

Approved  
Minutes



UWSA Board of Directors  
Monday November 26th, 2018  
Meeting -8  
6:00 PM-9:00 PM  
CAW Board Chambers

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**Directors/Senators Present:** Ahmed Abdallah, Jeremiah Bowers, Sheldon Harrison, Zeina Merheb (Chair), Harjot Bhatla, Manmeet Bhogal, Yasin Avci, Abraham Abdelmula, Serdar Ismail, Navjot Deo, Jana Khanafar, Raemond, Nardeen Wanis, Demos Sabalis, Biane Degaiche, Quessia Mugaboo, Rane Bland

**Board Observers Present:** Jeremiah Bowers (President), Ahmed Abdallah (Executive), Admira Konjic, Sheldon Harrison (Executive), Roshni Sharma (Board Secretary), Maria Hamilton (General Manager)

**Absent/ Sent Regrets :** Hadil Moussa, Maha Darbi, Dastu Ibrahim, Deehanna Cober

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## MINUTES of the Meeting as Occurred

### ITEM DISCUSSION

### ACTION

#### 1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 PM.

#### 2.0 Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the unceded and traditional territory of the Three Fires Confederacy of First Nations, comprised of the Ojibway, the Potawatomie, and the Odawa. This territory is covered by the Upper Canada Treaties. Today, this meeting place is still the home to many Indigenous peoples from across Turtle Island and we are grateful to have the opportunity to work on this land.

#### 3.0 Chair's Business

##### 3.1 Teleconference

No Teleconference was conducted.  
Everyone introduced themselves during the meeting.

#### 4.0 Approval of the Agenda\*

Asterisk means consent agenda which does not need a discussion.

#### 5.0 Approval of the Minutes\*

##### 5.1 June 28<sup>th</sup> Minutes

**BIRT the minutes of June 28<sup>th</sup> 2018 were discussed and approved**

**Manmeet  
Moved  
(All in favour)**

**Navjot  
Seconded  
Carried**

**Discussion:** Chairperson gave time to the board to have the look at the document. It asked the board to raise any concerns. The minutes were tabled for discussion. The board members asked whether there were any in-camera proceedings to which chair replied that there were no proceedings in the very meeting. Some of the members raised their concern for the spell check.

Presentation was done online by the Chair

**(All in favour)**

**Abstention-1 (Yasin)**

##### 5.2 BIRT the minutes of October 15 Minutes

**BIRT the minutes of Oct 15 2018 were discussed and approved**

**Hadil  
Moved  
(All in favour)  
No Abstention**

**Maha  
Seconded  
Carried**

##### 5.3 BIRT the minutes of Nov 5<sup>th</sup> 2018 were discussed and approved

**Biane  
Moved  
(All in favour)**

**Manmeet  
Seconded  
Carried**

**Discussion:** One of the board member asked the Board Secretary what was the reason that the report is not complete, to this the Board Secretary dictated an incident in which she lost her laptop.

#### 6.0 Business arising from the minutes/ Action Items

No business arised from minutes or action items no presentations were there for the board.

## **7.0 Presentations to the Board**

**L.Adams**

### **7.1 2018/2019 By-Election report**

By-Election report was presented by Leon Adams who is CRO (Chief returning Officer). On Nov 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> UWSA elections were organized.  
Executives-0, B.O.D-11,Senators-0,B.O.Governors-0

Total Open Positions-11

Nominations Submitted-7

Advertising was done on many sources.

Election results- 1107

Voter turnout-206

Voter% age- 1.86%

According to CRO expenses were shown by just one person.

There were NO Disqualifications

## **8.0 Reports**

### **8.1 Operations**

Vice-President Student Services Mr.Ahmed gave his report in implied format(oral). He told that during the first week the set-up would be done. Finalizing and handling of events would be done.

Events like skate the date would be organized which would be a great experience in the season. Apart from that Crunch Breakfast would have pancakes,donation for winters- clothes,cash,can donations.Main thrust would be on winter wear. Peer Support would organize Paws. Campus Pride would be soon starting up. Walksafe, Foodbank coordinator would be hired. For Afrofest coordinators would be hired too.

