

Minutes of the Meeting of the UWSA Council
Wednesday, October 30, 2013 | 5:00pm | Council Chambers

Attendance: Ashleigh Erdelyan, Brent Oneschuk, Calvin Chak, Farah El-Haj, Hussein Zarif, Ivona Bilbilovska, Jacob De Jong, Julien Paquette, Mackenzie Bondy, Moaaz Elsayed, Mohammad Akbar, Mohammad Akbar, Nicole Da Silva, Omar Shahid, Redeemer Gorges, Ricardo Gorges, Richard Kirkham, Robert Crawford, Saad Qazi, Sarah Salloum, Shaista Akbar, Shaun Steven (came in close to 6PM), Tareq Tamr, Vidya Mohan, Youssef Abdul Kader, Zachary Ashley, Adam EIDika (left at 5:45PM)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:11pm by the meeting Chair, C. Rudnicki.

2. Chair's Business

Basic procedural rules:

1. During presentations, the speaker is allowed to talk for 5 minutes.
2. Motions will sometimes follow the presentations; councilors can vote for or against the proposition, or abstain from voting.
3. If a councilor is speaking on a motion, they must state their stance on the motion (for or against) and will have 2 minutes to speak/ask questions.
4. A councilor can speak twice on each motion.
5. If there is any amendment towards a motion, a councilor can speak once per amendment.
6. The chair will keep a speaker's list to keep track of who wants to speak.
7. Justice At Work – Social Justice Conference on Monday November 18th.

3. Approval of Agenda

**It was moved by R. Crawford and seconded by S. Steven that
*The Agenda of the October 30, 2013 Council Meeting be approved, as presented.***

Carried

**It was moved by R. Crawford that
*The agenda is amended to include an update regarding the Judicial Panel and the Board of Governor's Petition.***

Carried

**It was moved by K. Knapp and seconded by R. Kirkham that
*The agenda is amended to include the Restaurant Presentation.***

Carried

It was moved by J. DeJong and seconded by F. El-Hajj that

The agenda is amended to include discussion about the by-election in the New Business section of the meeting.

Carried

4. Approval of Minutes

**It was moved by J. DeJong and seconded by A. Erdelyan that
*The minutes of the October 16, 2013 UWSA Council Meeting be approved,
as presented.***

Carried

**It was moved by H. Zarif that
*The minutes of the October 16, 2013 UWSA Council Meeting be amended to
remove 'friendly' language.***

Carried

5. Presentations

5.1. Lobby Week Update

M. Akbar and O. Shahid presented that the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) is a national and provincial student organization that represents approximately 300,000 students in Ontario and approximately 600,000 students across Canada. We now identify ourselves as Local 49 of the CFS. In addition to the research that they do and the campaigns they run, they also do regular lobbying. Twice a year, once for the provincial and once for the federal government, students across Canada lobby together during Lobby Week. M. Akbar and O. Shahid attended the federal Lobby Week in Ottawa and presented a document called, "Public Education for the Public Good." There were seven key recommendations:

1. Make a direct investment of \$7.5 billion to reduce existing student debt by half in the next three years.
2. Increases the value and number of non-repayable grants available to students by redirecting funds allocated to education-related tax credits and saving schemes to the Canada Student Grants Program, and allow graduate students to qualify for grants under the program.
3. Implement a federal Post-Secondary Education Act in cooperation with the provinces, modeled after the Canada Health Act, accompanied by dedicated cash transfer with funding allocated address certain issues.
4. Remove the funding cap on increases to the Post-Secondary Student Support Program and ensure that every eligible First Nations, Inuit, and Metis learner is provided funding.

5. Remove targeted research funding earmarks within the granting councils and award research funding based on academic merit determined through a peer review process.
6. Increase funding by \$10 million to Statistic Canada's education branch for the collection and analysis of statistics to properly track the impact of student debt on post-secondary education completion rates and the fulfillment of labour-market demands.
7. Develop a nation strategy to address youth unemployment, underemployment, and unpaid internships, and restoring funding for the Canada Summer Jobs Program.

M. Akbar and O. Shahid met with 10-15 MP's and there was a lot of value seen in the campaign by the NDP, Liberal Party, the Green Party, and the Conservative Party of Canada. They would like to see these recommendations incorporated into the campaigns occurring on campus.

**It was moved by H. Zarif and seconded by M. ElSayed that
*The presentation on Lobby Week is extended by five minutes.***

Carried

5.2. Townhall/Campaigns

F. El-Hajj presented that the Townhall/Campaign Kick-Off will be held in the CAW Commons on Wednesday November 6th from 1-3pm. F. El-Hajj would like everyone that will be in attendance to send her an email. If there are members cannot be in attendance, please promote the event through social media outlets. F. El-Hajj will be holding an information session on Thursday, October 31 in the Council Chambers. CFS members Hilda and Jeremy will be at the event.

5.3. Judicial Panel and Board of Governor's Petition Update

R. Crawford presented that the UWSA, GSS and OPUS have decided to remove the boycott of judicial panels. The University has agreed to remove the University Secretariat from judicial panels. They have agreed to hire a temporary position to assume the duties of the Judicial Panel Affairs Officer and there will be a student representative on the Hiring Committee. They have also agreed to the sponsorship of a students' rights handbook. The short-term concerns have been addressed but there are still long-term concerns that exist, specifically Bylaw 31 and the hiring of an Ombudsman.

Dr. Wildeman has been made aware of the Board of Governor's petition, and he and the board are not in favour of it. Whether or not the board is favorable to this is irrelevant because it is going through the provincial government. The petition has been distributed and an online petition has been created.

An issue has arisen with regard to the previous CRO.

**It was moved by H. Zarif and seconded by F. El-Hajj that
*The meeting moves in-camera.***

Carried

**It was moved by R. Crawford and seconded by R. Kirkham that
*The meeting moves out-of-camera.***

Carried

5.4. Restaurant Presentation

K. Knapp presented that the UWSA has a sub-committee that members of the Council and Board sit on which was made to address the empty space in the CAW that was formerly the Thirsty Scholar Pub. There was a decision amongst the committee that members from the community could submit proposals for tenancy of the space. The RFP went out and there was one applicant that met all of the criteria of the selection process, but the committee felt that there was not enough understanding as to what the vision for the proposed restaurant was going to be. The sub-committee has created a survey to solicit feedback from the students about the types of restaurants they are looking for. K. Knapp is looking for any feedback on the survey before it is made public.

6. Posted Motions

6.1. BIRT the UWSA organize a debate to educate students about the upcoming City Council elections

**It was moved by M. Akbar and seconded by _____ that
*The UWSA organize a debate to educate students about the upcoming City Council elections.***

Carried

7. New Business

**7.1. It was moved by M. Akbar and seconded by S. Akbar that
*Marisa Market is excused from the October 30th Council meeting without attendance penalty due to a death in the family.***

Carried

**7.2. It was moved by J. DeJong and seconded by F. El-Hajj that
*The by-election continues to move forward in its current capacity.***

Carried

**7.3. It was moved by S. Steven that
*The UWSA Council strikes a ASC Committee as soon as possible.***

Amended

**7.4. It was moved by S. Akbar that
*The UWSA Council strikes an EMC Committee as soon as possible.***

Amended

**7.5. BIRT S. Akbar, R. Kirkham, and M. Stevenson be appointed members
of the ASC.**

Carried

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.