

Student Council Meeting
Thursday September 24, 2009
4:00pm
UWSA Council Chambers

Voting Members Present: Mohsin Khan, Ryan Osterberg, Aaron Campbell, Omar Raza, Ayesha Raza, Thomas Sasso, Jill Ciccone, Patrick Lalonde, Shae Kavanaugh, Chris Connell, Nicholas Koutros, Luke Weiler, Jonathan Wypych,

Voting Members Absent:

1.0 Call to Order at 4:06pm

Chair: Asks for the approval of the agenda.

3.0 Approval of the Agenda

Chair : 6.2 executive accountability

President- I need five minutes presidents report

Ryan: 7.2 VPA presentation

Chair: Any other changes to be made to the agenda?

Chair: We now have an agenda

4.0 Approval of Minutes – August 13, 2009 and September 17, 2009

Chair: There are two sets of meetings to approves

Raza: I was present by proxy at the meeting

Osterberg: Mr. Raza your proxy did not show up.

Ciccone: I was not in the voting members absent for august 13

Sasso: at the meeting could it be brought up that I talk about the board vacancy issue.

Chair: that will be noted in the minutes.

Budhwani (Virani): September 17, non-voting members absent should be shown.

Chair: Entertains motion to ratify minutes. Minutes are ratified

Item 5.1

Executive accountability

Lalonde:

Several times I've been approach by students complaining execs are not in their office. There are times when they must attend meetings etc. I would to point out in this information age when email has becoming the primary method of contact, face time with the execs is also key and for students to see that their money is well spent. And face time conveys this message to the student. I do understand you have to leave your office. I believe you should be reporting to the desk staff when you intend to leave. Where you'll be going, who you will be meeting with. Just yesterday I asked the desk staff when an exec was and they were not aware. It is a problem the desk staff is unaware. I would like to ask that the executive in negative vacation time submit that report.

Third, I'm glad to see members of the executive. I know that there is a minimum of executive reporting. So councillors and students can see exactly what you're doing. We can verify that infact you were at these meetings.

I've had personal issues with this, if you make commitments to be somewhere at a specific time I ask that you attend. When you don't this puts a really bad face on the UWSA. Everyone may be asking why I'm bringing this up today. I see potential execs here and its important to bring this up. Secondly execs are accountable to council.

As chair of IPC I would like to investigate into executive accountability.

Chair: are there any questions for Lalonde today?

Kavanaugh: do you know what's happening with the negative vacation situation.

Lalonde: I've heard that he's attending things on the weekend. But this is second hand.

Sasso: I would like to ask council how the changes to the bylaws. How long will this take.

Lalonde: We will have to post notices and I will be attending council and telling them about the things we will be investigating. 6 to 8 weeks total will be the process. Council may approve or not approve of the bylaws.

Raza: Finally we get the council's accountability somewhat inline.

Connell: Sometimes you say that the office is completely closed off to everyone?

Lalonde: what I said is that I've had the complaint that the office not being open, but people not being in the office, or unavailable and desk staff not know where the person is.

Connell: Has it been more than once?

Lalonde: I had a complaint that the office was open but members of the executive were not present.

President: I would like to say the only way for us to be held accountable is for it to be brought up. We won't bite your head off.

Chair: Is there any more questions for Mr. Lalonde? I encourage anyone who has more questions to approach Mr. Lalonde after the meeting. You are 1 minute after the time meeting.

6.1 Board Vacancy

President: As you know we have a board seat vacancy. The Board has been unable to meet for the last couple of meetings and that is partly because quorum is 4 board members. Technically we don't have one right now. We need start giving out clubs money for clubs that have applied. Our suggestion is to move Sasso to a non voting position to a full time board of directors member. That leaves us with a full board until the 21st and we can have the new board move on in the 22 with out interference.

Kalaci: how is this individual chosen?

President: this member is chosen by council. As per the bylaw the council can put two people on council as non voting members.

Lalonde: What are the implications of Mr. Sasso's committee seats?

President: my personal thinking is if you're accountable to one body, I don't think his committee seats should be punished, his voting rights should be suspend until the 21st. I don't think he should be penalized for stepping up to plate.

Osterberg: The EMC is accountable to council only. He would not be able to sit on it.

Chair: are there any further questions?

Kavanaugh: I think that everyone should have the opportunity to sit on this board.

President: It is open if any wants to. It did make sense that we ask him.

Budwani: There is one more position for a counsellor to sit on the board.

Connell: It doesn't just have to be Mr. Sasso? I can help him? You know in terms of how we have slates?

President: You are asking that you be co-appointed? We are only doing this because of the emergency clause.

Campbell: Technically you can appoint as many people as you want up to six

Osterberg: This is just because club funding is backlogging right now. This is temporary situation.

Raza: Other than club funding is there any other contentious issues?

Campbell: At this point the council has dealt with the main issues. It is just club funding.

President: It is the ultimate responsibility of the UWSA. This is just to allow board to meet and function.

Campbell: Anything that does come up out of the budget. They would have to deal with that

Kavanaugh: Is there any motion on the floor right now. I have an amendment for that issue.

Chair: Is there any other questions before the motion. I see none.

Be it resolved Council select Thomas Sasso the UWSA Board of Directors until Oct. 21st, 2009 to allow BOD to achieve quorum

BIFRT, the council member selected to sit on the Board of Directors suspend their voting privileges on council until the results of the 2009, by-election are ratified by councils

BIFRT, the council member selected to sit on the UWSA Board be granted all rights and privileges of a Board member.

BIFRT, the Board restrict itself to club and special funding requests for the duration.

MOVED: Kavanaugh

SECONDED:

Chair: Now that we have a motion on the table we will have a debate.

