



**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 (6:19-9:19) VP Student Advocacy
- Ahmed Abdallah (9:54) VP Student Services
- Sheldon Harrison (9:21) VP Finance & Operations
- Maria Hamilton General Manager (Observer)

**DIRECTORS OF THE BOARD**

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|-------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|----------|
| 1. Harjot Bhathal       | FAHSS       | 9. Navjot Deo            | Business |
| 2. Quessia Mugabo       | FAHSS       | 10. Demos Sabalis (9:07) | Business |
| 3. Biane Deghaiche      | Social Work | 11. Lena Sleiman         | Senator  |
| 4. Mohamad Mahmoud      | Engineering | 12. Serdar Ismail        | Senator  |
| 5. Hadil Moussa         | Engineering | 13. Yasin Avci (9:10)    | Senator  |
| 6. Maha Darbi           | H. Kinetics | 14. Zeina Merheb         | Senator  |
| 7. Nardeen Wanis (9:53) | First Year  | 17. Yasin Avci (9:24)    | Senator  |
| 8. Manmeet Bhogal       | Nursing     |                          |          |

**GUESTS INVITED:** Alexander Golovko (StudentCare, Account Manager); Deehanna Cober  
**ABSENT/REGRETS:** Serdar Ismail,Abraham Abduelmula,Harjot Bhatal ,Jana Khanafer

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Call to Order</b> The meeting as called to order at 6:08 p.m.	
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Land Acknowledgment</b> 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.	
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Chair’s Business</b> 3.1 Teleconference No request for teleconferences.	
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Approval of the Agenda*</b>	Approval
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Approval of the Minutes*</b>	Approval
<b>5.1</b>	<b>Jan 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Minutes</b>  BIRT To defer the Minutes of 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2019 for next meeting. Lena Moved (All in favour)	         <b>Zeina Seconded Carried</b>



**Discussion:-** Few board members asked the reason for delay of the minutes of 29<sup>th</sup> January 2019 to this President Bowers, by taking the stand on behalf of the Board Secretary, official minute taker told that there was a family emergency due to which the minute taker had to go home and the minute taker for 29<sup>th</sup> jan is a full time student, so he faced time constraints and was unable to finish the minutes.

**5.2 February 26<sup>th</sup>,2019 minutes**

No discussion, automatically approved

**6.0 Business Arising from the Minutes/Action Items**

Information

Vice President Student Services Abdullah told that no discussion was made on Shinerema.

**7.0 Presentations to the Board**

Information

**7.1 Elections committee**

**A. Abdallah**

General Manger Hamilton told that after re-opening, no application was there for the position of election Committee.

**Discussion:** General Manager Hamilton has the responsibility of all the societies and she gave fair chance to all the societies and was not biased at all. To this President Bowers told that it is a unique position and board has to decide and if in case an emergency arises General Manager Hamilton should be consulted.The point was even raised that a work study student can put in the very position but unfortunately there is no allotment of this sort under work study.

**7.2 Board Director of the Year Award**

Vice President Ahmed told that secret ballot and reviews has been collected. One of the board member asked how people were nominated and what was the time frame to this VP Ahmed replied that it takes 30 seconds to nominate and then decide.

**7.3 Scholarship Committee**

**S. Harrison**

Vice President Finance told that assessment that deserving students get the scholarship. No questions were raised for this point.

**7.4 U-Pass Cost: Administration Fee**

**VPFO, GM**

General Manger Hamilton told that \$66/sem for bus pass has been decided keeping 10,00 students on campus in mind. The transit has allowed 25% opt-out but that never happened. She further added that whatever money is saved from the opt-out plan is used for advertising which is handled by office in charge Megan.

**7.5 Membership Fee: CPI Increase**

**VPFO, GM**

General Manger told that No change has yet been in the Consumer Price Index but if there is change in government policies then the wage rate might change and it will will be in proportion to Consumer Price Index CPI i.e 0.68 In 2019, it is 2.26%

**8.0 Proposals/Posted Motions**

Approval

**8.1 MOTION**

**BIRT** nominations be open for the 2018-19 Board Director of the Year award.

**BIRT** nominations be closed.

**BIRT** a vote by secret ballot be held to select the recipient of the 2018-19 Board Director of the Year award.



**BIRT** to nominate the Director of the Year Award  
**Biane**  
**Moved**  
**(All in favour)**

**Lena**  
**Seconded**  
**Carried**

**Discussion :-** During the nomination Hadil nominated Biane, Navjot nominated Zeina and Harjot nominated Navjot. On count of 3 the nominations were closed.

