



Council Meeting Agenda
Thursday, January 16, 2014, 5:00 PM

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ITEM	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTED BY:
1	Call to Order 5:20pm	Rob Crawford
2	Chair's Business	Rob Crawford
3	Approval of Agenda Approved	
4	Approval of Minutes November 27, 2013 Oneschuk Fordjour Motion to not approve the minutes Oneschuk: More clarification needed in the minutes. Kassam: Would also like to have expanded minutes. Fordjour: The audio wasn't sent to councilors. S.Akbar: The recordings are only used to transcribe/for notes purposes, the audio files not for distribution. 10/5/7 Motion for Chris Rudnicki to move into chair Oneschuk Chak Approved Chris Rudnicki moves into Chair	
5	Presentations/Discussion Items	
5.2	Visual Arts Presentation – Erica Erica: Lab hours are being cut 6 to 3 hours. 57 unofficial votes to not cut the hours from a petition being passed around. Students are expected to	

produce the same results even with the lack of time allotted in labs.
Does not have enough resources to make this petition formal, is asking
for assistant to make a formal petition.

Brent: Have you spoken to anyone on why the cuts have been made?

Erica: Omar mentioned they have cut all art credits. They are focusing on
business, law and engineering as opposed to art credits at the university.
Programs that can lead to jobs.

Brent: Has it been explained why are they cutting lab hours instead of
classes?

Erica: Unsure.

Farah: How many students have you talked to?

Erica: 57 so far. First year students are saying it is impossible to learn
proper techniques and then submit assignments. Feedback and
knowledge is not at the level needed.

Crawford: How many students are in your faculty?

Erica: 200

Crawford: Has there been an alternative option for students to work?

Erica: If there isn't someone there to supervise, the rooms are not
accessible to students.

Erika Duchaine: Part of the visual arts society and participates in their
meetings. The faculty hours are being cut because of the demand and
because of the new school. The facilities are being shared with two
other programs. They've been changing the courses altogether and
adding other courses. It's not the facility is closed, there are just certain
facilities that are in demand like the sculpture room. Sculpture is not as
easily accessible. Professors need to restructure the course
appropriately.

Crawford: How does this compare to other universities?

Erica: In comparison to OCAD they have a lot of time allotted to labs.

Chris: Contact the media, the Lance or the Windsor star.

Erica: How reasonable do you think professors to compromise?

Duchaine: It's not the professors that need to compromise. It's the Dean

that you need to contact. Talk to and reach the higher ranks.

Erica: Can I suggest to the profs to have the first and second year courses schedule for 6 hour labs and higher years with less hours?

Duchaine: Is your concern about the experience with the machines.

Erica: Yes

Rudnicki: If you would like the body to motivate a motion I'm sure they would be willing to.

Crawford: Can help arrange a meeting with the Dean. There's been systematic cuts across all the programs, this is part of a larger issue. Talk to the Dean about how it affects students.

El Hajj: Is there a reason why they cut the hours.

Erica: Because of the move to the new facility moving.

Duchaine: They have been reluctant to talk about what's going on with the move to the new facility.

Sadiq: If the Visual arts courses get the 6 hours requested, does this take away from the other schools that you are sharing with?

Erica: Unsure.

Duchaine: That is one of the reasons they are being cut.

5.1 Election of a Senate Representative

Shaista Akbar

S.Akbar: We have a total of 6 senators who sit on Senate. Lost two before the bi-election but had new senators elected in. Another senator resigned right before the break.

The Senate by-laws allow council to elect a Senator amongst ourselves if there is not time to run an election. You can put forth your name for nomination and there will be a secret ballot and vote. You cannot hold council and senate seat until the next election. Senator expectations, attend additional meetings, senate committee and chair a UWSA committee. Currently vacant, external policy committee. It is a campus wide position and representative of campus wide undergraduate students.

Oneschuk: What time are the senate meetings?

Crawford: Typically at 2:30 on Fridays, Sub-committee meetings usually

Friday mornings.

6 Posted Motions

- 6.1** Whereas a Senator has been removed from Senate after the By-Election has occurred, Shaista Akbar

Whereas student representation on the Senate is imperative

BIRT the UWSA Council elect a Senate Representative from amongst Council for the remainder of the Winter 2014 term.

Nominations:

Farah El Hajj – by Fordjuor

Brent Oneschuk – by Oneschuk

Oneschuk: Represents students not from any specific faculty, always had the students in mind and looked at things objectively. 4 years working on campus and looking at student governments. Being on Senate and chairing meetings and being a representative would be great. This is my last semester at the university and being able to represent all students on campus would be an honour. I wish that I could have banners and flyers and cupcakes.

El Hajj: Faculty of Arts Social Science, approximately 6000 students. Largest faculty. Can hold responsibility for the position, has previously represented students well. Has done a lot of work with UWSA like the Town Hall. Radio talk show. Views students as family members and will not mistreat them. Advocating and representation. Would like your vote to represent all students. I promise to make cupcakes every meeting.

Crawford: What unique perspective would you bring to serve students?

El Hajj: Represents the largest faculty on campus. I feel I have a loud and proud voice and not afraid to speak up for students. Previous experience to stand up to bullies, That uniqueness is something I'm proud to be.

Oneschuk: Friendly person, lives on campus, is here 24/7 and working with food services and housekeeping, previous boards, living in residence and understands what happens in various faculties. Hears about changes in student body because of living in residence. Has a strong network of know what's going on in the student body.

Kassam: What measures would you use to allow you effective

representation?

Oneschuk: Participates in a council for resident students and is the UWSA representative bringing information back to that council. Looks to RA's for support. Going from council to senate would be opening up to all students instead and is like representing all the faculties living in residence.

El Hajj: When I talk to students I talk to students from all faculties. I look at students as a whole population. I don't distinguish between faculties. Not just the certain faculty that I am a part of. I talk to PT students, it can be hard to determine who is PT and FT when talking to students and a larger scale position would be a great representation of not just FASS students.

Kassam: Would you have to give up the resident position?

Oneschuk: No

Sadiq: What positions do you have on campus and what would limit you from doing your job as senator?

El Hajj: FASS position. VP External MESA – social events on campus. Senate rep would not close any doors but allow the opportunity to meet more new students.

Oneschuk: RA for Elector hall, inter-residence council, food advisory board, Participates in many events on campus such as the Movember event. My program is in education, the schedule works well with current schedule.

Fordjour: What issues do you see with that position?

Oneschuk: Has not seen any issues, just sees the benefits to the position. Can't pinpoint a previous senator going out of that realm. Keeping consistency is an objective.

El Hajj: Does not know yet. The challenge of getting familiar with how the meetings are run compared to the UWSA. Sits on the external committee, so taking Senator would leave her seat empty.

Secret Ballot Results

Farah El Hajj – 15

Brent Oneschuk – 8



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Farah El Hajj Elected new Senate Representative

Motion to Destroy Ballots

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7 New Business

8 Question Period

9 Adjournment

Fordjour

El Hajj

6:02pm