
Proposed
Agenda



UNIVERSITY of WINDSOR
STUDENTS' ALLIANCE
LOCAL 49 MEMBER OF THE
CANADIAN FEDERATION OF STUDENTS

UWSA Board of Directors

December 07th, 2017

6:00 PM

CAW Board Chambers

Directors/Senators Present: Abraham Abduekmula, Ahmed Abdallah, Ahmed Khalifa (6:28), Aine Donnelly (Left at 6:48), Amanda Skocic, Andres Curbelo-Novoa, Dana Attalla, Dastu Ibrahim, Hagar Elsayed, Jonabeth Martinez-Herrera, Liam Adams (Chair) (6:32), Navjot Deo, Rana Habib, Sahibjot Grewal, Serdar Ismail, Yosra Elsayed Elsayed, Zeina Merheb

Board Observers Present: Admira Konjic (Executive), Jeremiah Bowers (President), Sarah Nouredine (Executive), Sheldon Harrison (Executive), Khushboo Ahuja (Board Secretary), Maria Hamilton (General Manager), Matthew Dunlop (Board Facilitator),

Absent/Sent Regrets: Amy Bui, Kafilat Wole-Sowole

1.0 Call to Order

2.0 Chair's Business

2.1 Teleconference

3.0 Approval of the Agenda

3.1 BIRT the proposed agenda be adopted

4.0 Approval of the Minutes

4.1 Minutes of November 23rd, 2017

4.2 In-Camera Minutes of November 23rd, 2017

5.0 Presentations to the Board

5.1 Service Team Report

5.2 Special General Meeting

5.3 Executive Communications

5.4 Board Attendance Policy

5.5 Board Self-Evaluation

6.0 Reports

6.1 Executive

6.2 Committees

6.3 Senate

7.0 Unfinished Business

8.0 Proposals/Posted Motions

8.1 BIRT the Board Orientation Policy be amended as presented.

9.0 New Business

10.0 Question Period

11.0 Adjournment



MINUTES of the Meeting as Occurred

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:14 PM.

2.0 Chair's Business

2.1 Teleconference:

Director Dana and Director Yosra were taken on teleconference as requested.

3.0 Approval of Agenda

3.1 BIRT that the proposed agenda be approved.

Moved: Ahmed A
(All in favour)

Seconded: Dastu
CARRIED

Discussion: The Board Facilitator told the board that Director Ahmed Khalifa had requested an emergency motion. The motion presented by him was:

Whereas 19-year-old, Yosif Al-Hasnawi, was shot and murdered on Saturday, December 2nd, in Hamilton.

Whereas Al-Hasnawi was fatally shot after he intervened to help an elderly man who was being accosted by two other men near Main Street East and Wentworth Street South.

Whereas Al-Hasnawi stepped in to try to stop the culprits, which triggered another confrontation, which led to Al-Hasnawi being shot.

Whereas Al-Hasnawi died about an hour after being shot.

Whereas Al-Hasnawi stepped in to help a stranger, and attempted to calm the situation down and neutralize it.

Whereas Al-Hasnawi's decision as a bystander to intervene eventually costed him his life.

Whereas Al-Hasnawi was a first-year Brock University medical sciences student who planned to become a doctor.

BIRT the University of Windsor Students' Alliance releases a public statement in memory of Yosif Al-Hasnawi and in celebration of the brave heroics of a fellow Ontarian University Student.

BIFRT that the University of Windsor Students' Alliance lobby the University of Windsor administration into implementing a campus-wide moment of silence in memory of Yosif Al-Hasnawi.

The board facilitator allowed the emergency motion considering the importance and sensitivity of the issue at hand. He further told the board that with the approval of the agenda, the board will also approve discussing this emergency motion under New Business.

4.0 Approval of Minutes

4.1 Public Minutes of November 23, 2017

BIRT that public minutes for the Board meeting held on November 23, 2017, be approved.

Moved: Aine
(All in favour)

Seconded: Ahmed A
CARRIED

4.2 In-Camera Minutes of November 23, 2017

BIRT that the Board move in-camera, with the executives to approve In-Camera Minutes of November 23, 2017.

Moved: Navjot
(All in favour)

Seconded: Zeina
CARRIED

BIRT that Board leave in-camera.

