



NOTICE OF MEETING
There will be a meeting of the
Council
Thursday, November 8th, 2012, 4:00 p.m.
in Room 203, Toldo

AGENDA

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	ACTION
1	Call to Order 4:20pm	
2	Chair's Business	Mike Maher

Addressed the responsibilities and duties of all councilors in the constitution.
 Meeting Minutes need to be updated and accessible by the public.
 Requesting official documents showing previous amendments.
 Informing the general student body about dates and times of council meetings.
 Addressing the way the agenda is built before every meeting, needs to be revised.
 Addressing the Rules of Order.

In order to make changes to the constitution there must be:
 A mover and someone to second it.
 The proposed amendments are then given to the VPA who must publicize it and this notice must also be
 CC'd Chair.

3	Approval of Agenda	Approval
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Approved

4	Minutes of the meeting of August 30th, September 13th, September 27th, October 11th 2012	Approval
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Akbar
Trevor

Approved
1 Opposed
No Abstentions

5 Presentations

6.1 UWSA Referendum Schedule	Chief Returning Officer
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Orr: Speaker sends apologies and could not attend due to medical condition.
See Attachment: Referendum Schedule

The vote would take place before exams, and ratifying in Jan.
Explained the way the referendum will be run and the rules associated with the way it is run and explained the referendum schedule.

Pigeon: Non-official campaign teams, how are they dealt with?



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Orr: The CRO would ask them to cease and desist. If they refuse to comply, it is up to the CRO's discretion on how to take further action.

Chris
Shaun

Motion to vote on this matter next.

Passed

Ruled out of order since it is not on the posted motions list

Waving notice of the motion and debating the motion.

Passed/2/0

Tremblay: Addressing Orr to have the CRO address the Medical VPA to inform those students

Orr: Noted

Hussein: How is the voting period only one day?

Orr: In order to have this before exams starting and have student involvement the 24 hour period

Hussein: The response from students may not be taken seriously from administration if there is a short voting period .

Orr: The voting options are accessible online and students who take this issue seriously and want to voice their vote are able to. Even if students are not on campus, students can vote.

Hussein: The appeal period?

Orr: The CRO and EMC have to process those appeal and they have exams at the start of the exam period and the need to be able to process any appeals.

Pigeon: Clarifying whether councilors are allowed to side with a campaign team?

Chair: Executive, Board and Councilors are expected to be neutral throughout the campaign.

Arti: Who decided these rules to the schedule and can council change them?

Chair: The CRO and yes council can vote to make amendments.

Uyu: Voting period long enough?

Orr: It shouldn't be a problem, looking at previous situations in similar circumstances.



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Arti (SAL): What's the university's plan with construction?

Orr: The timeline from the university states the construction will start during our referendum period.

Hussein
Akbar

Move to debate

Amendment: Voting period to Dec 3rd-6th

Arti: In favour of the amendment, if we want to apply stringent rules then let the students have their voice in a 24 hour period.

Orr: If the 48 hour appeal period during the exam period makes it more difficult for someone making an appeal to obtain 100 signatures and present a proper appeal especially within the exam period. This is also putting stressed on the CRO and EMC while they are also in exam period.

Amanda: Compared the referendum to the US election with their ability to vote in one day and is opposed to making changes.

Shaun: Speaking against, making changes to this timeline defeats the purpose of the CRO's timeline.

11/16/0

Failed

Call to question
Almoayad
Shaun

Passed

Referendum timetable. See Attached.

Passed

6.2 Marketing Committee Report

Omar Zghat

Gave background to the marketing committee .

Marketing Plan:

Reaching out to students directly and engaging students. (E.g. Councilor booths)

Be more active on social media.

Videos from the UWSA

Whiteboard in the CAW centre asking questions and having students write their feedback

Improve relations with clubs and societies.



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Improve relations with local media
Have UWSA representative reach with things like blogs.

Encouraged councilors to participate and asking other committees and councilors to give reports

Orr: Did you know the screens at the CAW centre will soon have working screens?

Chair: If you are going to make a presentation, submit it so it can be added to the Agenda.

6.3 UWSA Reform Committee

Almoayad

Speaking about councilors are not receiving proper training on how to properly fulfill their roles. There needs to be accountability to those with experience within the UWSA to help new councilors.
Holding a meetings and inviting everyone to come and share their input on how to keep the UWSA accountable to students.

Gosselin: Have the new councilors received training?

Almoayad: The training we received was inadequate.

Alyssa: What was lacking training? We can work to make it a better experience.

Almoayad: Councilors still walked away unclear of their roles and duties.

Orr: Previous training given was clear about responsibilities in detail. Orr Offered to assist anyone who needs clarification on their roles and is willing to guide them in the right direction and is concerned about the whole reform committee.

Gosselin: This committee should hold meetings the alternate Thursday of council meetings.

6.4 Report on National Lobby Week, OUSA GA, and Clubs Outreach

Akbar:

Orr and Akbar attended the meeting stating and that the other participants that committed to go were not able to attend with them.

Access codes are still being addressed with the university.

