
Proposed
Agenda



UWSA Board of Directors
October 26th, 2017 6:00 PM
CAW Board Chambers (2nd Floor)

Directors/Senators Present: Aashir Mahmood, Ahmed Abdallah, Aine Donnelly, Amanda Skocic, Amy Bui, Andres Curbelo-Novoa, Dana Attalla, Hagar Elsayed, Jeremiah Bowers, Jonabeth Martinez-Herrera, Kafilat Wole-Sowole, Liam Adams, Sahibjot Grewal, Yosra Elsayed Elsayed, Zeina Merheb

Board Observers Present: Admira Konjic (Executive), Sarah Nouredine (Executive), Sheldon Harrison (Executive), Khushboo Ahuja (Board Secretary), Matthew Dunlop (Board Facilitator)

Absent/Sent Regrets: Abraham Abdueilmula, Ahmed Khalifa

- 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 October 5th**
- 5.0 **Presentations to the Board**
 - 5.1 **Special General Meeting**
- 6.0 **Reports**
 - 6.1 **Executive**
 - 6.2 **Committees**
 - 6.3 **Senate**
- 7.0 **Unfinished Business**
 - 7.1 **Update on Student Loaner Laptop Program**
- 8.0 **Proposals/Posted Motions**
 - 8.1 **BIRT a hiring committee be struck for the Campus Pride Centre Coordinator including _____, _____, _____**
 - 8.2 **Whereas** it is the responsibility of the Governance and Policy Committee to regularly review the By-Laws of the UWSA,

Whereas the Board has thoroughly reviewed and revised the proposed amendments from the Governance and Policy Committee in accordance with By-

Law 130.01, and

Whereas By-Law 130.01 requires that a meeting of the Members be called for consideration of the proposed amendments,

BIRT the proposed By-Law amendments be affirmed.

BIFRT a Special General Meeting, in accordance with By-Law 40.06, be called for consideration of the affirmed By-Law amendments.

BIFRT the organization of the Special General Meeting be delegated to the General Manager.

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 6:00 PM.

2.0 Chair's Business

2.1 Teleconference:

Aashir Mahmood, Hagar Elsayed and Kafilat Wole-Sowole taken was on teleconference as requested.

3.0 Approval of the Agenda

BIRT that the proposed agenda be approved.

Moved: Liam
(All in favour)

Seconded: Ahmed A
CARRIED

4.0 Approval of the Minutes

The approval of the minutes of the board meeting held on 5th October 2017 was tabled for the next meeting. This is done because the minutes were not send to the Board on time due to some miscommunication between the Board Facilitator and the Interim Board Secretary.

5.0 Presentations to the Board

5.1 Special General Meeting

The Special General Meeting (SGM) which was held on 23 October 2017. The meeting was not held as the quorum was not met. So, the same package which was sent out earlier comes back to the Board for approval. The Board members can suggest modifications or pass the package as it is.

6.0 Reports

6.1 Executives

6.1.1 VP Student Service

Halloween party had to be cancelled because there was an oversight at the Registrar's office. Usually the auditorium is booked in advance for the exams but the same was missed. So, all events planned in the auditorium were cancelled. It was not possible to find a new venue on campus on such short notice and hence the party got cancelled. The Treat Trail will have a little more due to do the cancellation of the Halloween party like having a photo booth. Frost week planning has just begun so new ideas are invited. Campus Pride Coordinator has resigned and a hence a hiring committee is required. Amy asked Sarah about the Food pantry as students have been enquiring about the same. Sarah said that they are working on setting up the new place for food pantry after the close on OPRIG house. Sarah also suggested to get a new start up budget for food pantry. Volunteers are required for the food pantry too.

6.1.2 VP Student Advocacy

Started a 'Fight the Fees' Committee and will be meeting on Friday. There is Free Card Day during the semester that compensates for students who have lost their student card. Have been working on Student Card fees and will have Free Card Day. The IGM (International General Meeting) is scheduled in Quebec. Admira along with Zeina and Dana will be attending the same.