President Bower contributed that U-Pass survey work is still going on. Apart from it their work involves engagement in campus and work on freedom of expression.

Admira contributed by saying that on Freedom of Expression policy that she is sitting on the committee on behalf of UWSA and GSS. She stated that number of protests have been raised by students which has hindered the operations of the University. On this president stated that he would be talking to the Board of Governors.

Regarding Blue-Gold pack first introduction would be made, voluntary base would be put to work in January.

For funding concerns for Leddy Library Master Plan Committee would be set up that will represent students and would cater to its needs. Board was asked to share the ideas for Leddy. During the meeting questions were put by members concerning the sales of Hum Café. Few members contributed by saying that foundation of LGBT rights have hit different sectors and the working is

proceeding on the campus. General Manager Hamilton added about the revisions on the building and President Bowers told that how architect told that the face of

University building would be internal except UWSA offices. The vision is to make the basement of the building(downstairs) available for student services, vendors. First Floor would be full of student lounge and common lounge and there will be no marketplace. Student Centre Management Board would make the budget for renovations.

## **8.2 Committees**

Service Committee headed by Vice President Student Services Ahmed scheduled the meeting and contacted the members for the meetings

Finance Committee committee members told that they organized the meeting on last Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2018. They told that the have devised a way to sponsor the way that is by asking \$1000 from sponsors and attaching speaker fee as well for the event.

Advocacy committee members headed by Vice President Student Advocacy Konjic told that they didn't meet in a while but soon they would be.

Governance and Policy Meeting headed by President Bowers told the board that policies need to be reviewed. So far, the committee has done good work. New board members are going to be on the committee.

University Affairs Committee headed By Chairperson Zeina told the board that they are working on changing the evaluation method to 40% and VW would be removed from the transcript.

## **8.3 Senate**

Chair told the senators about Student Centre Committee. Senate is of the opinion to make it student friendly. Open education learning would be promoted. Campus would be more environmental friendly, issues like parking for students, vehicles on campus would be addressed. Lack of representation of committees is one issue that needs to be dealt.

## **9.0 Proposals/posted Motions**

**9.1 BIRT** the date of the UWSA Annual General Meeting ("AGM") be set for January 29<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 4:00 PM;

**BIFRT** each society and club be requested to send two representatives to the AGM;

**BIFRT** the Board of Directors and Executives make every reasonable effort to promote attendance and achieve a quorum for the AGM;

**BIFRT** each Director and Executive hold themselves responsible for bringing two other UWSA Members to the AGM; and

**BIFRT** the standard of attendance for the AGM be treated the same as the standard of attendance for Board meetings, insofar as the attendance of each

Director and Executive shall be required at the AGM unless the Board Attendance Policy excuses the absence.

**Manmeet**  
**Moved**  
**(ALL in favour)**

**Mahal**  
**Seconded**  
**CARRIED**

**Discussion:** One of the members of the board asked about the type of language that would be used to this President Bowers confirmed it would be similar to previous year. Apart from it, confirmed would still be called AGM (Annual General meeting) and would be conducted in winter session.

**9.2** Whereas the 2018-19 Term By-Election Report has been received by the UWSA Board of Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Representative – Quessia Mugabo  
Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Representative – Rune Bland  
First Year Students Representative – Nardeen Wanis  
Odette School of Business Representative – Demos Sabalis  
Faculty of Science Representative – Jana Khanafar  
Faculty of Science Representative – Raymond Hoang  
**BIRT** the UWSA Board of Directors ratify the results of the 2018-19 Term By-Election.

**Biane**  
**Moved**  
**(All in favour)**

**Maha**  
**Seconded**  
**Carried**

**Discussion:** one of the board members asked about the change in the language to which the Chairperson agreed to change.

### **10.0 New Business Discussion**

No new business arised from the meeting

### **11.0 Question Period Information**

Board orientation was done for new representatives. It was one on one orientation. Information about different committees and elected members was shared

### **12.0 Adjournment**

**Biane**  
**Moved**  
**(All in favour)**

**Manmeet**  
**Seconded**  
**Carried**

**Discussion:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm