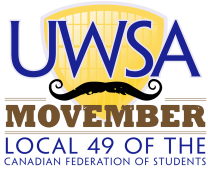
Akbar: **Read allowed the referendum question.**

Zarif: Suggested referring to legal counsel. So if the UWSA pushes it, there's going to be a lot of backlash. Be in the right legal backing. Council can make a decision based on sound legal advice.

DeJong: Question about the way its worded. Something about a 2005 boycott? What specifically does it ask?

Akbar: To boycott companies that generate profit from the Israeli army. I'm not an expert on this.

DeJong: It doesn't sound like it doesn't affect Israeli academics, this is no way goes towards that?



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Akbar: No

Crawford: It is very controversial. It's not official yet suggesting amending to contingent upon council adopting the question.

Shahid: This is a club related issue, so it should come from club funding.

**Amendment**

**BIFRT** that cost will be covered from club funding.

Shahid

Ogunbande

Shahid: Does not want the budget to go over. Believes it is a club related issue, it is for a club. Instead of our lawyer budget line. Keep things separate. UWSA from club related stuff.

Crawford: We use to pay a retainer to a lawyer. We budget an amount and it's only \$200 per hour. We haven't used him for anything substantial. We're not spending that much on a lawyer.

Fynbo: If council endorses this, it would be a UWSA issue?

Chair: There's a difference between the council running a referendum and council voting yes and simply saying here is a referendum, vote yes or no and not take a position on it.

Akbar: Agrees to waiting until the referendum and is approved. The lawyer can assess whether is neutral position. It might speed up the discussion and speed up the process at council.

Crawford: Would the UWSA still be releasing the funds or would it be through the club? Would they be contacting the lawyer through us?

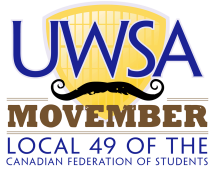
Shahid: We can give them the money for the lawyer.

5 minute recess 7:55pm

Shahid: Account is standing at \$5000 left for lawyer fund. Spent \$8000 so far.

Crawford: Could be reduced with the removal of the fees allotted for the intervenor.

EIDika: Against the motion, we're reviewing something to ensure our



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legal position. Does not want funds being taken away from club funding.

**Amendment Failed**

Zarif: There is no advantage for our legal counsel not to review it. It is for UWSA's benefit. It's going to come back from council to review it. Once the signatures are submitted then maybe we could send it.

Crawford: Motion to amend

**Amendment**

**BIFRT** this action be taken once council has given direction for the PSG referendum to occur.

Crawford

Fynbo

Crawford: If the next council meeting goes forward and we do decide to do it we would be empowered to do that. We're not slowing ourselves down from doing anything.

Zarif: Does not want council to approve it and then something is wrong with it. It's going to be all over the news.

Crawford: All that's being brought to council is the signature and petition. The council would be adopting it at the next meeting. The referendum is on the petition. Once they submit. We can go review it.

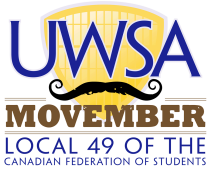
**Friendly Amendment**

**BIFRT** this action be taken after the requisite signatures are delivered to the Vice President Equity and Administration

Fynbo: In favour of Rob's amendment. Can council also discuss this in camera since it's such an issue. Council could make changes making this go back and forth to the lawyer. Let them see it and then they can decide to send it off.

Zarif: Agree with Jessaline. Council can change it. At least if we have it in advance. It should be contingent on council or execs discretion. Rather than approving and then sending it. Spending \$200-\$400 does not seem like a large legal fee.

Shahid: Agrees with Rob and Jessaline's point of view as it saves us



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money.

S.Akbar: Going to a lawyer first would eliminate whether or not council can even do it.

DeJong: Is this within the UWSA's purview? This is making a decision on international conflict. I'm going to push council to see whether the UWSA can legally address this. Can the UWSA actually have a referendum on this issue?

Chair: There is a question of: Is the referendum in order? Could someone sue the UWSA because of this referendum? The lawyer would not be reviewing that.

DeJong: If we run this referendum another student group could sue us. Would like to get a legal view of the bylaws.

Zarif: Going to council, there's going to be debate. Being proactive, let's make sure it's legally ok. And council has a legitimate discussion around the referendum instead of arguing whether they can or can't do it. In favour of the amendment.

**Approved**

EIDika: Are we going ask our legal counsel the wording and whether they can hold that in a referendum. Or are we asking if it is in our purview?

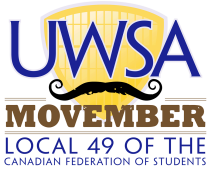
Crawford: That's going to be a big debate at council. If we have that question answered prior, then we can help further that discussion.

Zarif: Does not believe it is a lawyer's decision to decide, that's the chair's decision to decide. We should be asking about the wording so that council has an understanding of what's it's entailing. As a student body. we shouldn't be making decisions based on whether or not we could be sued, council is just deciding this has been approved and that we won't be facing backlash.

DeJong: Agree tentatively, ask our lawyer. The wording itself may not be bad, that doesn't mean it's within our purview. Legally speaking protection is to make sure we make sure it's allowed.

Fynbo: Would like council to know whether or not we can do. If there is a lawsuit it's coming back to the Board.

Zarif: Council can do whatever they want, whether or not they get sued.



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DeJong: Is this the proper question to ask. Can we ask this question?  
Anyone can sue anyone at anytime. Advice could protect us.

Ogunbade: Has reservations about sending it. Feels that the UWSA should not get involved in that political agenda. The involvement is not in the best interest of the UWSA and funds coming from the students.

S.Akbar: As Board we can't make political decision. We can't make a decision based on the political nature, that's council decision.

**BIRT** the UWSA forward the PSG's referendum question to the UWSA lawyer for review.

**BIFRT** this action be taken after the required signatures are delivered to the Vice President Equity and Administration

**Approved**

**8 Question Period**

Shahid: Wants the Board to look over The Lance's budget with potential payment from bankrupt advertisers. We are hoping it will put them into good standing.

Crawford: Spoke with the university. Our deal didn't affect their attitude towards our deal. We are being issued a cheque for \$15,000 lump sum.

Fynbo: Board will look over the budget after the bookstore decisions have been decided.

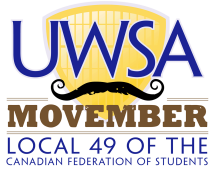
Shahid: The strike has delayed the bookstore. They are moving in March. In the budget we had put in \$40,000 extra, which we don't have anymore. When Nicole comes back we can figure out how to solve the issue and then come up with a new budget.

Zarif: Is there a reasonable timeline for the university when rent starts? It's been a \$100,000 passed in rent. There needs to be discussion about a reasonable timeframe about rent payment.

Shahid: Do you know who own the space? If we bully them they can kick us out.

Crawford: If the board finds itself in deficit it could be readdressed. There's lots of options on how to fix the budget.

Shahid: Then discuss the options as soon as possible.



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**9      Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn 8:29pm

EIDika, Fynbo