



UWSA Annual General Meeting
Date: Wednesday, March 29th, 2017
Time of Meeting: 4:00 p.m.
Location of Meeting: Katzman Lounge, Vanier Hall

AGENDA AS PROPOSED

1.0 Call to Order - 4:21 PM

2.0 Chair's Business

3.0 Approval of Agenda

4.0 Approval of the Minutes

4.1 Annual General Meeting, April 7, 2016

5.0 Presentations to Board

5.1 Audited Financial Statements, 2016

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 Board of Directors Report

11.0 Proposals/Posted Motions

11.01 Appointment of Auditors

BIRT that the UWSA appoint Collins Barrow as their auditors for the 2017 financial year. **(PASSED)**

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WHEREAS the University of Windsor has decided to include this disbanded faculty (Inter-faculty) within the Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences (FAHSS);

BIRT Bylaw 50.02 (b) (1) be removed to reflect the fact that the Inter-faculty constituency has ceased to exist at the University **(PASSED)**

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Whereas the Bylaws refer to the aforementioned service as “Out on Campus”;

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Whereas this service will also be a part of the “Coordinator Headed Services of the UWSA”;

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BIFRT in all instances of both Bylaws and policy the new UWSA service “Food Pantry” be included where applicable. **(PASSED)**

11.05 Adding to Bylaw 86.04 (3):

Whereas it has been proven to sometimes be impossible to have any report be presented to the Board for informational purposes “before the act of terminating”;

Whereas in some instances the act of termination is deemed to be of an immediate nature;

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11.06 The UWSA Womyn’s Centre Title

Whereas the term “Womyn” originates from second-wave feminism to refer to women who were identified female at birth and identify as women, and has its roots in biological essentialism;

Whereas “womyn” has been criticized as being transphobic due to the exclusionary nature that prevents trans-women from accessing spaces made for “womyn” and prevents them from identifying with the gender “woman”;

BIRT all instances in bylaws, policy and operations the name “Womyn Centre” be changed to “**Womxn Centre**” to reflect and uphold the mandate and maintain an inclusive space. **(PASSED)**

11.07 To add to the UWSA Referendum Policy Section 25.01 I):

BIRT that proposals brought forward by members which involve organizations external to the UWSA must also have a signed agreement and have that agreement ratified with that external organization, and have that ratification authenticated by the UWSA CRO within 8 months after the referendum.

BIFRT If the proposal proves to be false it is invalidated automatically"
(FAILED)

12.0 Question Period

13.0 Adjournment – 6:15 PM



MINUTES

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:21 PM.

2.0 Chair's Business

3.0 Approval of Agenda

3.1 BIRT the agenda of today be approved.

Moved: Makram
(All in favour)

Seconded: Amber
PASSED

4.0 Approval of the Minutes

4.1 BIRT the minutes of Annual General Meeting held on Thursday, April 7 2016 be approved.

Moved: Jeremiah
(All in favour)

Seconded: Liam
PASSED

5.0 Presentations to the Board

5.1 The accountant presented Audited Financial Statements, 2016. The auditor is a senior manager at Collins Barrow, Windsor. USWA year end is 30 April, 2016 and the statements were audited in September 2016. The audited financial statements were shown to the UWSA Members. Statement of Operations showed revenues for the last financial year were \$4.8 million and expenses were \$4.0 million with a one-time capital expense of \$200,700 for CAW Student Center which is operated by UWSA. There is a surplus fund of \$547,000 most of which relates to the capital fund and dental fund. Snapshot of Balance Sheet was also shown to the UWSA Members.

5.2 With respect to the report on the UWSA General Election, the facilitator read a statement to the UWSA Members. Thursday February 16, 2017 unofficial results were announced for the UWSA General Elections 2017. Following standard procedures UWSA Chief Returning Officer (CRO) had 14 days to conclude the elections and produce the official results. CRO and Election Committee (EC) received complaints during these 14 days which altered the unofficial results of the President and VP Student Service positions. The official results were allowed by CRO on March 2, 2017. Since all the election complaints and appeals are kept confidential, only the final decisions of Election Committee were made official. Board members have issued a motion for a third party legal investigation to verify if EC followed all rules and

procedures while taking the decisions for the General Election 2017. The third-party investigator and EC will work in collaboration to reveal the procedures and decisions made regarding UWSA General Election 2017. The decision which will come from the legal investigation will be binding. Purpose of the legal investigation is not to put blame but to ensure that all process and decisions that were made in line with the policies and By-Laws.

UWSA Members raised questions about the secrecy of complaints and appeal to which the facilitator replied saying that as per UWSA By-Laws any complaints that are brought forward to CRO are kept confidential. Even the board members are not aware about the complaints. UWSA members also enquired about the timelines of this legal investigation to which the facilitator responded that the investigation is under process. Board has no information on the conclusion of the investigation, so they do not have a firm deadline on that.

6.0 President's Report

President's report charted the past year (2016-17) and the activities done by UWSA for student welfare. The appointment of Director of Communications and Media Relations was discussed first. He was employed in January 2017. The individual is working on graphic design for the UWSA and student groups as well as developing marketing plans for the UWSA to communicate better with its members. Currently work is on to give a major turn to The Lance (student newspaper), to better serve and represent the students.

UWSA have worked jointly with the Graduate Students Society, the Organization of Part-time University Students to sustain the Office of the Student Ombudsperson. This is an accessible, confidential, impartial and independent office that is free to any part-time, undergraduate or graduate student. It serves as a new resource for students that do not know where else to turn when they have a question or concern regarding any issues that have occurred at the University.

UWSA have completed the Request for Proposal on the construction for the project and continue to oversee the construction of the Lancer Lounge, which is expected to have its soft launch in April of 2017. This project will provide a flexible lounge space that meets the needs of every student as well as student groups.

UWSA partnered with Zagster, Inc. to implement a bike sharing program throughout the University community. U Bike Share, which launched September 16, 2016, provides the Windsor community with a convenient, affordable and healthy way to get around the University of Windsor campus. This program was made possible initially by a partnership with the University of Windsor. This year UWSA negotiated to expand the opportunity to include Alumni Association for a two-year sponsorship and Windsor Law to offer our first 100 sign ups with free

bike helmets and free reusable water bottles to compliment the Water Bottle Free Campus campaign.

To make this new service accessible and affordable to our students UWSA made sure it is more than reasonable to cycle on or off campus.

After a successful referendum in the 2016-17 UWSA general election UWSA collaborated with the GSS to negotiate a universal student bus pass (U-Pass) for the UWSA and the GSS members. The U-Pass allows members to have unlimited rides on the regular Transit Windsor city service during the school year which became effective as of September 1, 2016.

Along with the University administration UWSA successfully managed to decrease interest rates on tuition from the former eighteen percent (18%) to fourteen percent (14%). Also, on January 17, 2017, the Campus Pride Centre hosted its Grand Opening. The former Out on Campus was revamped with a fresh new look and feel. This new UWSA service provides a positive environment for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, Queer, Questioning, Two-Spirited, Intersex, Pansexual and Asexual individuals and their allies on the University of Windsor campus.

With respect to the Lancer Sports and Recreation Centre (LSRC) Referendum held in November 2015, the UWSA Board of Directors decided that the UWSA.s referendum ceased to hold force from a policy context. UWSA provided the opportunity for another referendum, which took place on February 1, and 2, 2017. The UWSA board passed the question on the ballot. The UWSA maintained a neutral stance on the question. UWSA members ultimately voted in favor of the project. Next steps are the structure and design of the facility.

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UWSA increased club funding by thirty six percent (36%). This funding effectively translated to more vibrant student clubs and a greater opportunity for students to partake in initiatives on campus. UWSA have been able to achieve a fifteen percent (15%) discount operational at Catering Services as well as the Print Shop for all student clubs that are ratified under the UWSA.

UWSA rebranded all UWSA Services. Re-designing of all logos was done to have the common shape of a shield while successively integrating a unique branding which characterizes the Service. President along with some of the Windsor's great student leaders brought in Anti-Racism Task Force. Some of its objectives is to

have a frank conversation about racism and how it manifests itself in our institutions and what UWSA as a student body can do to effectively address that. The UWSA made a commitment to revamp The Lance with a new look and new feel that more effectively reaches our membership. This undertaking is expected to hit our campus in September 2017.

President discussed the below mentioned University Committees.

Board of Governors: UWSA continued to discuss at length the operations of the University ranging from the new tuition provincial framework to the marketing of our university amid the ever-changing trends and competition. One of many accomplishments which was fought for on this board is the investment in the yet to be built state-of-the-art Science, Research, and Innovation Facility adjacent to Essex Hall.

Senate: UWSA continued to discuss at length the academic aspect of the University including the Strategic Mandate Agreement with the province, Strategic Enrollment, the funding formula the University adopts to fund its academics, and finally student academic and other issues. One worth highlighting would be the more student-centric academic policy in which UWSA changed the previous rule of not being able to have three exams in a span of 24 hours to include major assignments as opposed to only exams. In addition, UWSA adopted the Statement of Principles for course materials, which outlines for instructors the dos and don'ts for course requirements.

President's Council: This body was newly formed with a focus to lessen the disconnect between the UWSA and the several Societies on campus. Many meetings were held throughout the year to maintain a good and open relationship with Societies and keep them connected with each other.

Enterprise Resource Planning: This is a University steering committee that is working on changes that will be made to the main management systems at the University of Windsor in the coming years.

Downtown Steering Committee: This is a committee that looks at the University's move to downtown. The School of Social Work is now open at Pit and Ferry. The School of Creative Arts is also coming close to a move to the downtown campus in Fall 2017.

LSRC Steering committee: This is a committee dedicated to implementing the Lancers. Sport and Recreation Centre soon.

CAW Envisioning:

This is a committee dedicated to exploring the prospect of improving the CAW Student Centre in the future.

Details regarding these programs can be found in President's Report attached as an addendum.

7.0 Vice President Finance's Report

The report spoke about UWSA hub which is a social media platform. Financial literacy workshop was hosted during the year. It is expected to continue to hosts such workshops in coming years as these are very resourceful for personal budgeting. UWSA provided diverse scholarships to students. Fifteen percent (15%) discount was negotiated on catering food services when used on campus. UWSA adhered to the budget and finished the year with a healthy surplus.

8.0 Vice President Student Service's Report

The report spoke about how closely they worked with every service coordinator to help them resolve the issues at hand. UWSA services council was started this year. The meeting could be held only once this year, but the purpose of this council is to meet at the beginning of each month. This will give them an opportunity to talk to each other about the events they are planning to put forth next month and help promote them. Campus Pride Center and Campus Food Pantry was also discussed in the report. Events and services held throughout the year were discussed and coordinators were thanked for their services. The year ended with a positive balance with respect to the budget allotted to Student Services.

9.0 Vice President Student Advocacy's Report

The report spoke about the UWSA Campus food pantry in line with the President's report. Other events were also discussed like Farmer's Market. National Day of Action was also discussed in the report. Participation was done in community events too to mark the presence outside campus. UWSA also participated in Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) conferences.

10.0 Board of Directors Report

No report was presented.

11.0 Proposals/Posted Motions

11.1 Appointment of Auditors

BIRT that the UWSA appoint Collins Barrow as their auditors for the 2017 financial year.

Moved: Makram
(All in favour)

Seconded: Justin
PASSED

Discussion:

No discussion was held during the motion.

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Moved: Justin
(All in favour)

Seconded: UWSA Member (placard no.81)
PASSED

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Moved: Amber
(All in favour)

Seconded: Justin
PASSED

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Moved: Amber
(All in favour)

Seconded: UWSA Member (placard no.81)
PASSED

Discussion:

A student co-ordinator will be appointed as it falls under co-ordinator headed services of UWSA. Impact on budget was also discussed. Financial contribution will be like the ones at which other coordinators are paid.

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Moved: Jeremiah
(All in favour)

Seconded: Daniel
PASSED

Discussion:

Some objections were raised about the board of directors not been involved in termination process. It was further clarified that the UWSA General Manager and HR are responsible for such activities as per the By-Laws and the Board needs to be informed about such decisions.

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Moved: Liam
(All in favour)

Seconded: Amber
PASSED

Discussion:

Discussion was done with respect to changing the name from "Womyn" to "Women" instead of "Womxn". It was explained that "Womxn" is more inclusive than any other names suggested. UWSA Member (placard no: 54) call the question. Majority voted for calling the question.

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Moved: Amber

Seconded: Liam
FAILED

Discussion:

Objections were raised with respect to the time limit of eight months, as at times it will not be manually possible to limit the time span to eight months to ratify the agreement. Ahmed called the question. Majority voted for calling the question.

