

Agenda



UWSA Board of Directors

DATE: Thursday, September 29, 2016

Time of meeting: 5:30

Location of meeting: Council Chambers

Present: Ahmed Khalifa, Chase Tribble, Andrew Fu, Moussa Hamadani, Matthew Dunlop, Amber Shaheen, Yasin Avci, Youshaa El-Abed, Daniel Popaj, Vuk Zubic, Hagar Elsayed, Mazen Saadi, Ronald (R.J.) D'Aguilar, Justin Binkley, Layale Bazzi Ghadeer Alghosein, Waseem Abunnadi, Makram Al-Matary, Israa El-Sabbagh, Idil Mahamed, Shawn Kingsbury, Nicole Morrell

Observers: Soul Train, Journalism students

Teleconference: Dayana Hassoun, Ayub Khan

- 1.0 Call to Order – 5:40 PM
- 2.0 Chair's Business
 - 2.1 Teleconference
- 3.0 Approval of the Agenda
- 4.0 Approval of the Minutes
- 5.0 Presentations to the Board
 - 5.1 Elections Committee (EC)
 - 5.2 Lancer Lounge Audio-Visual
 - 5.3 National Day of Action
 - ~~5.4 Windsor Bridge Authority Stakeholders~~
- 6.0 Reports
 - 6.1 Executive
 - 6.2 Committees
 - 6.3 Senate
- 7.0 Unfinished Business
- 8.0 Proposals/Posted Motions
 - 8.1 BIRT Abdul Al Jandali, Abdur Rahim and Measar Mua be appointed to the ad-hoc EC (AMENDED)
 - 8.1.1 BIFRT Ahmed Khalifa be appointed as non-voting member of Board (PASSED)
 - 8.2 BIRT an additional \$7,748.17 be allocated from capital funds for the audio visual of the Lancer Lounge (PASSED)
- 9.0 New Business
- 10.0 Question Period
- 11.0 Adjournment – 8:33 PM

Minutes



1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 PM.

2.0 Chair's Business

2.1 Teleconference

Two people requested teleconference: Hassoun, Khan

3.0 Approval of the Agenda

3.1 BIRT the agenda of today be approved

Moved: Alghosein

(All in favour)

Seconded: Abunnadi

PASSED

3.2 BIRT "Windsor Bridge Authority Stakeholders" be added under Presentations

Moved: D'Aguilar

(All in favour)

Seconded: Al-Matary

AGENDA AMENDED

4.0 Approval of the Minutes

The Board noted that the minutes had mistakes in them. Avci stated that certain names were misspelled, Shaheen asked to have the membership fee for CFS revised (July 14) and noted an inconsistency in formatting (September 15) and Zubic stated that the Out on Campus honorarium needs to be changed to \$6,420 (August 22).

The Board approved the minutes as amended.

4.1 BIRT the minutes of Thursday, July 12, 2016 be approved

Moved: Al-Matary

(All in favour)

Seconded: Shaheen

PASSED

4.2 BIRT the minutes of Monday, August 22, 2016 be approved

(All in favour)

PASSED

4.3 BIRT the minutes of Thursday, July 12, 2016 be approved

(All in favour)

PASSED

5.0 Presentations to the Board

5.1 Elections Committee

- The Elections Committee oversees the CRO, electoral process and any other aspect of an election determined by the Board
 - Language of the motion suggests ad-hoc committee for by-election
- Nominations were open for all UWSA members
- Five nominees presented to the Board
 - Each nominee was known by a number that could only be identified by the UWSA Desk Secretary
 - Cannot be a Director unless they are a non-voting member
 - Senators can only sit on committee if it is ad-hoc
 - Board recommended to nominate non-voting member to allow better oversight

5.2 Audio

Alghosein noted the sensitivity of the subject and asked for a motion to go in-camera.

