

Notice of Meeting

There will be a meeting of the

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Tuesday, July 10, 2012, 4:00 p.m.

Room 206, CAW Student Center,

UWSA Council Chambers

AGENDA

Item	Description
1	Call to Order – 4:09 pm
2	Acting Chair's Business
	a. Amy – Please continue to give me feedback, and if you could please stay off your cell phones
3	Approval of Agenda - Passed
	a. – Woman from the Lance - adding in the Lance's presentation – the budget, and a question regarding advertising. One motion, but it's two separate things
4	Presentations
	- Do Evan and Dale get a vote? Amy – No they don't Vote
	4.1 Peer Support Center
	Kim – I would like to introduce you to (head of counseling service) He's come to discuss why a student counseling center would help students
	Dr. Mohsan Beg – How many of you know about us? Basically what we do is provide short term counselling to students, we opened in 99' with one staff, now we have 6+ ppl, and we are still understaffed. This year we saw 708 students. Number of session hours have increases 43%, Who are we seeing? 85% of the students see are off campus, 68% female, 15% presented in crisis, form saying not eating, doing harm to self, and dropping out. Average number of sessions 4.95, few years ago was 2.9. The range is huge. Students see once, and ok, others I've seen for 3 + years. There is nowhere else to send them FASS bulk 54 % 15% at time of intake are on medication. 1/3 of students have used services before. This is a little snap shot of our students. The years of students are pretty spread out, with 1 st years being a little more. Biggest problem 50+% is depression. We are seeing everything, war trauma, history of sexual abuse, etc.. very varied, real life antidotes. Most of our stories are good news stories, but there is students that need our help. Windsor is one of the few universities that counseling center is paid for by University's budget, most come from student fees. There is a huge continuum of people, some who are just home sick, others are suicidal. When student's where asked where they'd go to for help, 95% said their friends. University of Guelf has

been doing this for a long time, it's very robust there. This would be a good thing on campus. The volunteers are not therapists or anything; they are just volunteers there to listen. If there is something wrong, they can get them to the counseling center quicker, we can catch it quicker. Students don't work 8:30-4:30, this would offer more flexible schedule. This would allow students to get volunteer hours and practice these skills. We tried and this failed because this was done out of our office. The places that work is done by student for students, it is without the stigma on going. This will not lower our business, if anything it will increase it. What are some of the logistical questions? We need a co-ordinator to get this off the ground. This will be a full time job; there is someone I have in mind, a master's student. She needs some hours over a year. Cost, the university would put in 5000, and UWSA would put in 5000. The place next door was supposed to be the peer support center, but with the loss of club space I think this space will be used. This space needs to be visible and somewhere where students will go.

Kim- This arrangement is similar to academic advocate; in this case it will be as split cost for salary. This will be the most expensive co-ordinator position, but we pay more for the expertise, we need to pay more to get the qualified person. WE are still talking to the university for about the location, the parking enforcement office might work. Parking services will be leaving us in 2 years anyways, they will be moving to the parking garage. Something this large needs to be planned in the budget, not something that comes later

Ahmed – what's the rent parking service pay?

Kim - \$3000

Ahmed – aren't we paying more than the University than?

Kim – we'd only be losing this fundage 2 years earlier

Jamal – how long will this take to set up?

Kim- no construction because the parking service room is already set up as an office

Dr. Beg – the time (cost) will come getting the volunteers trained, a few months to get them trained to start up.

Kim – this will look almost identical to how the academic advocate use to look, the University will put someone on hiring committee, and we will have someone on committee

Priya- How will you get volunteers?

Dr. Beg- we had people come to us at fairs asking to volunteer, so I don't think it will be difficult to find people, they are looking for hours – if you can give someone hands on experience on campus, people will jump on this. In Guelf they have expanded to have a phone line, but we want to start off small, research on why people drop out, it is because emotional intelligence, their ability to cope and deal with their own stress. If we can help them stay in school that's great. We aren't doing any prevention, just intervention. If they can get in early, before it gets bad that's huge

Jamal – the 5000 is for the salary, what is the University giving?

