

UWSA Council Meeting
Thursday, October 8, 2009
4:00pm
Council Chambers

Members Present: Moshin Khan, Ryan Osterberg, Chair, Robert Woodrich, Aaron Campbell, Thomas Sasso, Ayesha Raza, Jill Ciccone, Patrick Lalonde, Odion Kalaci, Shereen Singh, Nicholas Koutros, Jonathan Wypych, Justin Mclean, Shae Kavanaugh, Chris Connell, Omar Raza, Laine McGarrigal

1. Called to order at 4:03pm

2.0 Chair's Business

Chair: Just so you know the ruling of the chair is never final. Because it was done after the meeting I suggest you save it for 6.3.

3.0 Approval of Agenda

Khan: I would just like an addition on CLA update

4.0 Approval of Minutes

4.1 Minutes of September 24, 2009

Chair: Approval of minutes. If there are changes to be made

Lalonde: Pg 2 near the bottom, I have had a complaint that the office is indeed open but Execs are not in their office.

Mohammed: Would it be possible to make an amendment to the agenda

Connell: Gives speaking right to Mohammed.

Mohammed: Asks for more time review the minutes.

Chair: Says he will allow three minutes for her.

Motion to approve the minutes of September 24, 2009.

MOVED: Khan

SECONDED: Lalonde

Vote: unanimous

MOTION CARRIES

5.0 Presentations

OUSA

Please see PowerPoint Presentation

Chair: Opening the floor from question

Connell: It seems that you and CFS have very similar goal in mind. Do you have alliance with them?

OUSA: We work with all the stake holders in the system. It is limited with the CFS. We do have very similar goals in mind. We just have different ways of getting there. CFS has different methods as well. OUSA is member driven organization. We work with them in different ways.

Campbell: Can you tell us what's behind the 2:1 Funding?

OUSA: The question is how much should we be contributing. Over the country it is 1:3. You are asking so much more from Ontario students. We want a fair cost sharing model.

Campbell: how do we get to 2:1?

OUSA: The other way is for governments to invest in university and bring us up.

Campbell: How do you suggest they flex the budget as such?

OUSA: We don't have enough information of the provincial budget at this time. But we believe that if they think it's worth it and it's a priority they will do it.

Sasso: I think we're pretty well comfortable with where you want us to get. Where do you think realistically we will get?

OUSA: We know we're in a difficult economic place. Our expectation is that this premier wants to continue to be the education premier he has to give to education. Increasing loans, that doesn't cost the government very much because they will get the money back. A lot things that are tweaks that won't cost the government that much money.

Mohammed: Where do you feel that you need improvement. Because there is always room to grow and how can that improvement effect Windsor specifically

OUSA: We are writing a long term plan and we have a retreat this summer. This is primary research. Well thought out solutions. It's not coming from us. We need to improve on conducting primary research. How it affects students. We are going to look at that right now and in our new long term plan.

The value for Windsor is gives the UWSA that is unique for students to tap into. We are going to have that data. It's going to add. It's unique to the student experience and then over time I think it will benefit the students

6.0 Posted Motions

6.1- Medical Council Seat (Raza)

Chair: The motion reads

Whereas it has been confirmed that the students of the schulich school of medicine – Windsor campus pay student fees into the University of Windsor Students' Alliance ("UWSA");

Whereas there are currently no positions on the UWSA Council for a medical school representative

Whereas the ruling of the chair states Council as the power to create one additional Council seat for one term.

BIRT the UWSA approve the creation of one additional voting faculty representative for the Schlich School of Medicine Windsor Campus student for the 2009-2010 academic year.

BIFRT the UWSA task the CRO with the election of that representative in accordance spirit of the UWSA Constitution and Bylaws.

BIFRT that the UWSA task the IPC to review the bylaws and report any recommended changes to the UWSA to account for the addition of the medical students to the membership.

MOVED: Raza

SECONDED Kalaci

Raza: we found out this year that the medical students do plan to the UWSA fee. We are looking to go into a mini by election for this temporary seat.

Chair: Each individual can speak for 5 minutes twice. Specific to the motion. Because this requires a change to the bylaws. That being said.

