



Board of Directors Meeting

Our mandate: "To serve, represent and advocate for students."

OFFICERS/OBSERVERS OF THE BOARD

- Vacant Board Chair
- Roshni Sharma Board Minute-taker
- Jeremiah Bowers President
- Admira Konjic(9:14) VP Student Advocacy
- Ahmed Abdallah VP Student Services
- Sheldon Harrison VP Finance & Operations
- Maria Hamilton General Manager (Observer)

DIRECTORS OF THE BOARD

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| 1. Harjot Bhathal | FAHSS | 10. Demos Sabalis (9:07) | Business |
| 2. Quessia Mugabo | FAHSS | 11. Jana Khanafer | Science |
| 3. Biane Deghaiche | Social Work | 12. Abraham Abduelmula (9:09) | Senator |
| 4. Mohamad Mahmoud | Engineering | 13. Lena Sleiman | Senator |
| 5. Hadil Moussa | Engineering | 14. Serdar Ismail | Senator |
| 6. Maha Darbi | H. Kinetics | 15. Yasin Avci (9:10) | Senator |
| 7. Nardeen Wanis (9:18) | First Year | 16. Zeina Merheb | Senator |
| 8. Manmeet Bhogal | Nursing | | |
| 9. Navjot Deo | Business | | |

GUESTS INVITED: Alexander Golovko (StudentCare, Account Manager); Deehanna Cober

ABSENT/REGRETS: Serdar Ismail and Yasin Avci

ITEM DISCUSSION ACTION

- 1.0 Call to Order**
The meeting as called to order at 6:06 p.m.
- 2.0 Land Acknowledgment**
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 request for teleconferences.
- 4.0 Approval of the Agenda*** Approval
- 5.0 Approval of the Minutes*** Approval
- 5.1 Jan 29th, 2019 Minutes**
BIRT To move the Minutes of 29th Jan 2019 for next meeting
Lena Moved (All in favour) Jana Seconded Carried



6.0 Business Arising from the Minutes/Action Items

Information

6.1 Appointment of Facilitator

Mathew was appointed as new facilitator of the Board for the term 2019. He was the facilitator last year as well.

BIRT appointment of Mathew as Board facilitator

Abraham

Biane

(All in Favour)

Carried

No Absentention

7.0 Presentations to the Board

Information

7.1 Student Care

A. Golovko

Alex on behalf of Health and Dental Plan, UWSA told that it is a third-party administrator. It manages claims, websites, work with executives to make the plans for UWSA. During the meeting he told that first survey was conducted on Jan8th-21,2019. The goal was to get at least 300 responses, but the actual number was 318. It was a great communication mode for the company which helped them in understanding the coverage benefit plan which students want to opt in future. Three gift cards were even given.

Alex questioned the Board members how they came to know about their Health and Dental Plan. To this member relied through their Tuition Fee, Emails, word of mouth. He asked further Board members how many opted out of the plan, there 2-3 people who opted out. One thing, he focussed during the meeting was what change does the students want to opt for to this member response and the survey suggested increase in benefits in correspondence to increase in fees. It almost counted for 65% in survey.

He further added that the first 18months with UWSA were incredible. They sponsored various UWSA Vendor weeks. Both Student Care and UWSA promoted their plans. He further emphasised that over 90 plans for 60 institutions have been existing. There have been numerous challenges one of them is Recruitment Challenge for UWSA. It has lost some enrollments. For over 1200 students only 50% are covered. The biggest challenge is how to overcome the existing challenge. The target has been 350 new enrollments over 3 years. It collected

\$1.7 Million -Plan Premium

\$1.2 Million Plan- Claims

Remaining amount is for UWSA- for future and improvement benefits. It is a good cushion for improving the benefits and it will have no impact on existing Health and Dental plans. Few board members raised the questions what for those individuals who recent graduates are and still don't find the job. To this Alex suggested that they can opt for a 3-month continuum which would be available without any cost. All changes can be made in academic year.

7.2 Shinerama

A. Abdallah

Vice President Student Advocacy Ahmed told the Board that due to the declining rate of activity, this facility may be put to end. There was a huge struggle to coordinate with the coordinator. Sales of \$4000 was raised. In initial days some sponsorships were even raised. It was a 4-yr term position. The campaign was a big hype in initial days but due to less time given to the coordinator in training things didn't work out.



Vice President Ahmed believed If this facility is again activated then proper time and training would be devoted to the Co-Ordinator. The profits were not even rising with the passage of time and volunteers were not showing -up because of lack of motivation for shine day which was a way to generate money by community service. Secondly, he suggested if coordinator is not appointed then the funds for that position can be transferred back to UWSA. Thirdly, it should be handed over to University of Windsor and UWSA can invest in any other service. Some Board members suggested by improvising the facility it can be used as an advertisement forum VP Ahmed suggested that removing the service would be done unanimously by the board. Some members further added that the help of residence services can be taken at the same time, Vice President Finance said that rather than scrapping Shinerama completely, we should modify it, explore new sponsors and restructure the existing structure. It was told that this service is not a mandatory one unlike services like peer support, walksafe, food pantry, campus pride.

* After discussion members believed it can be an **action item** for the next meeting.

