



NOTICE OF MEETING
There will be a meeting of the
COUNCIL
Thursday, August 30, 2012, 5:00 p.m.
in Room 203, Toldo Health Education Bldg.,
Weingarden Boardroom

Co201207

AGENDA

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	ACTION
1	Call to Order 5:04	
2	Interim Chair's Business	Interim Chair -Information
3	Approval of Agenda Mohammad, Omar	All – Approval
4	Presentations	

4.1 CFS Ontario Annual General Meeting Report **Mohammed Almoayad** – Information

Mohammed Almoayad: Mohammed attended the CFS AGM, involvement in the organization would be good if, you aren't actively involved then you can be marginalized in the organization, they wont put the motion or agenda or amendments on the screen, they don't count votes they just look for a majority. We should therefore be more involved in the organization so that we can preview the agenda more and have a more active say in how they operate. The CFS voted to not change the Drop Fees Campaign to a "make tuition free campaign", said they would look into the possibility. CFS want to organize the unions more into constituency reps so that each council should have more involvement from faculties, motion passed but there is not way to enforce it. There is an National AGM coming up we should put in as many motions as possible.

Shaun: Is the CFS violating their by-laws with these practices

Mo: There meeting structure by-laws are really vague

Mo: The CFS will now be putting their by-laws online, a student here at the university is having trouble with the academic integrity panel at the U and the CFS voted in an emergency motion to support this student. CFS will be coming down to the campus to support this student and to give tangible help to university of Windsor students.

4.2 OPRIG Windsor's Alternative Welcome Week Presentation **(As above)** – Information

Power point provided

Ontario Public Interest Research Group helps to organize activism on campus. Each student pays a fee to OPRIG and there budget is based on this.

For welcome week OPRIG wants to get first year students involved in campus right away through a club a group or political organization. Clubs days is not always engaging as OPRIG would like. Instead they want to go to students directly and let them know about groups on campus.

Monday: there will be solidarity walk and a clubs day equivalent but only for OPRIG actions groups



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Tuesday/ Wednesday Thursday: Groups that are interested in working with OPRIG

Women's Centre, Community Garden, Windsor Food Security, Young African Union

Social Justice Club, EWB and Palestinians action group, out on campus, IWW, CFS town hall on tuition,

And movies every night.

If there is no group on campus for you OPRIG would like to help you start a new club to get your initiative out there, the goal therefore is to have lots of new groups on campus.

On the Friday there will be a dinner with a table for all the new groups. You will be able to sit down with a bunch of people with the same interest as you. By the end of the week there should be more activism and involvement on campus.

A call for councilors to getinvolved with the welcome week and find out more about OPRIG

Curtis (Clubs Coordinator): Will the clubs become registered with the UWSA so that they can book rooms and such?

Mohammed: They wont have to register with the UWSA but they will be encouraged to sign up with the UWSA?

Curtis: Do you have the updated registration forms?

Mohammed: Yes.

5 Reports

5.1 End of Summer Executive Reports

Executives – Information

Sent them out in advance, so that everyone could read them, they are very long and we wanted to save time not reading them out.

Mohammad: Want to add one thing to his report. He was successful in a student appeal to have them stay in their program. And just complete a separate assignment. Very excited first successful appeal.



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Nadia: This is for Erik can you explain more about the initiative listed at the end of your report.

Erik: CJAM got money for a better antenna so that they wouldn't lose their signal.

Nadia: What was your involvement in the process?

Erik: Because council doesn't sit in board meeting just wanted to keep them apprised about what was being sponsored. Things that go through clubs funding committee even board does see.

Other initiatives were WIFF....

5.2 Report on Council Vacancies

Alyssa Atkins – Information

Alyssa: This issue needs to be tabled so that we can have the registrars give us updated enrolment to apply the formula for positions.

Mo: This is a motion so that we can just go and do that, and have the senate and the lance oversight updated

6 Posted Motions

6.1 UWSA Action re: Bookstore

Mohammed Almoayad – Approval

“BIRT the UWSA do everything in its power to stop the bookstore from moving into the pub space”

Mohammed: One of the largest issues we will have to deal with as councilors this year. The decision to move the bookstore into the PUB was made with no real input into the move, was made by a few executive. This has such a large impact on the students on campus and we can make this change without approaching students. Doesn't want to focus on anything that has happened in the past, wants to focus on what can be done now. The reason this is coming up now is because we thought we didn't have a choice on what was happening board though that the bookstore had to go into the basement, now the construction is not happening until later so we have time to get student opinion. This motion doesn't say what goes into this space, it only says that we want to discuss what will happen with this space. This decision will effect even more students then are currently present on campus, and if they lok back and see there was no student imput then they will be angry that we as council did not represent students. We need to find out now what students want and not let this deal go forward without student input.