Osterberg: First of all I don't think there is an ability to create a temporary seat. Our council seats are laid out in bylaw. Until this changes there is no change that. Those 12 extra seats are for population. It applies to the general election. The seats as you see them now. They did not take into account a medical seat. Right now it will take 5 weeks. The first take place no less than five weeks following that. It can't be until January. It has to be properly advertised. A better alternation would be the medical to have full speaking rights and then IPC can do all the proper work to do a proper addition to the medical. It will be a completer measure and we will have a full council for them. I do believe we do have to have by-election as outlined in our by laws. I'm concerned that this motion does not adhere to our bylaws as they are written

Sasso: I would like to speak in favour in the motion. I believe it's important for us to recognize the medical students as full paying students. Our belief, our found mothers and fathers of the constitution and bylaws would frown on us denying them their voice because of a couple technicalities. I believe the CRO had mentioned that there is a quicker process potentially. Suffice to say I believe there are many reasons not to do it. There are more important reasons to do it.

Wypych: How many students are currently in the medical program?

Khan: There closest one we can compare that to is interfaculty. After that one seat it's proportioned to the next twelve.

Wypych: If they do pay dues I think it only makes sense they get say.

Otersberg: What I'm saying that according to our rules that to have an election for them is roughly Jan.

Wypych: Just because its not until Jan. doesn't mean we shouldn't start the process.

Raza: I want to speak as our CEO. I just wanted to draw everyone's to the last be it resolved. As it has been high lighted there is 54 students. Thanks to evoting we could have this out in reasonable time. The medical students are already aware of this and it won't be surprised and we can personal go to the 54 students because

Osterberg: POI the constitution is a binding document.

Mohammed: Do the medical students pay membership dues. So now I liked to know how can they advocate their rights. If you UWSA is not able to provide a venue for them to speak their voice and secondly should the medical students find another forum to pay membership dues so they can have another forum to advocate their rights.

Khan: According to our constitution our membership is students who go to UWSA university of Western medical who go to our campus do not do that even though they pay our fees. But this is the sort of information that you guys need to be made aware of. Well yes we are changing our bylaws and I agree with that this can be held in a timely manner. They should not be penalized. Which we will eventually be part of that medical school

Woodrich: I would like to speak in favour of the motion. As long as they are paying the UWSA fees I don't know what should take precedence who they pay fees to or where they go to school.

Campbell: I'll speak against the motion. We've all be talking about these students these students pay student fees to the UWSA because that can be taken a couple of ways because our fees go different places. I'm not positive but I don't believe they pay a full amount. I think they pay the aspect that goes to welcome week and student life activities. I don't believe they pay the full student fee.

Khan: Last year they paid UFC fees. We just got it confirmed that they do pay our full fees. That's why they have the right to use the forge. They have every right to a student paying fees. Two independent bodies confirmed.

Connell: How was that decision made and who made it?

Khan: There were a bunch students asking to use facilities on campus so that's how it was decided that they pay all our fees.

Mohammed: First of all I don't have any voting rights but I am in favour of this and I am curious to the purpose that the medical students pay UWSA fees because they decided they wanted to pay is to use the facilities on campus. Why couldn't those fees be taken out of the budget that they were paying to UFC so that they could have their rights be advocated for. Now they are in precarious position.

Khan: Its not that no one can advocate on their behalf because that's what the UWSA does. Just the question comes down to council should they have a say on council this year. The question is not whether they should or not. Whether they should or not have a seat this year.

Lalonde: I would like to speak against this. Because I don't think we should by pass the constitution. I would gladly pass my speaking rights to a medical student. But this would just lead to more violations and where does it stop.

Koutros: Sasso said that there might be a faster way to do this. Could you possibly have it through a society? Have you explored any other avenues?

Raza: Societies are completely independent from the UWSA. I don't believe there is an operation society yet. Granted this is the second year of the program and this is the first 54 students. Other than that to expedite the process I really don't know. IPC has always been made aware.

Singh: I would like to make a statement in favour. I think Mr. Sasso was saying makes a lot of sense. I'm finding it hard to understand why we are delaying an inevitability. I think to create the temporary position now to fore fill, what is a definite inevitability in the name of procedure and we are spinning our wheels here. I think when that is the only sticking point.

Osterberg: Point of Order Move to strike motion because it violates sub section 4.1.1 of bylaw 80. It's not a matter of interpretation. And its also violate the amendment process.

Raza: Point of Order. The bylaw reads in the spirit of the constitution and bylaws not their written form.

Chair: I'm going to order in the favour of Mr. Raza because it says in the Spirit of.

Osterberg: POI Can you put a motion up that violates bylaws?