BIRT the meeting goes in-camera and to include executives and general manager

Moved: Alghosein **Seconded:**
(15/2/0) **PASSED**

Fu left and asked for teleconference (6:53 PM)

BIRT the meeting goes out of camera

Moved: Al-Matary **Seconded: Alghosein**
(All in favour) **PASSED**

5.3 National Day of Action

- CFS ready to act on National Day of Action on November 2nd (NDoA)
 - 650,000 students and 80 locals strong
- Three pillars:
 - Maintain public education
 - Allow a just system for all students
 - Accessible to anyone
- Academic Amnesty motion: ability to leave class without repercussions from professors -> PASSED through Windsor University Faculty Association (WUFA)
- Labour unions in solidarity with students, Windsor District Labour Union pumped for NDoA
- Tabling needs to be done, will send out emails for the Board
- Photo booth loaned by 15 and fairness campaign
- Warm-Up Wednesdays (warm-up action leading to NDoA)
- Action Coalition helping to plan activities

- Two NDoA organisers hired by CFS
- Courtyard and Commons rented out for NDoA
- Local MPs Brian Masse (NDP), Margaret Villamizar (M-L) interested
- Event planning not yet finalized: planning a rally down Sunset Ave. with clubs and societies, considering bringing Lance band. CFS will be present

At this point, D’Aguilar asked to have his presentation struck from the agenda.

The Chair reminded the Board to be present during all presentations and to not leave the room unless an approved motion for recess has been made.

[Point of Privilege] Alghosein also noted that according to UWSA By-Laws, there is nothing stipulating that teleconference should be done at the beginning of the meeting, i.e.: Directors can leave (should they have classes) and teleconference into the meeting.

6.0 Reports

6.1 Executive

Finance: Working on financial literacy workshops for students with WFCU, correspondence with Women Leadership Week and working with clubs for funding

D’Aguilar left and asked for teleconference (7:12 PM).

Student Services: Working on inter-professional health counsel to help students who want to pursue careers in health sciences (i.e.: speakers, resources under one banner), will have different events throughout the year, working to get events for Halloween, more than 4,000 people at Coming Home Music Festival

Student Advocacy: Busy with NDoA, setting up endorsement letters, contacts and mailing addresses, working with Windsor-Essex Youth Strategic Action Committee, as well as mental health summit to teach students different ways of self-care. Attended meeting with Hamadani for Giving Tuesday, UWSA tabling with cow costumes well-received.

El-Sabbagh passed speaking rights to Soul Train, who commented on the new article posted on the Windsor Star about mental health concerns. Dunlop explained that the summit was looking at prevention methods as well.

President: Last day for buss pass opt-outs on September 30th, brought forth controversy, the30.ca covered story (documented by UWSA senator Khalifa), lots of success in UBike Share: 64 students signed up for year membership (40 bikes

available for pilot stage). Was contacted for student experience survey from the University -> they are looking into investing in "transaction transformation service" i.e.: one-stop shop in Chrysler Hall for all financial services. Also looking into investing in governance expert from Guelph to look at by-laws and policies to identify gaps.

Giving Tuesday on November 29, Alumni Association taking up effort: any food donations received go to Good Food hub. Went to Young African Union info session. Will be keynote speaker in Student Leadership Conference (for grades 9-12) on October 17 at 9AM.

Working on by-election, goal is to have full board, coming along nicely.

Soul Train asked about the campus-wide mental health strategy.

- Hiring mental health advocate to promote mental health and awareness
- Demand to supply ratio is 4:1 i.e.: too much demand, not enough supply
- Working to have mental health presentations during orientation by specialists and to give out mental health packages to students
- Will also work toward implementing policy to include mental health resources and ombudsperson resource in course syllabi
- Planning on following University lead for mental health strategy in order to force them to take action, e.g.: hire more psychologists and/or counsellors
- Suggestion to lobby for more counsellors and resources for students

Note: Accessibility funds cannot be used for mental health initiatives unless diagnosed as a disability. Mental health initiative funding will be pulled from Health & Dental.