**8.2 MOTION**

**BIRT** nominations be open for the 2018-19 Scholarship Committee.

**BIRT** nominations be closed.

**BIRT** a vote by secret ballot be held to appoint \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ to the 2018-19 Scholarship Committee.

**BIRT** to vote for Secret Ballot, three individuals self-nominated Zeina, Yasin and Maha

**Manmeet**  
**Moved**  
**(All in favour)**

**Quessia**  
**Seconded**  
**Carried**

**8.3 MOTION**

BA190312-8.3

**BIRT** \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ be appointed to the Elections Committee for the 2019 General Election and Referendum.

**Discussion:** The board discussed that last year no elections were conducted for committee. The incentive which would be given to this position would be honorarium. According to By-laws election committee is appointed by the Board

\*The item was stared for next meeting

**8.4 MOTION**

BA190312-8.4

**BIRT** \_\_\_\_\_ be appointed to represent the Board as a non-voting member on the Elections Committee for the 2019 General Election and Referendum.

**BIRT** Hadil self-nominated for the position of a Non-voting member on the Elections Committee

**Zeina**  
**Moved**  
**(All in favour)**

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

**8.5 MOTION**

**BIRT** the UWSA adopt a “Yes” stance on the Bus Pass referendum.

**Zeina**  
**Moved**  
**(All in favour)**

**Yasin**  
**Seconded**  
**Carried**

**Discussion:** the Board members had a mix stand in initial phase of discussion some said members took neutral stand and some said yes for U-pass. It was an operation from the last meeting. Finally unanimously was passed with a Yes stand on U-Pass



**8.6 MOTION**

BA190312-8.6

Whereas the U-Pass program requires long-term sustainability; and  
Whereas the Operations Committee has presented on the need for increased financial support for administrative costs;

**BIRT** an administration fee of \$5.00 be charged to the Bus Pass Fee.  
**BIRT Increase in the administration fee of \$5.00**

**Zeina**  
**Moved**  
**(All in favour)**

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

**Absentation raised by Navjot, Manmeet, Lena**

**Discussion:** General Manager Hamilton told that how she is trying to negotiate for the increase in administration fee by \$5.00 She told that last Wednesday the meeting was conducted The fee is \$132-\$137 a year thought here will be no change in summer Bus pass fee.

**BIRT Destruction of Ballots**

**Manmeet**  
**Moved**  
**(All in favour)**

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

**8.7 MOTION**

BA190312-8.7

**BIRT** the UWSA Membership Fee be increased annually by the Canadian Consumer Price Index.

**Manmeet**  
**Moved**  
**(All in favour)**

**Quessia**  
**Seconded**  
**Carried**

**Discussion:** Few Board members raised the concern about the hike in tuition fee and requested for ancillary meeting. To this general manger told that the increase would be according to consumer price index 0.68 cents.

**8.8 MOTION**

Whereas the Vice President Student Services role has the rigorous responsibility of balancing event programming and management of multiple service centres;  
Whereas the Operations Committee and Governance & Policy Committee have evaluated the past four terms of Vice Presidents Student Services portfolio;  
Whereas the combined workload can often be too difficult to balance for one individual  
Whereas this difficulty can diminish the effective management of service centers and events;

Whereas the UWSA values a healthy work environment that promotes mental wellness;  
and Whereas there is overlap between the equity mandate of the Vice President Student Advocacy and the mandate of the service centers;

**THEREFORE BIRT** the service centers report to the Vice President Student Advocacy, effective beginning May 1st, 2019; and

**BIFRT** all applicable policies and By-Laws be amended to reflect this, subject



to Membership approval where required.

Vice President Ahmed told the Board that the date for GPC to be passed is 1<sup>st</sup> May,2020. rather than 1st May 2019. Currently for the elections nomination has been put. The job description has been signed and it won't be fair to change thee job description at this point of time

\*GPC action item for next meeting

**8.9 MOTION**

Whereas the AGM of February 5th, 2019, lost quorum and was unable to address several important motions, many of which were from the General Meetings held in the 2017-18 term; and

Whereas this means that the agenda of the 2019-2020 AGM will include two years' worth of motions;

Whereas By-Law 40.04(a) and By-Law 40.06(c) permits a Special General Meeting to be called with 10 days' notice for special business as determined by the Board;

**THEREFORE BIRT** a Special General Meeting ("SGM") be held on \_\_\_\_\_, 2019, to address specific outstanding business of the 2018-2019 AGM.

**BIFRT** the SGM be treated as any other Board meeting and the same provisions of the Board Attendance Policy be applied to every Director and Executive.

**BIFRT** each member of the Board be mandated to solicit one proxy from any Member who is unable to attend the meeting.

**BIFRT** each student group be encouraged to send two (2) representatives.

**BIFRT** the agenda, outlining the specific outstanding business from the 2018-2019 AGM, be set by the Operations Committee.