7.3 U-Pass Referendum

J. Bowers

President Bowers told that Transit authorities has allowed only 25% opt-out plan whereas it was just 18% opt-out this year which means \$66/ semester. President Bower's told after reviewing survey results. The common concern that came in lime-light was parking pass, right balance is being searched for people who must pay for the bus pass as well as parking. He further told if opt-out increases to 36% then the amount would be \$81/sem. The aim in coming time would be to figure out the students who want to opt-out and are simultaneously having parking passes as well. It would be on first come first serve basis.

Some Board members suggested that a middle path can be adopted students who already have parking passes shall be allowed to pay less for the bus pass as they are not using it.

7.4 Director Position

H. Moussae

Executives and Board members believed in the next meeting the matter can be decided. Previous Chairperson brought into notice that the member had already missed 5 meetings. It would be a wrong precedent for coming sessions if the member can be a part of UWSA again whereas the party pleaded that she had a disability and had Doctor note with her. To this President Bowers told that after reviewing Robert's rule and after keeping everything in consideration a decision would be taken.

* After discussion members believed it can be an **action item** for the next meeting.

8.0 Reports

Information

8.1 Executives

President Bowers told who all are re-running for elections must give a written leave of action to the board in a formal manner. VP Ahmed further added that campaign team should email written email for campaigning period only. As meeting is on 12th march there would be cancellation of meetings.

No questions were raised for executives., VPSS, VPSA,VPF.

President Bowers told that GPC communicated electronically.



8.2 General Manager

General Manger Hamilton told that she and President Bowers met twice last week. She told its difficult to get money from financial institutions. She told the Board if students ask them about the opt-out money don't give exact details as everything is still not sorted. She further added no student is working currently in any CAW projects. New camera's and chairs have been thought to purchase. Some issues have been there with financial institutions the fall fees have been received now. One of the Board member raised the point of appointment of election committee, to this General Manager Hamilton told that the posting has been withdrawn.

* After discussion members believed it can be an action item for the next meeting.

8.3 Board Committees

Finance Committee told that the reassessment has been done and a raise of \$500 has been permitted. \$750 raise has been done in Kiosk, \$750 in Scholarship and \$150 in mentorship.

Advocacy Committee told that they reviewed the Committee Minutes. President Bowers told that earlier all documents were uploaded by google drive. If any concerns were raised over the agenda (*) was used to discuss the questions. No questions were raised for Advocacy committee

Student Services Committee met today before the Board meeting. The plan is to promote open house in CAW that would be breakfast on Thursday. No questions were raised to the committee.

University affairs Committee told that no progress is yet there for Goals. Want to dissolve committee as there are no students to discuss. The committee head was advocating for the sustenance which can help new students to understand how one can be a senator, how they can run for elections, resolving parking issues etc.

9.0 Proposals/Posted Motions

Approval

9.1 MOTION

Whereas in 2015 the Board of Directors authorized the 2016 referendum for the bus pass service;

Whereas the Membership voted in favour of the referendum on a 3-year basis; and

Whereas the referendum for the Bus Pass service became effective on September 1st, 2016 and will expire on September 1st, 2019;

THEREFORE, BIRT the following referendum question be deferred to the Membership for approval:

"Are you in favour of the following:

'A universal bus pass that will allow full-time undergraduate students to continue receiving unlimited access to Transit Windsor bus service at the cost of \$66.00 per semester (Fall and Winter) to be implemented in Fall 2019. This fee will increase by the Consumer Price Index on an annual basis. Students outside of the transit coverage area, up to Chatham-Kent, will be allowed to opt out of this fee. The terms of this agreement shall be for an indefinite term and subject to contract renewal.'"



**Zeina
Moved
(All in favour)**

**Manmeet
Seconded
Carried**

Discussion- Amendment (Strike of- up to Chatham).

BIRT Referendum on permanent basis. It would be subject to contract. Opt-out facility would be dictated by service agreement.

**Biane
Moved
(All in favour)**

**Ziena
Seconded
Carried**

Discussion: No discussion on amendment Amending the main motion to change the Chatham Kent. One of the Board member asked what's the stand of GSS and Opus on the referendum, President Bowers told that GSS is neutral whereas Opus Hasn't said anything yet.

Main Motion

Discussion: The stand on bus pass was clear to serve the students. UWSA board of members stand was yes on the referendum as well.

During the discussion board members asked to divide the question from the main motion.

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**Hadil
Moved
(All in favour)**

**Lena
Seconded
Carried**

Favour -4

Opposed-2

No abstention

Referendum subject to change. Contract with the transit opt-out. Covered in the contract. Amendment is for indefinite term which will be implemented in fall/beginning 2019. One of the Board members asked the president to type out the split of the motion.

BIRT To limit speakers to 2 against 2

**Zeina
Moved
(All in favour)**

**Maha
Seconded
Carried**

No abstention

Discussion: During the discussion one of the members raised the point of future references and discounted parking price.

President Bowers told that if opt-out is 30% the payment would be of \$76.30/ sem and 35% opt-out would cost \$81.57/sem.



10.0 Adjournment

**Zeina
Moved
(All in favour)**

Approval

**Navjot
Seconded
Carried**

Discussion: The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm

Please carefully review the 'starred' (*) consent agenda items. As per the April 5th, 2018 meeting, 'starred' items will not be discussed during a scheduled meeting unless a member specifically requests that a 'starred' agenda item be 'un-starred' and therefore open for discussion/debate. This can be done any time before (by forwarding the request to the minute-taker/chair) or during the meeting. By the end of the meeting, agenda items which remain 'starred' (*) will be deemed approved or received.