

**UWSA Board of Director Meeting Minutes
UWSA Council Chambers
Wednesday February 9th, 2011
5:00pm**

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Chair:

Jadieep Singh

Voting Members Present

Executive:

Andrew Bell

Board of Directors:

Jake DeJong, Dane Dillon, Anuj Virani, Massum Mukit

Present by Proxy:

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Call to Order at 5:08 pm.

1.0 Approval of Agenda

Motion: DeJong

Second: Mukit

Tally: 4-0-0

2.0 Approval of Minutes

Motion: Virani

Second: Dillon

Tally: 4-0-0

3.0 Chairs Business

None

4.0 Presentations

4.1 Psychology Student Association

Presented by: Joal Craig

- The Psychology Students Association is looking to attend the Canadian Psychological Associations Annual Convention
- In the past students from Windsor have not been able to attend due to distance and cost, however this year the conference is in Toronto

- Is held in June, any student wanting to attend must apply for a CPA membership and then the cost for the Conference is 56.50
- There will be keynote speakers at the conference, attendees are able to choose which seminars they would like to attend, there is also an internship fair where networking is promoted
- Is asking the UWSA for help with travel expenses and specifically the bus costs, bus was quoted at \$2373 and holds up to 47 people

Questions

(Q) DeJong – What amount are you seeking?

(A) Craig - Would like to cover the bus cost.

(Q) Bell – Said the PSA is funding \$300, is that per student or altogether?

(A) Craig – That is altogether, that is all we can afford at the moment.

(S) Have you gone anywhere else to look for funding?

(A) No

4.2 Windsor Charity Ball

Presented by: Nadia Hegazi

- Is a night of elegance, the theme is Venetian Ball
- This is an opportunity for students to come together and give back to the community and a charity in Windsor
- Will be happening on March 27th, 2011 at the St. Clair Centre for the Arts and tickets are \$40 per person
- The projected cost is \$20,000 for around 300 students
- \$1000 will be given to three individual charities
- Sponsor names are going on the ticket and sponsors will be present at the Ball to present a cheque a charity
- We are asking the UWSA for \$2000, however whatever the UWSA see's fit will be fine

Questions

(Q) Bell – In past years do you know how much the UWSA has contributed?

(A) Hegazi – No I do not.

(A) Singh – In the past it has been around \$1000 to \$2000's

(Q) Bell – What other places have you asked for donations/support?

(A) Hegazi – I have approached most societies, so far the Computer Society and Science Society are onboard, I am also hoping to hear back from the Social Science Society as well.

(Q) Bell – how much money is going to be re-coupe from ticket sales?

(A) Hegazi – Around 54%.

4.3 Sikh Student Association

Presented by: Jaz Jed

- The Sikh Student Association has roughly 400 plus members
- Each year we provide bus trips to the Sikh Temple free of charge to students
- We are asking for 770.90 to cover the bus costs for this semester
- We work with two other organizations outside of the UWSA, the Sikh Education Research Center and the Windsor Essex Sikh Temple
- Due to the economic down fall we only received \$100 collectively and that has already gone to the bus bill, now we are looking to cover the rest
- Our big event as already happened, last year we took 150 students, this year we took 250

Questions

(Q) Bell – who much money was allocated to the Sikh Student Association in first semester?

(A) Jed - \$770.90 last semester

5.0 Discussion

Motion for Mr. Bell to take the chair position.

Motion: DeJong

Second: Dillon

Singh – The pub is currently in critical condition, finance wise

- Some of the factors are the student meal plan, food and labor costs, and inflation
- The current deficit is around \$75, 000
- Mr. coffin and our Sr. Accountant have been working hard to find money to cover this deficit's from our current budget
- \$12,000 has already been allocated to cover some tax bills from January
- At the moment, the pub does need more money in order to stay open, and at the moment we are looking to the board to approve what has already been spent, the \$12, 500

Coffin – As of January 1st the pub has lost \$61, 000 however some of this has been covered by a loan from the UWSA

- Alcohol sales do not generate enough revenue
- Since Big Dick's has closed the Thursday night pub night's have been doing better and we've had some good Thursday's

Singh – Short-term loans from the UWSA have been \$28, 500 and then an additional \$12, 509 plus another \$10, 000, so out of the \$64,000, \$51,000 has been covered by the UWSA

- Three proposals have been presented to resolve the pub problem
 - One: Keep the pub running as it is, which would cost around \$66,276.91
 - Two: Operate the Thirsty Scholar as a restaurant, with reduced hours, would cost \$47,476.91. For this we have just gotten rid of door staff, which saves us a lot
 - Three: Shut the pub down completely, will cost \$69, 776.91, this is based on no more sales but a large severance cost

