

**UWSA Board of Director Meeting Minutes
UWSA Council Chambers
Wednesday March 16, 2011
5:00pm**

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Chair:

Laine McGarragle

Voting Members Present

Executive:

Laine McGarragle, Jaideep Singh, Andrew Bell

Board of Directors:

Jake DeJong, Dane Dillon, Anuj Virani, Ryan Dhiman

Present by Proxy:

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Call to Order at 5:02 pm.

1.0 Approval of Agenda

Motion: DeJong

Second: Virani

Tally: 4-0-0

2.0 Approval of Minutes

Motion: DeJong

Second: Virani

Tally: 4-0-0

3.0 Chairs Business

None

4.0 Presentations

4.1 Student Disability Services

Presented by: Christine [Student Disability Services]

- We are requesting funding for a Brail printer
- We have not needed one for the last couple years but now there is a need for two students who are entering the music therapy program here

- The closest brail printer to us at the moment is in Quebec and we need to submit all materials 8 weeks in advance, which is unfeasible for professors
- The printer itself is \$6, 595.00 with the extended warranty costing \$1, 685 and the one-day set up and training costing \$1, 500.00.
- Additional costs for software to translate text and music comes to \$2, 772.92
- The campus had a brail printer before and we now have the need for one again

Questions

(Q) DeJong – Have you approached the administration to cover some of the cost?

(A) No we have not. The UWSA has a Student Disability Fund for things exactly like this and believe the UWSA is the most appropriate.

4.2 Golden Future

Presented by: Eli Gharib [VP of Golden Future]

- For the last 5 years has travelled to a high school in Africa to teach students about life skills, hygiene and micro management skills
- In the first year we had 10 students and this year we have 39, most are University of Windsor students with some from other schools
- Why support us? This has been a University of Windsor initiative from the beginning
 - Students go on this trip and come back changed and can help other students understand
- This year our total budget comes to just over \$90, 000, and we are asking the UWSA for \$5000

Questions

(Q) DeJong – would we be able to see a finalized budget?

(A) Yes, we are buying plane tickets and booking the hotel room tonight, so by next week for sure

(Q) McGarragle – Where else have you gone to solicit for this trip?

(A) We have approached almost every society on campus, have held 15 events and have approached many businesses in Windsor.

4.3 Take Back the Lance

Presented by: Cassandra Thomas

- Members of the University of Windsor community and have come together through a group called Take Back the Lance. We believe the Lance has perpetuated systematic discrimination against students of the University of Windsor.
- Our goals are to re-instate the Lance Oversight Board, creation and implementation of an ethics policy, annual sensitivity training for all Lance staff and accountability (to the campus community)
- We believe the Lance has failed their mandate, including the Editor and Chief failing in all areas
- Would like support from the UWSA, especially in not rehiring Darcy Bresson as Editor and Chief

Questions

- McGarragle – Strongly recommend that you run for the Lance Oversight Board, especially if you are interested and have strong feelings about the Lance. Also, though we cannot say much, we would like to reassure you that next year we will be pursuing and effect Editor and Chief for next year, and that the position is only one year.

Motion for a five-minute recess.

Motion: DeJong

Second: Dillon

Tally: 4-0-0

4.4 Budget Preliminary Presentation

Presented by: Jaideep Singh [VPFO] and Dale Coffin [CAW General Manager]

- The preliminary budget has been emailed to everyone, and we have a couple CD copies as well.
- We are just explaining how to look at everything today and then next week we will make changes and finalize it
- Would like everyone over the next week to take a good look at the budget
- The main excel is everything consolidated. All you have to do is click on the box you are interested in, and that section will be opened.

Question

- DeJong – How much money for we have for special events and clubs?
- Singh - \$7,000 for both

5.0 Posted Motions

5.1 Student Disability Services

BIRT the Board of Directors give Student Disability Services \$12, 832.67, taken from the Student Disability Fund.

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

DeJong – Speaking for - Based on the information I believe this seems to be the best course of action. Maybe we should lower student fees for this fund because there seems to be a lot of money present in the fund currently.

Bell – I am conflicted, only because it has been a mandate of Board to push for more groups and clubs to inquire about funding from the administration this year.

5.2 Golden Future

BIRT the UWSA BOD grant \$5000 to Golden Future.

Motion: Human Second: Dillon

Amendment
Motion to change the amount to \$368.

Motion: Virani Second: Dillon Tally: 4-0-0

(Q) DeJong – Do we have anywhere else where we can take this money from?

(A) Coffin – I do not think we are in good enough shape to fund more money then what we have budgeted for here.

BIRT the UWSA BOD grant \$368 to Golden Future.

Motion: Dhiman Second: Dillon Tally: 4-0-0

5.3 Take Back the Lance

Motion to move in Caucus and in Camera.

Motion: Dejong Second: Dillon Tally: 4-0-0

Motion to move out of Caucus and Camera.

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

5.4 Bells Motion

Bell – When looking through the By-laws, there is no policy that says we must give a club \$50 automatically. So my suggestion is that we do not continue to give the \$50 and instead clubs looking for funding should come to the UWSA with specific requests.

Whereas the UWSA governing documents do currently allocate \$50 per ratified club.

And whereas the UWSA should be allocating these funds to the Club Funding and Special Event Funding lines items, so that students can access this funding.

BIRT the UWSA ceases practice of allocating \$50 automatically to each club that ratifies with the UWSA.

BIFRT any funds reclaimed from de-funk groups after 24 months of inactivity be automatically deferred to the UWSA Club Funding line.

Motion: Virani Second: Dhiman Tally: 3-0-1

Note: DeJong abstains

(Q) Dejong – If a club has been de-funk for 24 months, and they have \$1000, does the money just roll over?

(A) Bell – We were thinking about setting a specific date and if the club has not been active within 24 months of this time, then yes the money will roll over.

(A) Coffin – The VPFO goes over clubs within the UWSA and takes care of ones that are not active.

5.5 Travel and Conferences

Singh – We have staff and executives that travel to conferences. However the Board does not get to see how the money breaks down here. So I would like the Board to make a motion about any out of town conferences, to have presentations made to Board before hand. Just so we can have more insight.

BIRT the UWSA Board of Director's require a presentation to be made by all executives and UWSA staff, prior to the attendance of any conference in general, with presentations being limited to five minutes.

BIFRT the incoming VPFO come up with a format for these presentations.

Motion: Dhiman Second: Dillon Tally: 4-0-0

6.0 Discussion

- DeJong – Suggest that everyone attend Rock the Vote that is present at the moment.

7.0 New Business

None

8.0 Adjournment

Motion to adjourn.

Motion: DeJong

Second: Dillon

Tally: 4-0-0