



UWSA Board of Directors
Date: Thursday, March 16th, 2017
Time of Meeting: 5:30 p.m.
Location of Meeting: Council Chambers

AGENDA AS OCCURED

Directors/Senators: Ahmed Khalifa, Makram Al-Matary, Ronald (R.J.) D'Aguilar, Israa El-Sabbagh, Justin Bueayong, Andres Curbelo-Novoa, Jeremiah Bowers, Justin Binkley, Katy Webb, Liam Adams, Hagar Elsayed, Bethany Russell, Dayana Hassoun, Ghadeer Alghosein, Youshaa El-Abed, Ayub Khan, Amber Shaheen, Yasin Avci

Vuk Zubic, Moussa Hamadani, Daniel Popaj, Khushboo Ahuja, Nicole Morrell, Sarah Nouredine, Hadi Wess

Absent: Shahan Mahmood, Chase Tribble, Waseem Abunnadi, Shawn Kingsbury, Anthony Dalla Bona, Abdul Abu Libda, Mazen Saadi, Matthew Dunlop

- 1.0 Call to Order – 5.38PM**
- 2.0 Chair's Business**
 - 2.1 Teleconference**
- 3.0 Approval of the Agenda**
- 4.0 Approval of the Minutes**
- 5.0 Presentations**
 - 5.1 GPC Recommendations**
 - 5.2 Annual General Meeting (AGM) Motion Package**
- 6.0 Reports**
 - 6.1 Executive**
 - 6.2 Committees**
 - 6.3 Senate**
- 7.0 Unfinished Business**
- 8.0 Proposals/Posted Motions**

8.1 BIRT to accept GPC Recommendations to “Other Policies” as presented. **(PASSED)**

8.2 BIRT to accept AGM Motion Package as presented. **(PASSED)**

8.3 BIRT to approve cost, of up-to CAD 6500.00, for renovation of the Council Chambers furniture. **(PASSED)**

8.4 BIRT to pass a motion of support to reinstate Makram Al-Matary as a student centre representative for the remaining meetings of the UWSA. **(PASSED)**

8.5 BIRT _____, upon secret ballot vote, be awarded the ‘Board Member of the Year’ award at the upcoming UWSA Gala March 30, 2017. **(PASSED)**

9.0 New Business

10.0 Question Period

11.0 Adjournment – 7.32 PM



MINUTES

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:38 PM.

2.0 Chair's Business

2.1 Ronald (R.J.) D'Aguilar was taken on teleconference as approved by all Board Members.

3.0 Approval of Agenda

1.1 BIRT the agenda of today be approved as amended

Moved: Justin

Seconded: Liam

3.1.1. BIRT item 5.2 was added

(All in favour)

PASSED

4.0 Approval of the Minutes

4.1 BIRT the minutes of Thursday, March 2 2017 and Tuesday, March 7 2017 be approved.

Moved: Jeremiah

Seconded: Makram

(All in favour)

5.0 Presentations to the Board

5.1 Governance and Policy Committee (GPC) did a presentation to recommend a few changes in the "Other Policies". Changes in these policies are effective immediately after Board passes the changes and recommendations.

5.2 Moussa presented the AGM Motion Package. This is required to amend the By-Laws. These were already handed in before the board meeting started as the deadline to submit the motions for AGM was 5.00 PM, March 16th, 2017.

6.0 Reports

6.1 Executive

6.1.1 Daniel: Updated on the up-coming on the Gala dated 30th March 2017. Invitations were ready to pick up at the office. He updated on the preparations with respect to décor, food, lighting and the way Gala night is going to progress. Dietary requirements can be stated when we RSVP for Gala. UWSA award nominations deadline was extended till March 16,2017 as few complained about time constraints. He also proposed to put a motion for nomination of the 'Board Member of the Year' award. Voting, via a secret ballot, for the same will be done today at the Board

Meeting post the nominations. 'Councillor of the Year' award will not be given this year. Council and Board used to exist as two different bodies but they are currently merged into one single body as Board; hence only one award will be given out as 'Board Member of the Year'. Nominations for the Councillor will be considered for the Board Member of the Year. Deadline for UWSA AFROFEST Coordinator position for the has been extended to March 22, 2017.