DR – The University is paying other half.

Jamal – Can we get a clear picture of what the side costs will be?

Kim- can't yet because we are not sure where it's going , we might be able to use the pub furniture, besides from that there shouldn't be other costs Class room talks are free, and pretty effective. If we have to do construction, that would come from capital
Alyssa – Of course we are worried about the rent we are losing, but students health is more important than the money

John -Can we use a temporary space until the parking service space is open?

Kim – the university is opening up a lot of spaces

Dr. Beg- students won't come because it's not private. People can see students walk down to see me

Akbar – pass speaking rights to lance

Lance woman – would the uwsa be investing 5000 each year, if the space was not available for 2 years where would it be located, would the University help with the set up cost?

Kim – the uwsa would invest every year, so would University, we would set up our 5000 only if they invest theirs. If parking services doesn't come available in time we are looking at clubs room next door as a temporary space and any storage room we can find
Lance – would the University not be willing to pay for this project entirely

DR. Beg – what I'm working on my end is to get more clinical staff, and get the University to fund this

Kim – I think the idea of by students for students, if the University pays for all, then it won't be by students, not same level of control

John – have you talked to GSS at all, the coordinator would obviously be a master's student

Eric – if I can speak on that, I know GSS won't have that in their budget

Kim – they have very little students compared to this

Eric – I would assume undergrads would be using this, so I think we should foot the bill

Akbar- I totally agree with this, I'm looking at one of the figures in the submission, on page 6, and it shows that we are one of the lowest

Kim – that is an incidental fee, because ours only goes to health services not counseling.

Akbar – Do you think we should push for a referendum for a fee to go towards the counseling center, what would your ideal budget be?

Dr. Beg - two good questions. – In terms of a ref, sure, should the money go towards our service or the student center? I'd say yes, it gives us more staff, I didn't bring it up because you get so many submissions for students to spend more money, I think it's great if you would.

Dr. Beg- as a side note, if you want to increase your awareness about mental health, we offer training services, we train all RA's already.

Amy – Thank you for presentation.

4.2 Windsor International Film Festival

Eric – as I was preparing the budget, someone came to me asking if I allocated money to the Windsor International film Festival, last year we donated \$8000 this year, we have to give at least 10000 to get equal to what we got last year, I think it's important for us to do this. Odette is Exec producer, and UWSA was strong sponsor,

last year it looked like students owned the downtown. I'd like to see UWSA allocate 5000\$ out of programming for this festival

Priya – Is there any other sponsors within the university that will support this?

Eric – I don't know, last year the Social Science society donated a lot, not sure about this year.

Eric – Odette is producer, giving a much larger sum than 10,000

Ahmed – How much did UWSA give last year

Eric – sorry, donation has to be firmed up by July 20th, sorry, your question?

Ahmed – repeat

Eric – 3000, 5,000 from Social Science

Amy - any further questions? Ok moving on

4.3 Health benefits – I just went thought the budget, I wasn't sure about funding for health benefits, and the board approved student health benefits. I just wanted to make sure that this is guaranteed – there are 2 other staff members who work full time hours, I'm wondering if they can be added to benefits. Because those positions are full time, and they don't have health care. There is students who recently graduated, is there is a way to buy into having benefits

Priya – how much in total would be asked?

Lance – I don't know how much would be spend on coverage.

Dale – I don't think it's in the budget at all, I think it's for the Lance to pay for those. Do you have benefits now?

Lance – I have benefits now, I was told it's the students plan. I just want to make sure that this plan is guaranteed for future people in my position.