Mr. Campbell: I would like to take off the section limiting to club and special event funding.

Chair: you would like a motion to amend the motion on the table and you would to strike the club funding thing.

Motion to strike the final clause

MOVED: Campbell

SECONDED: Osterberg

Now we will just debate if it should be limited to just club and special event.

Raza: I would like to speak against the amendment. In light of the current circumstances and not having a full board of directors I don't find it appropriate pass expenditures.

Chair: You are against the motion to strike

Osterberg: The power of board of governors. I don't know if the summary motion can limit the power of the board. You can ask Mr. Sasso from voting on such things. But I don't think that you can ask the board to not vote on such things. You can frame it as a request and not a demand.

Chair: We are recessed for three minutes.

Chair: Meeting is called to order

Kavanaugh: Who makes the agenda?

Campbell: The VPA

Kavanaugh: The VPA makes the agenda. Does the VPA converse with the VP finance about what's put on the agenda?

Kavanaugh: Presumably then. The VP finance will know what's going on with the board. Just the VP finance knows what's going on the agenda.

Campbell: But all things financial goes to me and then I send an email to the VPA putting on the agenda.

Chair: Is there any further debate on it

Campbell: anytime you want to spend any money outside of the budget. If anything does happen we want it to be able to act. The only way we can do this is the member being appointed can vote. This is why I am asking for Thomas to be able to vote. If you have to fix things in the building it has to go to BOD and that's why I'm asking you not to limit.

Vote: (11/4/0)

Sasso noted absention.

Chair: is there any debate on that

Election Report

Raza: stepping down as BOG member and assuming as CRO.

We have a visual arts society and hosting their election. We are adding this to our roster. We've had a flyer drop and white board campaign. I am requesting your help. 1 hour at October 6 on 7:00am. Before classes start and the buildings open up, we put flyers on all the tables and put notes on all the white board. We need many more people to do this to cover the entire campus in one hour. We need to take a poll of people willing to do it.

Chair: Can we just take a quick poll.

Is there anything further?

Raza: If you would like to find out anything about the election it is on the website.

Koutros: How many applications do you have?

Raza: there were 24 and now there are 22 and we are verifying that they are a good standing.

Campbell: Have you considered doing it at 10pm?

Raza: Housekeeping will clean the flyers.

Sasso: where are we meeting?

Raza: We will meet in the council chambers.

Chair: are there any further questions. See none

8.0 New Business

Item number 8. This is for any motions. But it is ill advise. Seeing none we move on to question period.

9.0 Question Period

Kalaci: who updates the website?

President: Christopher, our communications coordinator.

Kavanaugh: Will the senators or chair the committee be sent to the Senators who chair the committees.

Osterberg: I will send it out again. I think I sent it out from the council chambers.

Connell: The t-shirts. You said that you would aim to get the t-shirts by October 22.

Osterberg: No I said I would send out an email then when we have council finalized to find out sizes and then we will send the order in.

Connell: how long to expect them.

Osterberg: it could take 2 to 8 weeks

Connell: we will be getting them in November

Osterberg: Yes, which is not out of the ordinary. We got them around Christmas last year as well.

Raza: The medical students on the campus are wishing and will to be members of the UWSA

President: I got confirmation this morning they are paying student fees to us.

Raza- we have four satellite campus can we look into seeing if they pay fees to us and we can see if we should extend our membership.

President- I know the Cairo one isn't but I can look into other ones.

Connell: issues about the minutes. The last time the minutes were updated was January of 2009. I find this disturbing in terms of the students not knowing what's going on.

Osterberg: I sent those this afternoon. They were just sent as off today. Give it a 24 hours turn around time.

Connell: the search function on the UWSA website is not working. I think you should take a look at that.

Chair: Can we make a note of the Ryan?

Connell: At the CFS conference we talked about the team building exercises and I understand last year council had a lot of friction. Anyway there hasn't been any movement with that. Where are we going with that?

Osterberg: We have a budget for council training and I will try to integrate team building into that. I have that tentatively slotted for Oct.24 but not finalized. We will try to schedule something where both halves of councils can come together.

Connell: When will it happen?

Osterberg: After council training.

Kavanaugh: are we spending money on this?

Osterberg: I will discuss with board. Being able to effectively work together is a training asset. The ability for the new and old Council members to work together effectively I believe is an important part of training. I think we will have money left over in the training budget. Perhaps laser tag or something like that.

Raza: Do you have timeline for med students?

Lalonde: I don't because I just found out today but I will get back to you.

Connell: Just wondering where you find all the information about the financial items?

Campbell: at this point and time it is not on the website, it should be up at the end of the week. What I am going to put on is financial statements back as far as I have them which is about a decade.

Raza: I have a question for the chair. Is it within council's power to pass temporary members or observers in light of med students? I think it is quite a disservice them. Can we pass a motion to make them temporary members or observers?

Chair: I will look into that.

Kavanaugh: Someone is in negative vacations day, by how much and what is being down about it?

Osterberg: It's me and its 3. Part of it was vacation days and part of it was sick days and one of my things is it currently is 3. My parents book an unexpected trip for thanksgiving which will make it five. I will work in Feb. a week without pay to cover this.

Sasso: I'm just wondering whether we can expect reports from our senators anything that's happening that way.

Lalonde: We have not had our first senate meeting. So I project sometime slightly before Oct 13th meeting.

Kavanaugh: Will the executive be posting their class schedule.

President: We will.

Kavanaugh: will they have their door open

Osterberg: Most of the time my door is open except when I'm working audio.

Kavanaugh: I know that, Mohsin keep your door open.

Chair: Are there any further questions.

See none I will entertain a motion to adjourn

10.0 Adjournment

Adjourned at 5:10