Moved: Hagar
(All in favour)

Seconded: Ahmed A
CARRIED

BIRT that In-Camera minutes for the Board meeting held on November 23, 2017, be approved.

Moved: Ahmed A
(All in favour)

Seconded: Hagar
CARRIED

5.0 Presentations to the Board

5.1 Service Team Report

The presentation was retracted from the agenda.

5.2 Special General Meeting

It was not possible to hold the Special General Meeting (SGM) for the second time in a row as the quorum was not met. The board facilitator pointed out that if all board members had participated enough and brought in proxies (and friends) to the SGM, meeting quorum would have been possible. He requested the board members and executives to take it on themselves and try to make the coming SGM/AGM a success.

He also suggested that the new date should be considered in the Winter Session. One of the board member suggested that it should be made mandatory for each society and club to have representatives at the SGM/AGM. Director Navjot told the board that the second SGM date clashed with an event at Odette and hence many students from Odette couldn't attend the SGM. Director Ahmed A also said that the venue of the meeting should be chosen which is known to most of the students. Director Liam pointed that booking the Alumni Hall needs notice of couple of weeks. Hence the date of third SGM be selected in a manner that it gives enough time to book the desired venue. Director Ahmed K also suggested that 6:00 PM could be considered late for students and recommended having meeting around 4:00 PM.

Vice President Sarah asked if having a third SGM in January necessary or can the same be merged with the upcoming AGM in April 2018. Few board members and executives agreed with Vice President Sarah of only having an AGM in April 2018.

The board facilitator suggested that the board comes up with an Special General Meeting/Annual General Meeting (S/AGM) guide. It was suggested that services committee come up with the A/SGM guide. A thought of having an ad hoc committee for the same was also entertained. Director Ahmed A told the board that there is an ad-hoc committee and members can join in to help form the guide. Directors Zeina, Ahmed A, Sahibjot, Navjot, Rana and Dastu expressed interest in being a part of ad-hoc committee.

BIRT an ad-hoc committee be given the task to create a How to Guide for S/AGM Preparations.

Moved: Zeina
(All in favour)

Seconded: Ahmed A
CARRIED

5.3 Executive Communications

President Bowers spoke on behalf of the Operations Committee. He expressed his concern on complaints being shared in group chats. He

further added that group chats are an informal platform to raise concerns. He asked the board members to be adopt a more formal way of communication with the executives incase they have some concerns or complaints. President Bowers further suggested that if they executives are not reachable, directors can reach out to him and express their concerns.

5.4 Board Attendance Policy

GPC presented the Board Attendance Policy as amended. The Board Attendance Policy was shared with the board members before the meeting. The concerns of clinicals was also addressed in the amended board attendance policy. The policy was discussed at length as presented. GPC confirmed that no legal opinion was taken to amend the Board Attendance Policy.

5.5 Board Self-Evaluation

The board was asked to login to a website (www.slido.com) for their self-evaluations. This website is an interactive website where questions will be shared with the board and they will be given certain time to answer them. The questions will be in two main formats. One was a Rating Scale Question type where the members get to choose their responses from 1 to 5 where 1 stands for 'strongly disagree' and 5 stands for 'strongly agree'. The other form of questions were essay formats. The questions will be mainly about three areas: Board Conduct, Value and Meetings. If the board members or executives have any further queries or inputs regarding these evaluations they can get in touch with the Chair and the Board Facilitator.

The board facilitator and chair will go through these evaluations results. Once the evaluations were done it was decided that the board will go in-camera to hold a 'Let-Out' Sessions. 'Let-Out' Sessions are sessions where everyone can openly share their concerns. It was decided that these sessions will not be documented in the In-Camera Minutes either.

BIRT that the Board move in-camera, with the Executives, General Manager and Board Facilitator to get into 'Let-Out' session.

Moved: Abraham
(All in favour)

Seconded: Ahmed A (Zeina Opposed)
CARRIED

BIRT that Board leave in-camera.

Moved: Abraham
(All in favour)

Seconded: Liam
CARRIED

BIRT that Board takes a five-minute recess.

Moved: Zeina
(All in favour)

Seconded: Abraham
CARRIED

The quorum was lost after the recess.

The meeting was adjourned by the Board Facilitator at 10:05 PM due to loss of quorum.