Dale – If it's the student plan, it's 253 for the plan, if it's the staff plan it's 2000 for the year. It's more close to 500 a month if you have a family. To me there is 2 decisions there, I think it's an internal Lance decision, The UWSA choice is whether to allow non-students to access the plan. Second question is whether the UWSA will pay for the benefits, or would that money comes directly out of the Lance

Priya – who else in the UWSA pays benefits, what's the history

Dale – all the full time staff at UWSA have benefits, includes all executives and all full time positions. The execs have a hybrid of the staff plan, minus long term contributions to retirement and no accident coverage.

Priya – history of lance benefits

Dale – first lance employee to have benefits I think was Natasha

Kim – I was at meeting last year, and we felt it was important she had befits. We had a small surplus, so we gave it to her for free. Those cost were absorbed by the UWSA

Lance – the reason CJAM pays for it, it's because they aren't legally apart of the UWSA, whereas we are.

Ahmed – Isn't this a bit more appropriate for the lance oversight board? Shouldn't you be asking them, because it's their budget?

Lance – we never budgeted for it because last year it was covered. There is no room in budget for this

Ahmed – how many people would want this?

Lance – 3 total

Priya – is it possible to come back to the board with more solid numbers

Dale – would be 250 per person, same as students pay.

Ahmed – is this something that we can make on going?

Dale – it's in the boards control, add to the health and dental plan absorb it. We don't take money from anywhere else.

Lance – I just wanted to understand, last year the UWSA spent some of their advertisements in the lance. I'm just looking for some concrete answers about what to expect, will things be the same as last year

Kim – the line is still there, but it's up to us if we want to spend more or less. – At the end of this meeting we will know more

5 Posted motions

6.1 Peer Support Center Funding

BIRT the UWSA allocate \$5000.00 to the Peer Support Centre from the 'Surplus' to be matched by equal contributions from the University.

Ahmed moved, Tarek second

Ahmed– I think this is a very worthwhile project to do, this has a lot of benefits for students

Priya – I'm speaking for it, it will help a lot of people, if it's only one person, it's someone who really needs it

Jamal – Before we rush in with the 5000, couldn't we come back and revisited this when things are more concrete.

Kim – I think because this is such a large amount of money, it should be in the budget. If we don't spend it, then it's in surplus for next year. If we leave it in surplus then we can spend it, and when we get around to it, the money might not be there and I don't want that to happen.

Eric – call to question?

Ahmed – can't call to question, not a voting member

Priya – where in the budget would we put this?

Kim - a Dale question?

Dale – I'd put this in central admin salaries since then

Amy- We are going to call it to question?

Favor – pass 1 against

6.2 Approval of Budget -

All in favor – passed

6.3 BIRT the Final Budget of 2012-2013 be approved with the following amendments:

Priya – in a previous meeting, you said there would only be one golf cart, and we made money for that

Motion to go to caucus – favor all

Ohmed – How many people would want this plan?

Lance – I can think of probably at least 2, the reason I asked for these position is because they are full time university staff, they should get the staff plan.

Priya – so you wanted to get the student plan, or the staff plan

Lance – originally I wanted staff plan because they are staff

Eric – why did you want to cut to advertising media?

Dale – you don't want to spend any money in the Lance

Jamal – I thought it was something else entirely

Kim – Exec training went from 4000 to 2000

Eric – we raised it because we didn't think that 2000 was enough

Kim – I think it's important to go away and bond, and this year we had no money to do that because we had to get to know each other here.

Eric – the programming and production cost, can we cut it by 5000 not 10000 and 5000 can go to wfe

Kim – have another proposed amendment. The executives are coming, begging for you to increase our technology grant. There is a surplus in our budget, so the impact would be negligible for budget. We are realizing that having the imac is great, they are very productive. They don't replace what are technology grant would do, and we are realizing we need this. WE have no laptop to show PowerPoint in council chambers, because mine was the only one and it has a virus.

Priya – Personally, I'm not going to ask how you're going to spend it, I just want to know how much you want?

Kim – I want it put back up to where it was, 800\$ a person.

