



**Board Meeting**  
**Thursday, October 5, 2012, 10:00 a.m.**  
**in Council Chambers.**

**Ba12-10-05**

**ITEM DESCRIPTION ACTION**

1 **Call to Order** 10:00am

2 **Chair's Business**

**Jamal Mohamud**

3 **Approval of Agenda**

Approval

4 **Presentations**

**4.1 Students for Charitable Enterprise**

Business students asking for a donation of \$500 for their fashion show event on Nov 9, 2012 that is being held in the CAW basement. Finger Food and beverages will be served. All proceeds will be going to the charity raised through ticket sales.

Pigeon: Is this project related with the organizational behaviour course?

This is the first semester for marks, and following semesters they would like to continue their initiative.

**4.2 Enterprise Law Library Accessibility Project**

Vicki Jay Leung

There are specific doors in the Law library that require students in wheelchairs to find a member of faculty to swipe them to gain access to certain areas. It is hoped that a new card reader can be installed to give students access with swipe cards of their own in order to make the library more accessible to those in wheelchairs. The initiative calls for \$3,500 from the UWSA.

**4.3 Presentation**

Josh Paglione

A request of \$500 to fund the booking Michael Lansberg that will cost \$10,000. He is host from Off the Record and would be on campus Jan 14<sup>th</sup> to kick off Mental Health Week in the St Denis centre.

Farhan: How many people previously attended, where is it being held?

Paglione: 800 people in attendance, being held in the St Denis Centre.

**4.4 The Lance Presentation**

Natasha –Chief Editor

Natasha: Gave brief history on The Lance. Discussed the day to day business, the organizational structure that had been revisited, editorial and administrative policies, the Lance Oversight Board, funding



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resources including; student fees 3<sup>rd</sup> of budget, Campus Plus, local advertising. Talked about readership stats and distribution of the Lance.

Vic: Advertising goals have expanded and are looking to continue to look for big brand sponsors. Looking to invite advertisers to an event to gain relationships.

Stephen Hargraves: Reaching out to the community has been essential to the growth of the paper and has become established in the local art scene. Looking to expand community events, and looking to create relationships with downtown businesses as the university expands downtown.

Natasha: Goals include; increase online readership, engage readers through events and special editions, working on digital archives, increasing volunteer base, maximize revenue opportunities, to update governing documents for The Lance and its board.

Farhan: What are you doing to prevent loss that previously occurred with The Lance?

Natasha: Previous administration was not collecting advertising revenue, and current administration is running a tighter ship in terms of spending.

Farhan: What's wrong with the constitution with right now?

There are loopholes in the agreements. All they have the authority to do is hiring and passing budgets. Members of the Board are mainly working as figureheads.

Farhan: What are you hoping to change?

Natasha: The board is currently an elected body, but it becomes difficult to work with only undergraduate students. New members could include graduate, faculty and the community. A more comprehensive membership of the Board.

Farhan: Concerns that a student paper will become a local paper.

Natasha: Addressed the fact that CJAM also has its own Board that has other members a part of its membership rather than just students.

**4.5 Economic Development Advisor**

**Ahmed Farhan**

Farhan: Would like fund in order to make a proposal and implement it regarding club space. The UWSA would create a position of Economic Development Advisor to assist with creation and implementation of the proposal that will address the needs of club space.

He suggests that the UWSA buy a property, use some of that property to establish a revenue. States that there is a need to create a more community based centre for students.

A revenue option could be renting out the space to the community and charities that are looking for space near the university. Presented numbers regarding the potential for profit with this investment.

Pigeon: Commends Farhan for his initiative. Addresses the ongoing expenses of owning a property.



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Farhan: This investment will be designed to cover those costs. If they only find a space for clubs to use, then there is no potential for revenue.

**4.6 Food Market**

Osman Raza

No cost for the event, farmers are interested in the event. The presentation was a general update that the food market is an ongoing project.

Orr: How many more farmers would you need?

Osman: Currently only a handful have said they would participate.

**5 Posted Motions**

**5.1 BIRT the UWSA grant \$3,500 from the accessibility fund to offset the cost of a new proxy card reader for the upper level accessibility door to the Law Library.**

POI: The accessibility fund is where the funds would be derived from.

Moved: Farhan  
Seconded: Ivona

Farhan: Speaking for the motion the situation is embarrassing and demeaning to students and should be supported.

