

UWSA Board Meeting | May 6, 2014 | 3:00pm | Council Chambers

Attendance:

Farah El-Hajj
Adam El-Dika
Bonita Teixeira
Ye Hong
George Ogunbande

Nicole Morrell
Kyra Knapp

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:11pm.

In order to conduct the meeting, notice of the emergency meeting must be waved.

Carried

2. Chairs Business

The Chair will allow two minutes for debate per person.

3. Adoption of agenda

In order to adopt the meeting agenda, notice must be waved.

Carried

4. Approval of the Minutes

There were no minutes to approve, as this was the first meeting of the summer term.

5. Reports

6. Presentations

7. Posted Motions

7.1 Presidential Appointment – Farah El-Hajj

- Appointment of officers according to By-laws 5.1
- Legal council to appoint members, as per the Corporations Act
- Appoint members to facilitate day-to-day activities
- Also important to get us through the summer months until the by-elections in the fall

The Constitution 6.3.2 states that the board may delegate all or any of the power of the president, or vice presidents to any director or any officer if they are unwilling or unable to act if the board deems sufficient

- Cannot appoint executives, can delegate powers
- Amendment to change “be appointed” to “delegate the authority of”
- Take out “September 30” and change to “until elections take place”

George: Do we delegate some powers that a certain individual wants to take on, or they are assigned all the duties of the president, for example?

Farah: They would be assigned all of the duties of the President. It is not fair for all of the full-time staff at the UWSA to take on the duties of the executive.

Kyra: I think it’s important that we outline what the executives need to accomplish over the summer, rather than them working on things that are not important.

Nicole: I would suggest the “executive” work as a collective instead of separate people. For May I don’t want you to feel rushed or pressured but there are certain committees or boards that you want to sit on, so you could start your work.

George: Why did you choose these positions?

Farah: These are the core executive positions and vital to the administration of the organization.

George: I think we should outline the work to be done first, before we appoint people to these positions.

Kyra: I think it’s important that we not go around in circles with this, I want to be cautious but I don’t want to postpone things indefinitely. We have a rough outline of what needs to be done over the summer, and we will be able to delegate. We should get a commitment from the people who are appointed.

Nicole: I have an issue with the second BIRT because I don’t necessarily know if they will be working 40 hours per week or if they will be paid.

George: I think we should talk about what the duties will be, i.e., what meetings they will have to attend, etc.

Kyra: I don’t think the executive knows what committees they will sit on before they start.

Nicole: We will have a student voice – we have a board and council. I don’t think it needs to be a full time position right now until we get a grasp on what is going on. We can still do the appointing today.

Kyra: I don't think we should be disadvantaging students that work full time as a living. I think if they can do a good job, they should have the chance and get compensated for it.

Nicole: It has to work within the framework of the UWSA. I want to verify things, i.e., I don't think board of directors can be paid.

Meeting called to recess at 4:05pm, called back to order at 4:20pm

Farah: I think there will be work for people to do.

Adam: I don't think the question is whether or not there will be work; it's whether or not the board members can be paid.

Nicole: I'm not asking a bunch of students to do work and not get paid for it, I just don't want to set anything in stone. I have a list of students that said they could volunteer to help out with the UWSA. I don't see us having a lack of student representation. We have representation for health and dental, we have a clubs coordinator, we have director of student life, and we have a VP that is staying on to address academic affairs.

Farah: I think the term "interim" is important to use. This summer needs to consist of a lot of planning to help future students that come into positions in October.

It was moved by Farah El-Hajj and seconded by Ye Hong to appoint Alicia Trepanier to be the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

Carried

The BIFRT clauses on all three of the motions will be stricken out.

Bonita nominates Farah El-Hajj for President

Seconded by George Ogunbande

Farah accepts

Farah: My journey started being a FAHSS rep and in January council appointed me to Senate and I was able to represent all full time undergraduate students. I've helped with a lot of events this year, the UWSA town hall, and it was a great benefit for most students. I'm willing to work with and for students over the summer. I've had to make a lot of hard decisions in the best interest of students. I was able to stand up against the administration to the RC Spencer letter and Dr.

Wildeman. I am not afraid of standing up to the administration but I am also interested in maintaining a good relationship with the university and our ties.

BIRT Farah El-Hajj be delegated the authority of President of the UWSA until such a time that a campus wide election can take place.

Vote by secret ballot - Yes/no vote

Yes – 3

No – 1

Carried

7.2 Vice President Equity and Administration Appointment

Farah El-Hajj nominates Bonita Teixeira

Seconded by Ye Hong

Bonita accepts

Bonita: My education background is in journalism and I have been a part of different organizations in the university, different clubs, and volunteering for cycling week. I've been very active as a volunteer and a creative director. I have knowledge of management of administration from taking office and administration courses, and I have references to back me up.

BIRT Bonita Teixeira be delegated the authority of Vice President Equity and Administration of the UWSA until such a time that a campus wide election can take place.

Yes – 4

No – 0

Carried

7.3 Vice President Finance and Operations Appointment

Ye Hong nominates George Ogunbande

Seconded by Bonita Teixeira

George: I think something has to be done, and if they want me to do it I accept.

BIRT Bonita Teixeira be delegated the authority of Vice President Equity and Administration of the UWSA until such a time that a campus wide election can take place.

Yes – 4

No – 0

Carried

8 New Business

9 Question Period

10 Adjournment

It was moved by Farah El-Hajj and seconded by George Ogunbande to adjourn the meeting.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 5:04pm.