Coffin – We had very high food sales last year, however this year we have taken a large hit due to the changes with the meal plan and food services, so we are only generating about half of what we did last year

- Our Senior Accountant has taken our budget's from up until December and has looked for any disposable income we can find for the pub
- Most money will be coming from the contingency fund from central administration
- As of right now we are running a deficit and will be leaving the future with a problem, however we will not be going bankrupt this year
- Overall, we will most likely break even for the year, but we are being dragged down by the pub
- And must ask ourselves, will the pub be able to pay back the loan, ultimately no, they will not

Questions

(Q) DeJong – What was the Pub's loss for last year?

(A) Coffin – It was around \$6200

(Q) Mukit – Will food services change their decision?

(A) DeJong – Most likely no, we are in the process of trying to push administration to change their decision with food services, but it does not look like they will

(Q) DeJong – what are your suggestions for the pub next year?

(A) Coffin – we need to choose one of the three proposals. If we can find a business model to break even next year then we can make this work. What the board needs to think about at the moment is can the UWSA afford to forward money to the pub or is this board going to say no to forwarding money and will you be recommending to the future board to do the same. If this is the case, then the pub needs to find money from somewhere else. Another choice could be allowing another company to rent out the pub and pay the UWSA rent, though the University of Windsor will most likely be very against this. The last option could always be partnering with food services and trying to run the pub together, however this is unlikely.

(Q) DeJong – Why hasn't this come to board earlier, like why hasn't it taken until the pub was in \$65,000 debt to bring this issue up?

(A) Coffin –The problem did not show itself until last month, so I think the real question was why didn't it come last month.

(S) Why didn't the pub manager not identify and bring this problem forward?

(A) It is not just the pub manager that is to blame here, the General Manager and VPFO also receive daily sales invoices from the pub, so it has been watched from day to day. The pub manger takes care of staffing, which seems to be our largest problem and specifically door staff.

Singh – It seems like door staff and having excessive door staff is a large problem. If we continue to operate with as we are at the moment, with the reduced hours and are more aggressive with our sales there is a chance to break even or at least do a bit better.

Coffin – We will not be running the pub during the summer and this will resolve \$10,000's. As of right now, we need to do something about this problem because eventually this money that the pub is losing is going into a debt category for the UWSA and will eventually turn into the deficit for the UWSA.

PSA Funding Request

BIRT the PSA receive one dollar from the UWSA.

Motion: DeJong

Second: Mukit

DeJong – The total cost for everything we have been asked for today is \$5000 and we do not have that much money in the account to hand out. We continue to have funding requests each week and they are not going to stop. I am not speaking in favor of giving them one dollar, I only made this motion to have debate on how much we can allot them.

Dillon – I believe we can probably give them something, not the full amount but something

Amendment

BIRT the PSA receive \$373 dollars from the UWSA for the PSA Annual Convention to be taken from the Special events funding.

Motion: DeJong

Second: Dillon

DeJong – this is not a lot, however it does bring the amount they are looking for to an even \$2000.

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Motion: DeJong Second: Dillon Tally: 3-1-0

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Motion: DeJong Second: Mukit Tally: 0-4-0

Charity Ball Funding

BIRT the Charity Ball receive \$2000 from the UWSA.

Motion: Mukit Second: DeJong

Singh – Speaking in favour – I had the opportunity to sit down with Nadia because she was looking for advice on how to solicit funds for the charity ball. The main problem she is facing is getting enough funding from Societies. This is an opportunity for societies to exhibit what they have been up too over the past year and to also help out the community, and this awareness is not being acknowledged this year. I believe our Board should fund this, it is a great night and in the end money goes towards charities from Windsor.

BIRT the Charity Ball receive \$2000 from the UWSA.

Motion: Mukit Second: DeJong Tally: 3-1-0

Motion to have Mr. Singh as Chair.

Motion: Virani Second: Mukit Tally: 3-0-0

Sikh Funding Request

BIRT the UWSA grant the Sikh Student Association \$770.90.

Motion: Virani Second: Mukit

DeJong – Since we have already donated a similar amount last semester I do not feel we should be donating to them again, this is a terrible position to be put in but they said before that the original amount was all they were going to need for the year.

BIRT the UWSA grant the Sikh Student Association \$770.90.

Motion: Virani Second: Mukit Tally: 2-0-1

Note: DeJong Abstains

6.0 Adjournment

Motion: DeJong

Second: Mukit

Tally: 3-0-0

Meeting adjournment at 6:46 pm.