12 Question Period

The questions were mostly on UWSA General Elections. UWSA members claimed that information about the election results be made public. The President responded to this saying that as per the By-Laws the information must be kept confidential. Further query was asked if the information will be made public post the third party legal investigation is over. Whether the details of the report be made public or not will be decided by the board once they receive the report. Timelines were discussed again about the findings of the external investigation. Board again stated that they have no confirmed time line for conclusion of the investigation. The legal team has been urged to finish the investigation by 1 May, 2017, but there is no deadline given. UWSA member asked when will the re-election happen. As per board, re-election can take place only after the legal findings are received as the outcome of investigation will decide the fate of the open positions.

13 Adjournment

BIRT the meeting be adjourned.

Moved: Makram

Seconded: Amber

(All in favour)

PASSED

The meeting was adjourned at 06:15 P.M.



Moussa Hamadani – President 2016- 2017

UNIVERSITY
OF WINDSOR
STUDENTS'
ALLIANCE
PRESIDENT'S
REPORT

2016-2017



A summary of the work I have done throughout my term as President.

UNIVERSITY OF WINDSOR STUDENTS' ALLIANCE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I would like to first and foremost thank those who made this year's success possible. To my UWSA family, I could not be more appreciative of all of your support and hard work. To the amazing student body that entrusted me to serve them for the year, I am more thankful than I could ever have the words to express. It has been with great humility and a sense of responsibility and duty that I assumed this office.

I ran my term with three goals always in mind;

- 1. To create a safe and inclusive campus for all students. A resilient Students' Alliance that will not allow the tides that do not have our best interests at heart to think undermining us students is an easy and acceptable endeavor*
- 2. To advocate for improvements to the everyday student experience. A resurgent Students' Alliance that will not be stagnant and will not go back on the progress that has been made by the student movement.*
- 3. To promote an activist-driven student' union. A loving, compassionate and accepting Students' Alliance in an effort to foster a proactive environment for ourselves and for our school.*

This year was full of many victories that will be of benefit to the current University of Windsor students and is sure to continue to affect many classes to come. In one year, we have achieved progress at an extraordinary rate and many of the projects that have been in the works for years have finally come to fruition. The following report outlines the work that I have been able to accomplish during my term as President of the University of Windsor Students' Alliance.

Hiring

Director of Communications and Media Relations:

The position was filled and the new employee started work in January 2017. The newly hired employee has proven to be a great and much needed resource for the UWSA, student groups and the student body as a whole. The individual is working on graphic design for the UWSA and student groups as well as developing marketing plans for the UWSA to communicate better with its members. Working alongside this position, The Lance (student newspaper) is taking a major turn to better serve and represent our students. In my year I had emphasized that the UWSA commit to giving our newspaper, *The Lance*, a second chance! This is exactly what is on the horizon for September 2017.

Office of the Student Ombudsperson

We have worked jointly with the Graduate Students Society, the Organization of Part-time University Students to sustain the Office of the Student Ombudsperson. This is an accessible, confidential, impartial and independent office that is free to any part-time, undergraduate or graduate student. It serves as a new resource for students that do not know where else to turn when they have a question or concern regarding any issues that have occurred at the University.

Lancer Lounge

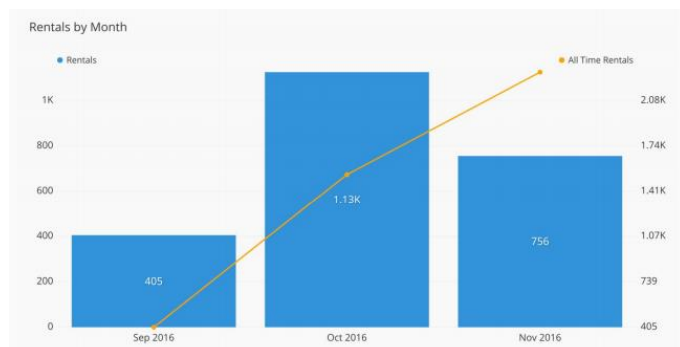
Throughout our term, we have completed the Request for Proposal on the construction for the project and continue to oversee the construction of the Lancer Lounge, which is expected to have its soft launch in April of 2017. This project will provide a flexible lounge space that meets the needs of every student as well as student groups. Students will have a space in which they can study, socialize and distress. Additionally, the lounge will provide student groups with a meeting room.