Orr: The Library will be helping cover the costs of the card readers. The disability fund has been set up to address this exact issue. Every student's experience on campus should be a positive one.

Ivona: Do only students who are in wheelchair need access to these swipe cards?

Orr: As far as we know, the only students who have the demand at the moment are in wheelchairs.

5/0/0 - Motion carried

**5.2 BIRT the Nigerian Student Association receive \$500 for their Independence Day event from special events fund.**

**BIFRT \$500 be transferred from the programming budget production line to the special events fund.**

Motion: Farhan  
Seconded: Habib

4/1/0

No debate.



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4/1/0 - Motion Carried

**5.3** Whereas the property exploratory committee has been working on creating a proposal for the consideration of Board Of Directors.

Whereas the property exploratory committee requires the assistance of an experienced and a dedicated student.

**BIRT the UWSA creates a position of Economic Development Advisor to assist with creation and implementation of the proposal.**

**BIFRT the UWSA sets a 500-dollar from the professional services budget for the Economic Development Advisor.**

Motion: Farhan

Seconded: Tarek

Tarek: Paying your advisor that you already have involved does not show his support for the project.

Ahmed: Addresses that he would have no say in who will receive the position, should the UWSA go forward with the motion.

Orr: Ahmed would have to step down if it is a friend hired for the project.

Ivona: We should find a space on campus to hold a trial run for this initiative.

Ahmed: There is no way to obtain full control of any space on campus and this inhibits the UWSA from addressing the needs of students.

Dabboussi: Is this a long term initiative?

Farhan: The advisor role of the project should be see it through to its completion.

Amendment:

**BIFRT the UWSA sets \$250 aside from the professional services line in the Central Admin budget for the Economic Development Advisor.**

Motion: Ivonna

Seconded: Habib

Amendment

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Motion

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**5.4 BIRT that board approve \$21,500 for construction in the basement.**



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The motion violates a previous motion in place. Ruled out of order.

Dale: This is to address the fees of an architect. The university will be informed that the UWSA is unwilling to forward any funds at this point. What should the UWSA present to the university as their decision regarding the architect fee?

Dabboussi: Why is the Board approving money when they previously stated they want a business plan to address where the funds are going?

Orr: How do they draft a business plan without the advice or input of an architect to determine costs?

Ivona: A business plan would address the needs of the students in issue to the referendum in process.

Dale: The architect needs to be paid regardless of how the project goes forward. You need an architect to determine what you're going to do. Not taking on the fee for the architect leaves a poor relationship with the university.

Atkins: A business plan without cost estimates is not possible without the architect.

Pigeon: We should not be directing any money until the referendum.

Ivona: Until the referendum happens, they cannot direct any money towards the project. She supports paying the architect fee, once a final decision has been made to address the referendum.

Farhan: If the referendum passes, this money could be allocated to a much better use.

Orr: The university has stated they will be moving ahead with the bookstore regardless of the referendum. Walking away from the progress will forfeit rights to the allocated space reserved for the UWSA.

Ahmed: The UWSA lacks the vision of what is going to happen with this space.

Habib: The contract specifies where the UWSA has space allocated. The Board does not recognize the contract in itself, so to allocate money sends the wrong message to students.

Chair strikes down motion.

## **6 New Business**

**BIRT the board of directors allocate \$500 from special events to the fearless charity fashion show.**

Moved: Habib  
Seconded Das

Pigeon: Das should not be involved in the vote.

Board deliberates the remaining balance of the special events budget.



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2/1/1 - Motion Failed

**BIRT the board of directors allocate \$500 from special events for Mental Health Awareness Week.**

Das: Speaking for the motion, it is aligned with other initiatives of the UWSA making the campus more accessible.

Ahmed  
Sami

3/0/1 - Motion carried.

**7 Question Period**

Dale discussing programming to date. Budget adjustments need to be made. Alcohol budgets have to be re-assessed.

Chair: What revenue is unbudgeted?

Dale: The alcohol revenue, adjusting the budget later will account for better accountability. There are still possible adjustments for the end of Sept.

Chair: Is it fair to say this account for all of the welcome week costs?

Dale: Yes.

Chair: Going back to new business to address some overlooked New Business. No objections.

Recess 5 minutes

Move to camera.

Motion: Tarek

Seconded: Ahmed

Move out of camera.

Motion: Sami

Motion: Ahmed

**8 Adjournment**

Habib  
Tarek