- 6.1.2 Vuk – Scholarships will be posted by the beginning of the next week. Three firms are coming to present next week. List of scholarships to be awarded was given out.
- 6.1.3 Moussa – Informed about the changes to be done for the furniture in the Council Chambers to give it more professional look. UWSA is looking to invest in the new conference table and new chairs. Requested a motion to be proposed to approve of the cost for the upgrade to the room.

6.2 Committee

- 6.2.1 Student Services Committee: The committee has not met yet but plan to meet and discuss the awards either by end of this week or next week and finalise.
- 6.2.2 Finance Committee: The committee met to discuss ways to fund new initiatives across campus. The committee also discussed scholarships and how much amount will be allocated to each one.
- 6.2.3 University Affairs Committee: The committee has not been able to meet lately. Moussa plans to have a final meet the University Affair committee so that for the new year they have path chalked out.
- 6.2.4 Governance and Policy Committee: GPC has met regularly and hence they could come up with GPC recommendations on 'Other Policies' which was discussed today in the meeting. Committee have also come up with recommendations on 'Elections Policy' and 'Referendum Policy' which was not presented to the Board. The Committee plans to discuss these amendments with a professional service which can help to re-write these policies in a professional manner. GPC also worked on the AGM motion packages discussed today.

6.3 Senate

- 6.3.1 Ahmed Khalifa has been appointed on the search committee for the next President for the University of Windsor. Since the confidentiality agreement has been signed by him, details were not revealed but this was just to let the Board know about his participation in the role of Search Committee.

7.0 Unfinished Business

8.0 Proposals/Posted Motions

8.1 BIRT to accept GPC Recommendations to “Other Policies” as presented.

Moved: Justin
(All in favour)

Seconded: Liam
PASSED

Discussion:

No discussion was held during the motion as all queries were resolved during the presentation.

8.2 BIRT to accept AGM Motion Package as presented.

Moved: Katy
(All in favour)

Seconded: Liam
PASSED

Discussion:

No discussion was held during the motion as all queries were resolved during the presentation.

During the presentation, there was a proposed motion in AGM package to change the name of the ‘Womyn Center’ to ‘Women Center’ as term ‘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’.

It was suggested that the name be changed to ‘Womxn Centre’ than be changed to ‘Women Centre’ to be more inclusive of trans-women. Sarah, representative of the Womyn Center, confirmed to accept the suggestion by her committee during the meeting. It was therefore modified in the AGM Motion Package to change the name of ‘Womyn Centre’ to ‘Womxn Centre’ instead of the previously suggested change ‘Women Centre’.

8.3 BIRT to approve cost, of up-to CAD 6500.00, for renovation of the Council Chambers furniture.

Moved: Justin
(All in favour)

Seconded: Hagar
PASSED

Discussion:

No discussion was held during the motion as all queries were discussed when the report was presented to the board. Makram abstained to the motion and the same was noted. There were no opponents to the motion and with one abstention; the motion was passed.

8.4 BIRT to pass a motion of support to reinstate Makram Al-Matary as a student centre representative for the remaining meetings of the UWSA.

Moved: Ghadeer **Seconded: Ahmed**
(All in favour) **PASSED**

Discussion:

Robert's Rule does not specify if we require 50% majority or two-thirds of the board members to approve. It is more for records that the board voted to reinstate Makram Al-Matary.

8.5 BIRT _____, upon secret ballot vote, be awarded the 'Board Member of the Year' award at the upcoming UWSA Gala March 30, 2017.

Moved: Jeremiah **Seconded: Youshaa**
(All in favour) **PASSED**

Discussion:

Nominations were open and below mentioned members were nominated by the Board of Directors for the 'Board Member of the Year' award. The nominees were:

- Jeremiah Bowers
- Ghadeer Al Ghosein
- Amber Shaheen
- Ahmed Khalifa
- Youshaa El Abed
- Hagar El Sayed
- Liam Adams

The board voted via a secret ballot and votes were counted by Daniel and Nicole. Initially, there was tie but Ronald (R.J.) D'Aguilar's vote was missed considering as he was on the teleconference. Post his vote we had one winner. Since R.J.'s vote acted as a decider; once the winner is announced at the Gala, everyone would know who did R.J. vote for. Board confirmed with R.J. if he is comfortable with the situation and he confirmed positive.

8.6 BIRT the meeting be adjourned.

Moved: Liam
(All in favour)

Seconded: Andres
PASSED

The meeting was adjourned at 07.32 P.M.

9.0 New Business

10.0 Question Period

11.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 07.32 PM.