UBike Share Program

We have partnered with Zagster, Inc. to implement a bike sharing program throughout the University community. U Bike Share, which launched September 16, 2016, provides the Windsor community with a convenient, affordable and healthy way to get around the University of Windsor campus. This program was made possible initially by a partnership with the University of Windsor. This year I negotiated to expand the opportunity to include Alumni Association for a two-year sponsorship and Windsor Law to offer our first 100 sign ups with free bike helmets and free reusable water bottles to compliment our Water Bottle Free Campus campaign.

In order to make this new service accessible and affordable to our students we made sure it is more than reasonable to cycle on or off campus. Students have the option of signing up for a \$15.00 annual plan, which provides the first hour free each day and only a \$2.00 hourly rate after that. Students also have the option of a daily rate of \$3.00 dollars an hour up to a maximum of \$24.00.

Furthermore, in its first semester of launch and implementation this program has proven to be a success. Please refer to some of the figures attached herein:



The graph shows the volume of ridership per month as of November 2016. Total rentals for the year 2016 were 2,287. At this time, the program had 114 active members. 84% of our members had rented a bike. Of those who had rented, 67% of them were repeat riders. Refer to *UBike 1st Semester Report*.

Looking beyond this year, I continued the talks around the prospect of expanding this program further after the two-year pilot project end date. This program would be implemented on a macro-level throughout the City of Windsor. I had the opportunity to present on this project at a City Council meeting, which resulted in the striking of a subcommittee dedicated to assessing a citywide bike-sharing program through the UWSA and the UofW further during this pilot project.

Universal Bus Pass (U-Pass)

After a successful referendum in the 2016-17 UWSA general election we have collaborated with the GSS to negotiate a universal student bus pass (U-Pass) for the UWSA and the GSS members. The U-Pass allows members to have unlimited rides on the regular Transit Windsor city service during the school year which became effective as of September 1, 2016. We have been able to distribute more than 7500 universal bus passes to students on our campus. This service has ensured that student's part of the University community have accessible transportation regardless of economic status.

The U-Pass cost is \$132 for the Fall and Winter semester of each year which is assessed for students during the Fall semester as part of their student fees. Students can choose to opt-in during the Summer semester at the same cost of \$66 without having to be a current student in the aforementioned semester so as long as they were students in the prior semester. Also, in February 2017 the Organization of Part time University Students (OPUS) passed its own referendum on joining the agreement of the

U-Pass; hence, all students at the University whether undergraduate full-time, part-time, or graduate are entitled to a Universal Buss Pass. Moreover, the UWSA along with the other student governments negotiated the option of opting-out of the service if students live outside of the current Transit Windsor service routes.

However, with such a large scale service a lot of questions aroused from the student body and the UWSA has not taken any lightly and continues to explore options that better assess our campus culture and student needs. Some improvements already coming to life with the recent announcements of major investments to public transportation in the City i.e. GPS tracking, text messaging service, bus surveillance, etc.



UWSA Executives pose with Pat Delmore, Executive Director of Transit Windsor.

Tuition Interest Rates Decrease

Along with the University administration we successfully managed to decrease interest rates on tuition from the former eighteen percent (18%) to fourteen percent (14%). Given that international students pay three to four times more than domestic students, every dollar matters!

Campus Pride Centre

On January 17, 2017, the Campus Pride Centre hosted its Grand Opening. The former Out on Campus was revamped with a fresh new look and feel. This new UWSA service provides a positive environment for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, Queer, Questioning, Two-Spirited, Intersex, Pansexual and Asexual individuals and their allies on the University of Windsor campus. This was a great victory for diversity, equity, acceptance, and inclusivity on our campus.



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Graduation Fee

We worked with the University administration to drop the forty-dollar graduation fee for all those who register before the deadline. This allows all students to participate in their celebration of graduation without the possible economic barrier of a forty-dollar fee.

Campus Food Pantry

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Club Funding

We were able to increase club funding by 36%. This funding effectively translated to more vibrant student clubs and a greater opportunity for students to partake in initiatives on campus. Some of the philosophy surrounding this increase also revolved around giving smaller/newly created clubs/groups on our campus to flourish.