Sean: (Against) Was not aware that we have the ability to change the contract are we not legally bound by the contract. We don't have a means to talk to all of the students on campus we only have the social media. We do have the means to contact us and give us there opinion. It is not feasible to conduct democracy going out to each person. I would like to know how many students desent against this issue, I have only seen the few social media goups and only about 20 people desenting.



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Hagar: (proxy) (for) Maybe someone will come along and give us a better deal, we should consult students and see what they want and see if we can get a better deal

Arti: (for) This is a substantial issue that needs student opinion, this decision was to unilateral carried out.

Mohammad: (against) I bit confused by the statements made that students aren't active on facebook that doesn't mean that students aren't angry we should go out and see if they like the idea. People do not criticise the UWSA to our faces we shouldn't say that we can't go out and get there idea, we could run a referendum, we are a common good they could run a referendum and take away all our fees. Students vote down everything we want because we had disenfranchised then, students are at the top of the hierarchy and we need to remember that. The only way we can get student feedback is through polls or referendums, we shouldn't be afraid of them, the Canadian government would be totally different if we had polls and referendums.

Mohammed: (for) It was made clear that we could back out of the deal, the university own the student centre and they can do whatever they want with it, the university would only give students soft consequences of we wanted to back out, they did not want to force the deal on students. People are saying that now it is too late they haven't started construction it will now be delayed this is not too late to take action. If we go to students and say the way we made this decision was wrong it will not be difficult to take their opinion and go to administration and lobby them and say that this is not what students want. It is not unreasonable to go to the administration and lobby them and say the UWSA doesn't want this. They admin may be really annoyed they may not want to work with students in the future but we represent students not the admin we shouldn't care about how the admin feel, we should worry about how students feel. We may not be able to get consensus from 12,000 students but we can get enough consensus to say we represent them. For big things like this you can say that we don't need any input from students. We shouldn't say that it is too difficult a task to get students opinion. We need to give them adequate opportunity to voice their opinion. Even if executive board and council only make decision this contract is still not legitimate because council didn't get together and say what should go into this space. Most councilors don't know what is in this contract and what the lost opportunity cost are. We shouldn't have executive make a unilateral decision

Trevor (against): Do not see the crowd of protesters do want to change the contract. Future deals with the administration will become more difficult and as much as we don't want to pander to them we shouldn't go shooting future executive or councils in the foot because they won't want to work with the UWSA. There will be risks to long term advocacy to the UWSA. Will make it more difficult for us to do anything in the future. \\\

Motion to extend the time limit for everyone on this issue:

Shaun, Alyssa
Opposed: 3 (Erik)
For: 9
Abstain: Arti

Shaun

-what kim said is we don't have authority to pull out and administration could make things very difficult for us. We can't go back and change the past regardless of what we want or feel we should do. The contract has been signed, moving forward, ridiculous to try and get out of contract that's already been signed. Maybe not in best interest to not have consulted students but we can't do anything about it

Students primary concern. My concern is students won't have book store if we don't let them put it in pub if we're not going to receive revenue from something else why would we screw ourselves over. Not a good decision to make a business decision that will make us go broke. If students aren't



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made aware of all the issues then its not in their best interest to delay a decision ahts already been made and then get their opinion and go back and make the decision again

This will set a precedent. If we cant make a decision without consulting students in the future if an issue comes out and theres not a lot of time we'll be forced to make to go to students and wont be able to make a decision. Referendums expensive and take a lot of time. Not feasible to delay this decision until referendum and not in the future to do so either. Our job as counsellors to find tou what students think but its not our job to ask ALL students on EVERY issue. Not feasible to have everyone in a room to make a decision.

Another issue with this motion is the wording is too strong. Make a motion to amend the motion

“BIRT the UWSA do everything in its power to stop the bookstore from moving into the pub space”

“BIFRT the UWSA by election include a referendum on whether or not students want the contract regarding the book store upheld

BIFRT the referendum hold all relevant information so that students understand it and know the issue”

For: 10
 against: 5

With this motion theres the issue that if they say they don't want it we have nothing in the pub and no revenue.

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Call to question on the amendment
 Atri, Omar
 13/2/0

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Call to question
 Nadia, Shawn
 13/1/0

Vote to Roll call
 6/8/0

Actual motion
 6/7/0
 The motion fails

6.2 2012 Fall By-Election Amendments



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“BIRT Council amends and updates the By-Election timeline to include all council seats that have been vacated since the By-Election design was approved,

BIFRT Council includes any vacant Lance Oversight Board seats.

BIFRT Council directs the CRO to update the By-Election to include any vacancies that occur between the time this motion is passed and the opening of the By-Election nomination period.”

Motioned by Kim, Mohammad

13/0/0

Loss of quorum

The meeting was adjourned

7 Question Period All

8 New Business

Peer to Peer Tutoring

BIRT that the UWSA endorses the peer tutoring centre and allows Hassan Mohseni to call himself the tutoring centre coordinator.

9/0/4

9 Adjournment Approval