Ahmed – I'm all for it

Priya – we have so much money in surplus

Jamal – It's my job as Sami's proxy is to say that this was reduced for a reason. I (speaking as himself) understand why you want it increased

Kim – I personally bought a phone that was 700\$. For us (speaking for executives), we don't want to invest in crap, because we are taking it with us. Even though I didn't spend all the money on one purchase last year, I did use it all on things I needed. - Speakers, program and tablet.

Wish list –

Kim – putting more money into Vpua conference fund.

Akbar – I originally said 1600, but I low balled it. I realised that it wasn't enough.

Women Center – 1565\$

Kim – What is the money for?

Eric – read list, lamp, coffee tables, computer monitor, desk curtains, staples, whole punch

Shinerama – buses, pancake breakfast, start-up fund, regional conference, volunteer appreciation, deficit – 4200

Eric – should we be covering the deficit of shinerama? Shouldn't they just raise money for this?

Kim – any fee incurred, is taken out of the funds raised, this will be a 4200\$ donation to cystic fibrosis.

Priya – can we change that to 2700
Walk safe – banner 300\$
Afro Fest 1500

Eric – are we able to move out of caucus, and discuss this?

Kim – knowing that this is for buying media out of the Lance, I think we should increase this, having this set as 0, is probably a bad idea.

Alyssa – I didn't think about the lance coming out of the event. I'm thinking that it's still important to put something aside for them.

Kim- for us, ad buying could be a space for us to right about us however we want.

Kim – what was the price of the packages?

Lance girl – package were depending on 4, 8, 16.. 16 back pages have already purchased, 32 issues left. 25% of the posted priced.. it worked out 700\$ for the back cover add, if you want I can let you know how much were bought for 6000

Priya – I agree, that lance is way to get message to students. How much would 2500 get us?

Alyssa – the idea isn't about students finding about us in the lance, it's to have a positive presence in the lance, it's marketing ourselves in a positive way.

Ahmed – Motion to move out of caucus – Ahmed 2nd Priya all in favor

6.4 Approval of Lance fees

Dale – I think you did the most thorough job I've seen in the last 10 years

- 1) 90000-100 Central Admin Advertising Media: \$500
All in favour - passed
- 2) 945350-100 Central Admin Executive Training = \$2000
All in favor – passed
- 3) 90200-100 Central Admin Advertising other= \$6000
All in favor – passed
- 4) 93650-100 Central Admin Production Costs= \$11500
All in favor – passed
- 5) 93550-400 Programming General Rentals= \$3600
All in favor – passed
- 6) 93600-400 Programming Performers cost=178400
All in favor – passed
- 7) 90200-200-10 President Advertising other=0

All in favor – passed

8) 80000-300-10 CRO Honorariums= 8000

All in favor – passed

9) Programing Production cost cut by 5,000

All in favor – passed

10) increase executive technology grant by 1200

All in favor – passed apposed – Sami

11) The health and dental plan will absorb the cost of 3 student health and dental plans, for the editor in chief, managing editor, advertising manager.

Ahmed – for motion – I think it's irresponsible to have full time staff without benefits, we want to be a trend setter, students eventually get job, and if their own student union miss treats their staff, what would they expect from outside. It's really cheap

Priya – I agree with what you said, I wasn't quite clear about why we were giving full time non students the student plan and not the staff plan.

Alyssa- For the motion – if you look at the marginal fiscal cost, compared to the much larger soft benefits then it's worth it to provide this for them.

Vote - All in favor – passed

12) Womyn's Centre gets 1565

All in favor – passed

13) Shinerama 2700

All in favor – passed

14) walksafe 300

All in favor – passed

15) AfroFest 1500

All in favor – passed – 1 against

16) Remove 500 dollars from the president's travel fund

All in favor – passed

BIRT the UWSA Board approve all remaining wish lists at the following meeting

BIFRT the UWSA Board review the budget and make any additional amendments in September if necessary

7. New Business

6 Question Period

7 Adjournment