**Mohammed  
Moved  
(All in favour)**

**Zeina  
Seconded  
Carried**

**Motion failed.  
Opposed- 4  
Abstention-1**

**Discussion:** President Bowers told the purpose for the AGM is more of membership engagement .If the things doesn't work out then more candidates would be encouraged. The notice period to ratify the credentials would be 10 days.

\*Action Item Board taking initiative to take the quorum; it would be the best engagement . Operations Committee will have returning Board members

The date for 26<sup>th</sup> march 2019, decided for Special General Meeting.

**9.0 Reports**

**Information**

**9.1 Executives**

President Bowers told that he and Vice President Konjvic had a lunch-on session with the Minister of Environment, green initiatives, state union. It was a great interactive session with science students. He further told that elections would be done in October. He told that with regard to Bus-Pass the referendum would be done by OPUS, GSS and UWSA candidates and they will have all the information with them



Few board members raised the concern over the parking pass and bus pass simultaneously. To this President Bowers told that deadline for opt-out would be one option for candidates who have parking pass and don't want to go for Bus pass.

President Bowers told that Ancillary Fee Board would be set up and fee for aeronautics would be discussed. On 26<sup>th</sup> March Board Transitional Meeting would be there, attendance would be mandatory. Referendum would be there to decrease the fee for U-Pass the meeting for further discussions would be on 13<sup>th</sup> march at 7pm, Hum café.

Vice President Sheldon talked about transition manual; he added that Reassessment of Health and Dental Plan would be there. It would start by 15<sup>th</sup> April and operations would be pulled by May1st. He further added that in past few events it was seen the rise in the expenditure by \$5000 as there was a rise in students by 200. VP Harrison told that alternative for funding would be generated and other funding methods would be taking place. At the same time a check would be kept to save some money for any sort of emergency.

**BIRT** written report once a month, If Board members want to change should be included in policy  
**Mohammed** **Navjot**  
**Moved** **Seconded**  
**(All in favour)** **Carried**

\*New Business-Written Report

Board Facilitator Matthew suggested the option of keeping dashboards can be opted to keep the data which is accessible for all.

Vice-President Abdullah told that he really being attentive to coordinates need and everyone is on task. He working on Gala which is on 29<sup>th</sup> march,2019. No further questions were asked on this.

Vice President Konjvic told that under her domain the work for U-Pass is going on and they are working on Campaign team which would be in March .Apart from it they are working on Lobby week which would be in Toronto. VP, Admira told there would be a meeting tomorrow for walkout at 7pm at Hum café

**9.2 General Manager**

General manager Maria told that University of Windsor is the only one which offers the opt-out. In order to market the campaign in a better way bunch of buttons would be made. The office in charge Megan has been sent for the 2 day course which was paid out of Maria's money on training.

**BIRT Break for 10mins**  
**Mohammed**  
**Moved**  
**(All in favor)**

**Biane**  
**Seconded**  
**Carried**



**9.3 Board Committees**

**Finance Committee**, one of the board member told that the funds has been assessed, next week a meeting would be conducted. Quorum will have 3 members. No questions were raised to finance committee.

**University Academic Committee-** member talked about the academic integrity and how important it is for students to know their rights so that they don't fall prey to the unnecessary academic standards told by Professors.

**President Bowers** told that senators would like to know the questions before hand so that prepared answers are given. He appreciated that its happening but a better practice can be encouraged.

**10.0 Strategic Discussion**

**Discussion  
20 min.**

**10.1 Opt-Out Ancillary Fees**

The matter would be discussed in the next meeting

**11.0 New Business**

Board facilitator told that Election committee topic has already been dealt. Secondly, the reports by executives should be in expressed form (written).

**12.0 Question Period**

During this period members of the Board asked why there are no written reports. The committee meetings are not happening at regular basis. President Bowers told that GPC agendas are written and presented. Vice President Abdullah agreed to one of the board member, who raised the concern for written reports, to this he said that the Executives are open and accessible to discuss and tell about their work but process is time consuming and demanded a respectful behavior towards the work of executives. Another member raised the point that no agendas were presented for GPC as there are just 2 people for VPSS. After hearing this discussion Board facilitator told no doubt the processes are hard and they can use different tactics to do their work

**BIRT Limiting discussion for 1minute**

**Manmeet  
Moved  
(All in favor)**

**Maha  
Seconded  
Carried**

**14.0 Adjournment**

**Biane  
Moved  
(All in favor)**

**Lena  
Seconded  
Carried**

**The meeting was adjourned at 10:10pm**