UWSA Council Meeting Minutes November 14, 2013 | Council Chambers | 6:00pm

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:06pm.

- 2. Chair's Business
- 3. Approval of Agenda

It was moved by B. Oneschuk and seconded by F. El-Hajj that The agenda for the UWSA Council meeting on November 14, 2013 is approved as presented.

Carried

4. Approval of Minutes

It was moved by F. El-Hajj and seconded by R. Crawford that The UWSA Council meeting minutes from October 30, 2013 are approved as presented.

Carried

5. Presentations

5.1. Palestinian Solidarity Group on Boycott, Divestment & Sanctions by Mohamed Almoayad

The University of Windsor and the UWSA were part of the movement to abolish apartheid in South Africa up until the early 1990's. Now there is a new version of this movement centering on the issues between Israel and Palestine. This movement has already been endorsed by many student unions, especially in Europe. The United Church of Canada and CUPE Ontario have already become involved in this movement. There is a lot of controversy, mainly surrounding the way it is implemented because most student unions have done this through a council vote. The Palestinian Solidarity Group has decided that it would be beneficial to have a student-wide referendum on the issue, instead of asking the council to vote. PSG has been circulating a petition to get 500 signatures to begin the process of creating a referendum. The PSG views this movement as the most effective way to protest Israeli crimes against Palestinians. The PSG will be hosting British journalist Ben White to speak about Israel being in an apartheid state on November 23, 2013. The PSG will come back to the UWSA Council in two weeks with a motion.

It was moved by H. Zarif and seconded by F. El-Hajj to Extend the presentation by 5 minutes.

Carried

5.2. Marketing Committee Report by Julian Paquette

About a month ago, the Marketing Committee came up with a list of products that they would like to endorse. The committee shortlisted those campaigns to the Townhall meeting, implementing feedback mechanisms, and assessment of brand value and an implementation of a brand guide. The townhall event was held in hopes of engaging students to learn about the campaigns on campus. At the upcoming Marketing Committee meeting, a report will be put together.

The Marketing Committee met with Delta Chi, a fraternity on campus, which is looking to hold fundraising events over the course of the winter semester and during Frost Week. They are hoping to have an ice rink on campus to raise money for their philanthropy. They wish to use the UWSA logo, and this will come to the next council meeting as a motion.

The committee has put together a budget and has some demands for the board of directors. The budget was approved except for one item. The board of directors has granted the Marketing Committee with money for clothing supporting the four different campaigns. J. Paquette is looking for feedback from the council on swag they would want, aside from t-shirts.

5.3. Judicial Panel by Jake DeJong

It was moved by O. Raza and seconded by B. Oneschuk that *The meeting moves into executive session.*

Carried

It was moved by J. DeJong and seconded by B. Oneschuk to Move the meeting out of executive session.

Carried

5.4. By-Election Report by Shaista Akbar

- The contested positions: 1 senate, 1 board of directors, 1 medicine rep, 2 business reps, 3 human kinetics reps, 1 nursing rep, 1 education rep, and 1 first year rep
- The nomination period was October 3rd, 2013 at 9:00am until October 17th, 2013 at 6:00pm
- The all candidates meeting was October 18th, 2013 at 6:00pm
- The campaign period was October 21st, 2013 at 12:01am until November 3rd, 2013 at 11:59pm
- Voting days were November 5th, 2013 at 9:00am until November 6th, 2013 at 9:00pm
- The last day to appeal results was November 8th, 2013 at 9:00pm
- Total of 352 votes cast
- 0 appeals were filed

- There was 1 senate position run in the UWSA election, but during the election period before voting days, 1 senator resigned.
 - It is recommended that because there were 2 candidates for the position, they should both be elected
- This was the first campaign where law students and medical students were allowed to vote

5.5. Internal Policy Committee Report by Hussein Zarif

- The IPC picks one by-law each year to review wish to take suggestions from all past elections and CRO suggestions
- Reviewing social media policy regulate all UWSA social media including clubs and societies
- Contract signing policy
- Next meeting in two weeks
- Fall Reading Week almost 1000 likes on Facebook, has been a popular campaign
- Booths set up in different faculties to promote Fall Reading Week

6. Posted Motions

6.1. BIRT the UWSA Council accept the By-election report as presented.

BIFRT the UWSA approve electing both Senate Representative candidates for the position of Senate Representatives.

BIFRT the CRO clear the online voting system of all ballots for the 2013 By-Election.

Carried with 2 abstentions

7. New Business

7.1. Townhall Update by Farah El-Hajj

- Disappointed with the council turnout
- Hold a second one next semester, early in the semester
- Report of what went right/what went wrong
- Looking for feedback from council

8. Question Period

9. Adjournment

It was moved by B. Oneschuk and C. Chak to *Adjourn the meeting.*

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16pm.