6.1.3 VP Finance and Operations

Sheldon updated on the activities of the Finance Committee. He also expressed his disappointment regarding events that occurred at SGM. He saw a student was yelling in the face and accosting the General Manager, in view of members of our board. When this was brought up by board members in an unrelated call to board, it was advised that she issue a statement which referred to guilt and shame on her part. Rather than advocate on her behalf to the members of our union she was instructed to communicate guilt when she was not in the wrong. Furthermore, more emphasis was placed on the potential unreliable narration of facts rather than advocating on behalf of their staff. For these reasons, and many more, he expressed his disappointment with the members of the board involved and expect more from them in the future.

6.2 Committees

6.2.1 Finance Committee

Finance committee met and discussed items on their agenda. Few items were tabled as presentations by few clubs were not done during the meeting. He also mentioned that Ahmed will be taking over his activities in the Finance Committee in November as he will be taking some time off due to health issues. UWSA through Finance Committee has moved sponsorship for SOS Gala. Executives get priority in getting the tickets. Four tickets are available for the Gala and will be given to the board members on first-come-first-serve basis.

6.2.2 Student Advocacy Committee

The committee hasn't met yet.

6.2.3 Student Services Committee

The committee hasn't met yet as Sarah wanted to wait to till they have a first-year representative. But since they are not going to have a first-year representative this year they plan to meet soon.

6.3 Senate

Senators had opportunity to provide feedback for Senate composition. Senators had a lengthy meeting among themselves and then met with OPUS Senators and GSS Senators to discuss the same. In conclusion, they decided to add International Student Representative to be part of Senate. This is yet to be approved. Senators will be meeting regularly at University Affairs Committee once the president and board of governor is elected. Student Liaison subcommittee will be having it's first meeting on 2nd November 2017. The subcommittee has eleven members and it is open for observers.

7.0 Unfinished Business

7.1 Update on Student Loaner Laptop Program

The General Manager, Maria Hamilton has the update for the same. Since she was not part of the meeting the board can get details about the same in the next meeting. Kafilat gave some details about the program. She said that the program will go live next semester from 4th January 2018. They had a meeting with Leddy Library about the same, but they are yet to hear back from Leddy. Irrespective of the Leddy Library's revert they will go ahead with the program though they are positive about the response from Leddy. Maria has update about the cost which she will be providing to the board in the next meeting.

8.0 Proposals/Posted Motions

- 8.1 **BIRT** a hiring committee be struck for the Campus Pride Centre Coordinator including Aine Donnelly, Amy Bui, Liam Adams

Moved: Liam
(All in favour)

Seconded: Aine
CARRIED

Discussion: Aine, Amy and Liam self-nominated themselves to be appointed to the Hiring Committee. Jeremiah nominated Sahibjot but he did not accept the nomination.

- 8.2 **Whereas** it is the responsibility of the Governance and Policy Committee to regularly review the By-Laws of the UWSA,
Whereas the Board has thoroughly reviewed and revised the proposed amendments from the Governance and Policy Committee in accordance with By-Law 130.01, and
Whereas By-Law 130.01 requires that a meeting of the Members be called for consideration of the proposed amendments,
BIRT the proposed By-Law amendments be affirmed.
BIFRT a Special General Meeting, in accordance with By-Law 40.06, be called for consideration of the affirmed By-Law amendments.
BIFRT the organization of the Special General Meeting be delegated to the Operations Committee
BIFRT the Special General Meeting will be held on 22nd November 2017.

Moved: Liam
(All in favour)

Seconded: Andres
CARRIED

Discussion: It was discussed that students can discuss motions in Special General Meeting (SGM) but cannot suggest amendments. They can either accept or reject the motion after discussion. It was also discussed that the General Manager has enough on her plate and hence the organization of the meeting should be delegated to the Operations Committee. The board agreed. Hence the proposed motion was amended from 'the organization of the Special General Meeting be delegated to the General Manager to 'the organization of the Special General Meeting be delegated to the Operations Committee'. Further 22nd November 2017 was selected as the new date for the SGM keeping in mind the minimum number of days required to arrange the SGM as per the By-Laws. It was suggested that the emails for SGM be send to Faculty Secretaries as emails from them reach student faster.

9.0 New Business

There was no new business to be discussed in the meeting.

10.0 Question Period

Aine enquired if the board will be interested in being part of some fun ensemble exercises. If the board is interested some fun exercises about team playing and trust building can be arranged in the Drama building.

11.0 Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 06.42 PM.