Student Clubs Discounts

We have been able to achieve a fifteen percent (15%) discount operational at Catering Services as well as the Print Shop for all student clubs that are ratified under the UWSA. By making these resources more accessible to student run groups, we increase their possibilities of growing in terms of membership and contribute further to their prospects of making an impact on the campus community.

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We have rebranded all of the UWSA Services. Re-designing all logos to have the common shape of a shield while successively integrating a unique branding which characterizes the Service did this. This marketing strategy allows students to more easily identify all the services that the UWSA offers.

Anti-Racism Task Force

I worked along some of Windsor's great student leaders to share preliminary ideas on how we can collectively make our campus a more welcoming place for all. This conversation is one that is crucial and may have been lacking from our campus for a while now. This group of individuals reflected to the best of our abilities the diverse constituencies that may be affected by the perils of racism in its many forms. Some of its objectives is to have a frank conversation about racism and how it manifests itself in our institutions and what we as a student body can do to effectively address that. This is ongoing and is deliberating the possibility of offering our students anti-oppression and different workshops to better combat the tides of racism and better equip the future generation on this campus and beyond.

The Lance

We early on identified that, as many other paper based newspapers across the board, that our own student newspaper The Lance was no exception. With that being said, the UWSA made a commitment to revamp The Lance with a new look and new feel that more effectively reaches our membership. I am beyond excited to see its sure successful future. This undertaking is expected to hit our campus in September 2017. As mentioned earlier, all students are asked to give OUR Lance a second chance!

University Committees

Board of Governors

As a student representative on this body, we continued to discuss at length the operations of our University ranging from the new tuition provincial framework to the marketing of our university in the midst of the ever-changing trends and competition. The Promise at UWindsor campaign was the marketing campaign adopted for the aforementioned purpose. One of many accomplishments which was fought for on this board is the investment in the yet to be built state-of-the-art Science, Research, and Innovation Facility adjacent to Essex Hall. Furthermore, we have reached some collective agreements with the several unions for the coming years.

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Presidents' Council

This body was newly formed with a focus to lessen the disconnect between the UWSA and the several Societies on campus. In our effort to unify faculties across campus, we conducted many meetings throughout the year to maintain a good and open relationship with Societies and keep them connected with each other. Their concerns were reflected upon and improvements were integrated to ensure a more inclusive and transparent Students' Alliance.

Enterprise Resource Planning

This is a University steering committee that is working on changes that will be made to the main management systems at the University of Windsor in the coming years. Currently we have finalized the RFP to solicit companies that will work on providing the best system to enhance the student experience here at UWindsor. The implementation of the system may take a few years. This system would affect the transactional services (financial, academic, etc.) of students at the university. Being a part of this journey has proven that many voids exist in the current system; however, plenty of avenues could be taken to better service our members.

Downtown Steering Committee

This is a committee that looks at the University's move to downtown. The School of Social Work is now open at Pit and Ferry. With that being said, the School of Creative Arts is also coming close to a move to the downtown campus in Fall 2017. Ensuring that students are best accommodated in this move has been my focus on this committee. Raising questions of transportation, parking, and accessibility are some examples.

LSRC Steering committee

This is a committee dedicated to implementing the Lancers' Sport and Recreation Centre in the near future.

CAW Envisioning

This is a committee dedicated to exploring the prospect of improving the CAW Student Centre in the near future. Students received a survey in Winter 2017 to better assess this project with proper date from our members. After such the conversation continued with student leaders at the table to ensure that the proposed designs and construction options are viable and improve the existing concerns with the CAW. One vital thing to note is something that is embedded in the name CAW 'Student' Centre. It is imperative that this "Student" Centre has to have a student-centric approach in terms of construction, design and functions. Hence, the student presence at these conversations and throughout the process is of utmost importance.

Other Committees/Boards

- Governance and Policy Committee (GPC)
- University Affairs Committee (UAC)
- Transportation Committee
- Policy and Management Board of the CAW (PMB)
- Alumni Association Board of Directors
- University Committee on Academic Promotion and Tenure (UCAPT)
- Space Planning Committee (SPC)
- Ancillary Fee Board
- Student Transactional Services Steering Committee
- Monthly Meeting with Associate Vice-President Student Experience/Dean of Students
- Monthly Meetings with Director of Campus Services.
- Access to Justice for Arabs in Ontario Advisory Board
- Alumni Association Giving Tuesday Steering Committee
- Student Centre Lounge Oversight Committee

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