6.5 VPA Report

The UWSA is holding a debate tournament, Sat Nov 24, 8-6. People are expected to come with min. 2 cases with resolves. Nov 19 will have the explanations on how the day will be run with free lunch.
The only debate team is the Odette Debate team and you have to be a Business student to participate in that group. Since there seems to be a demand for this type of activity for students everyone is welcome to attend and/or volunteer.



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The Intouchables movie night still has tickets available. The UWSA is also holding an after party on Sat, Nov 10 at the City Grill which includes appetizers and a candy bar. Yellow wrist bands are available to anyone interested.

Pigeon: Cost to UWSA and students?

Atkins: Cost \$1500, Social science department costs \$200 for the UWSA and free for students.

Recess 10 minutes

Recess extended 6:25pm

6 Posted Motions

8.10 Whereas on November 3rd the Steering Committee of the Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance(OUSA) voted to increase the OUSA fee from 2.85 to 2.87
Whereas the UWSA council has not set the OUSA fee for this year
Whereas the VPUA made it clear to OUSA that the UWSA would have to vote on this fee increase before it's approval, and it was still increased, therefore;
BIFRT the UWSA task the VPUA with giving OUSA 90 day's notice on a Council vote on the fee increase
BIFRT this vote be treated as a vote on continued membership.
BIFRT the VPUA research student opinion through a Google poll on OUSA recommendations on the tuition fee framework during the 90 days, and present it to the UWSA council before the vote on OUSA
BIFRT the motion and dates for this vote be set at the next council meeting.

Akbar: This is to give OUSA notice of the 90 days needed that we will be voting on this matter.
Within the 90 days there will be an effort to find out whether students support the partnership with OUSA.
According to previous motion it is the UWSA council's responsibility regarding OUSA fee increases.
Do students agree with the OUSA mandates? Should this be a council vote or a referendum?
Should the fee increase? Is OUSA's efforts for lobbying sufficient for the UWSA?
Council vote or referendum are the two options to decide on how to proceed.

Zghal: Can we decide the dates at the next meeting?

Akbar: Yes

Almoayad: What other fees can go up by inflation?

Orr: The CFS fees go up by inflation.

SAL - President of OUSA: Inflationary increases will allow them to provide the same levels of services. The power to pass inflation is within their right. Anything above that must be approved. OUSA presented this issue because they would bound to because of their bi-laws.
The fee would cost an overall \$250 total to the UWSA and are willing to be flexible with that payments.
There is representation from students at large and want to be able to address and advocate the needs of the students.



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Chris: Has previously worked for OUSA. Priorities of the UWSA differ from OUSA so he is against. Their financial regard is acceptable, but does it work with the UWSA's goals.
Discussed having more accountability and looking at policies on how UWSA deals with advocacy groups.

Akbar: In favour of the motion. Does not believe that any fees should go up based on inflation.

Orr: The UWSA does not have its own policy on how to deal with membership. There is no bylaw in OUSA on how to deal with membership. If they do not decide to increase fees or pay fees, then they would leave membership with OUSA. Spoke about CFS and it's difficult to leave membership. With OUSA you can give 90 days notice. Because of the renewed membership with OUSA when they have voted in favour of past increases. They have kept good relations with the UWSA to explain this fee increase so much so as to attend tonight's meeting. Inflation is a real world issue not just a fee increase without merit.

Shaun: Against the motion, he doesn't see the need to have the motion since it is based on inflation. It's a natural occurrence then should be considered so.

Hussein (SAL Rob Crawford): Outside perspective, looking at previous expenses 0.04% was spent on lobbying. Why would we allow the increase if they are not lobbying for students?

Akbar: Tabling the motion until Chris brings in policy to address the way the UWSA can address how to work with advocacy groups.

Akbar
Pigeon

Table Motion

Akbar: Since there is no policy in place they would like to wait until there is a policy in place to address this issue.

Orr: If there is no policy put into place this motion will never be un-tabled.

Hussein call to question.

Passed

8.1 BIRT that the Council reps on Board submit a report to Council about the activities of the Board before the next Council meeting

Pigeon
Gosselin

Pigeon: In favour since most councilors don't know what's happening with Board meetings.

Evan: Speaking for as well since he has not been invited or notified of Board meetings

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8.3 BIRT that Council re-instate all the whereas clauses to the referendum question.

Shaun
Atkins

Hussein: Hasn't been this debated?

Chair: It can be brought back.

Pigeon: If you weren't at the meeting, why should we re address this?

Almoayad: Isn't it too late to amend this?

Shaun: It can't be undone, it can be added in.

No longer in Quorum meeting ended at 7:07pm.

8.4 BIRT Council tasks the VPA with updating all governing documents based on amendments made by Council in recent years.

BIFRT IPC assists the VPA where needed.

Gosselin
Pigeon

8.5 BIRT Executives write a report on their work for students every two weeks.

8.6 BIFRT Executives give brief presentations on their reports at every Council meeting.

Mohammed
Fouad

8.7 BIRT the UWSA begin creating a policy on student fees.

Mohammed
Hossam

7 New Business

8 Question Period

9 Adjournment