Miss McGarril: I would like to speak for the motion. What we're actually suppose to do here is represent students. The bottom line is they are paying fees they are on our campus everyday. No one is concerned with actually putting the seat it's the red tape.

Chair: Part of the ruling of the Chair ruled part of bylaw 80 inapplicable because those are for positions that already exist. This position doesn't exist yet. But again if any one feels that the chair ruling is incorrect you can make a motion to over rule the chair.

Lalonde: I would like the reiterate against the motion as the chair of IPC I must follow the proper channels. I must make students aware of changes. And while the medical students have been appraised I don't think that the rest have.

Motion that the CRO abide by 80.4.4.1, which outlines the 5 week process for election members to Council.

MOVED: Osterberg

SECONDED: Lalonde

Osterberg: These time periods are very specific I don't think this a matter open for interpretation. It also requires the proper procedures. I think that everyone here was elected by the same procedure. To hold a voting seat on this council everyone should have to abide by the same rules.

Wypch: I would like to speak against this. We normally do this for 5 weeks for all our students and this for 54. This goes against being inclusive. I think making sure we following this 5 week time line is ridiculous.

Raza: I would like to speak against the amendment because it will make the motion void.

Singh: If we are enforcing this five week period well into Jan. We are effectively telling this new community that is only going to enhance the reputation in the school. It is not going to sit well with these students. If we say that's too bad. I have a concern about the slippery slope. We are not going to throw all the by laws by the way side. I do not think that the slope is that slippery it's how long it takes us to get there.

Lalonde: If the CRO is not held by law 80 then what is the CRO bound by for this election.

Raza: Mr. Chair the election is held by the spirit of the bylaws and the framework that is in place on the website. The spirit will be intact just not the timeline.

Sasso: I would like to speak against the amendment. I can understand the idea of needing to adhere bylaws by looking over some minutes from a previous meeting I reminded that we need to look more towards the common sense side of things and inclusiveness and also what our

students what to do. This is me quoting myself. They care more about ideas of inclusiveness. Whether it's because of race because or gender. I know people are exaggerating. What we are doing here is saying you can't come into my tree fort. Frankly I think you have to suck up and change. I think things have to be adapted sometimes you have to expedite the process.

Vote: (1/14/0)

Motion Fails

Chair: Any further discussion seeing none. One the main motion

Vote: (13/2/0)

Motion: Carries

6.2 Scholarships Committee

Campbell: Scholarship committee I need two people to sit on the committee. You can't get any scholarships if you sit on this committee.

Sasso: If this is a full year commitment and how much of a time commitment.

Campbell: It is not, I suspect we will meet once or twice.

Connell: I would like more information about what you do

Campbell: Annually in the budget we have about 10 000 going back to students. We have specific ways of allocating the money, some based on needs and some on academics.

Mohammed: In the past how has been distributed? What historical which faculties have it gone to?

Campbell: I have no such statistics. It's all based on who applies.

Khan: Depending the way it was I guess I can speak because I was involved before. It's generally given out as per who applies. Last year we tried to do one per faculty. Beyond that we didn't know who the names were, we just know the grades and what was put in the SIS.

Mohammed: So its actually what the students put on the SIS.

Chair: Are their any further questions. Seeing none we will go into a nomination period.

Kalaci: Nominates Lalonde

Woodrich: nominates Thomas Sasso.

Sasso: Respectfully declines

Khan: Nominates Ciccone

Cicccone respectfully declines

Woodrich: Connell

Khan: Nominates Miss Singh

Miss Singh declines

The two are acclaimed Lalonde and Connell Congratulations

7.0 Reports

7.1 Election Update

Raza: Very brief update because it's been very boring and the numbers are very good. In addition the pole clerks have been wonderful no problems to report. EMC has been abreast to all the developments

Kalaci: I heard that people were logging in before the actually voting time.

Raza: Every candidate was emailed to do testing to the system

Kalaci: Will they have re vote?

Raza: yes those were only tests.

Connell: POI the difference between decline and none of the above.

Raza: It was the will of council that we should re create the ballad as close to real life as possible. Decline is a refusal to vote. And none of the above means you don't like any of the candidates.

Connell: What would happen if there was none of the above or decline to win out against the compete member?

Raza: Even if decline or none of the above win it's the third or highest candidate that will win.

Miss Raza: What does the promo?