Also working on informational campaign meet-and-greet, as well as other social campaigns such as "Go Back to Your Country" to address xenophobia, "How Scary Are Tuition Fees?" for fight against tuition and UWSA campaign "What Matters to You at the U?".

Working on partnership with Food Services so that clubs and societies get discount on event catering.

Fu exited teleconference and returned to the meeting room at 7:20 PM.

6.2 Committee

Finance: Recently funded international student who is legally blind and requires specialized software to attend classes. Also gave out \$2,550 to clubs and societies.

Dunlop added that there are currently 340 students on campus that are with Student Disability Services (SDS). University must comply with AODA standards but sometimes denies accessibility needs for individual students. UWSA can provide additional funding that the University cannot cover – e.g.: University covers X amount for special software, if student desires better quality software, difference will go to UWSA.

Student Services: Discussed professional health counsel and will talk to implicated faculty deans. Also discussed implementing student experience survey to ease student experience. D’Aguilar is involved in the project.

Student Advocacy: Addressing rumours pertaining to leaks and Dillon Hall not having hot water. Mostly focusing on NDoA. Shaheen asked for microwave problem to be address in the CAW Marketplace.

Governance & Policy: Looking into investing in governance expert for policy/by-law gaps. Also talked about Meet-and-Greet for candidates to meet executives and board members.

Policy change suggestions brought up during committee meeting:

- Looking at mandatory board training and by-law 60.04c (sending agenda within two calendar days of the meeting.
 - Looking into allowing board to waive notice with 2/3 majority vote.
- Looking at teleconference limit policy (capped at 3 teleconferences per academic year, excluding summer), as well as leaving meetings midway and teleconferencing -> will be marked as an absence.
- Will now look into addressing language for elections committee.

University Affairs: Academic Amnesty proposal huge success, set to talk to University on October 9th, recommended to have a referendum to drop weight of final exams, however it is not the best course of action. Better to pursue APC policy avenue. Looking into addressing course syllabi language. Senators are sharing office space for by-election and general election seasons, suggestion was to use Council Chambers as well. Goal is to protect senators and students meeting with senators.

6.3 Senate

Senate meeting on October 6th for Academic Policy Committee, Academic Amnesty passed, huge success. Office hours and Facebook page outreach in rollout.

Tribble and Shaheen working on Blackboard Committee to address issues concerning site functionality.

Senators looking at changing Voluntary Withdrawal report on transcripts and degree audit readability.

7.0 Unfinished Business

NONE

BIRT the Board go on a five-minute recess (8:15-8:20 PM)

Moved: Tribble Seconded: Alghosein
(8/3/0) PASSED

8.0 Proposals/Posted Motions

8.1 BIRT Abdul Al Jandali, Abdur Rahim and Measar Mua be appointed to the Elections Committee

The Board motioned for an amendment to item 8.1:

BIRT Abdul Al Jandali, Abdur Rahim and Measar Mua be appointed to the **ad-hoc** EC

Moved: Khalifa Seconded:
(All in favour) Motion Amended

And;

Shaheen nominated Ahmed Khalifa to be appointed as non-voting member of the ad-hoc EC.

Final motion:

8.1 BIRT Abdul Al Jandali, Abdur Rahim and Measar Mua be appointed to the ad-hoc EC

8.1.1 **BIFRT** Ahmed Khalifa be appointed as non-voting member of ad-hoc EC

Moved: Kingsbury Seconded: Shaheen
(All in favour) PASSED

8.2 BIRT an additional \$7,748.17 be allocated from capital funds for the audio visual of the Lancer Lounge

Moved: Tribble Seconded: Alghosein
(All in favour) PASSED

9.0 New Business

- Meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 6th, 2016 at 5:30 PM in Toldo 230
- National General Meeting from November 17 to November 21 in Gatineau, Québec.
- Board asked why two members were deemed to resign, CRO found that they are part-time students and so violated a UWSA by-law

10.0 Question Period

NONE

11.0 Adjournment – 8:33 PM

Moved: Alghosein
(All in favour)

Seconded: Shaheen
PASSED