Kavanaugh: Our promo team that our clerks were quite doing enough for us. Our promo team are schedule for an a hour and half each day and walk around. They handed out swag just to get students aware. Basically just to get that atmosphere of excitement and get students geared up for excitement

Raza: The members of the promo team are four females. We recognize gender balance. Our poll clerks are a diverse group. We only have females because that's who all applied. It has nothing to with four females.

Connell: POI when you went to candidates and you went to click on them you could see a blurb and I forget, was there any information about the difference between them?

Raza: No because our bylaws just say we must have them not that they be described.

See none we move none

CLA update.

Khan: CLA has brought to our attention there is an increase in the students being brought to panel. The CLA only gets 2.50 a semester and they've asked for our help. They are hoping to go to referendum.

Lalonde: Mr. Khan maybe you would like to speak towards the Dr. Smith's independent review.

Khan: One of the things was an academic review which has 98 are prosecuted. That is an extremely high rate no matter where you are. There will be a formal motion going forward at the next senate meeting requesting a formal proposition.

Woodrich: I would love to help you.

Sasso: I would just like to note that in two of my classes this year I have made my teachers make reference to this specific office and has encouraged students to go forward with motions with specific benefits.

Khan: There is a reward for the person who reports the most number of students to judicial.

Kavanaugh: I think its anyone who reports someone gets a paper.

Khan: Sorry my mistake everyone gets reward.

Raza: For the policy online for the election is posted online.

Khan: It's not going straight to a referendum right now. We are all fighting for students. There has been greater communication between CLA and UWSA.

Singh: I have a question for the president. Do you know what it is and is a stated policy?

Khan: I do have an email that states what it is. I will give you that.

Mohammed: Are there any kind of historical any kind of statistics to the type students that are being accused of these outrageous?

Khan: You cannot find out the students names or anything like that. You can find the decision found on the website.

Mohammed: Does it indicate whether they are medical or international students.

Khan: A specific number of these students are international students speaking English as a second language.

Singh: Just what comes from CLA? That academic integrated office is supposed to make students around that CLA is for their use which they don't do. Usually if they ask it sometimes is told to them. What has come to CLA is that is most international students.

Lalonde: If anyone would like statistics on this office you will have to submit.

Chair: Any further questions?

Mohammed: Does it indicate which professors are predominately?

Khan: The complaint is not usually brought up by the professor by the dean or registrar.

9.0 Question period

Raza: We've had a lot of issues with our student pub about sensitivity issues. I do recognize executive has gone around and taken down all the posters. If this is a repeated campaign it needs to be rethought.

Campbell: On the topic of the seductively clad women, that is common in pub adds. But the use of Indian is something nick didn't even think of when nick made the add. He was apologetic and he felt sorry that he had missed that. That was in fact a one off and I can speak confidently it will not happen again.

Khan: The moment that we were made aware of them and we took them down. How you seen the OPIRG posters for social change. It is a fully naked women seating on the cake.

Kavanaugh: I am disturbed we are making light of the situation

Campbell: With stuff being hung in the CAW to the best on my knowledge we do not have a stand on that but I think P and B should. I do sit on P and B and I will bring that forward.

Miss K: since you said the info desk stamps this. Is there a training policy for what is appropriate?

Campbell: That does not exist but it's a good idea and something we can look into.

Sasso: Is there a policy in general about advertising on campus?

Khan: we'll work with human rights on this.

Raza: What's the time line for PB will racial and gender sensitive?

Khan: They do have a poster policy right now. It's generally left to discretion. We'll bring it up to the staff.

Campbell: P and B meets on the last Monday of each month and its an open meeting.

Singh: I do have a little bit of a concern, with the use of those images are common for a pub. I think that a woman in tassels and fringe and little else sends the wrong message. It's offensive. If that's case I will lobby for men to be in nothing in cow boy hats and smile. I understand but our pub is in our university.

Campbell: In my comment I did not mean to justify it or condone it. I just meant that all the staff in the pub has been educated on the posters in a downtown setting.

Khan: it goes great lengths to say, the pub does do other forms of advertising they don't have this.

Woodrich: I want to let everyone know that I was unable to attend the last meeting because I was at the University of Guelph at a conference. In additionally I need another delegate to attend the OUSA conference with me in October.

Connell: This is to Mr. Raza about the descriptions on the voting website.

Raza: I will advise IPC to take on the task. For the general elections dually noted.

Mohammed: Going back to a previous issue. I'm curious as to the award that is give to the professors.

Khan: I will send you

10.00 Adjournment