

**UWSA Board of Directors  
Meeting #4**

*Our mandate: "To serve, represent and advocate for students."*

**CHAIR OF THE BOARD: TBD**

**BOARD OBSERVERS INVITED (EX-OFFICIO, NON-VOTING):**

- President Herman Dayal
- VP Finance & Operations Petar Bratic
- VP Student Advocacy Paramjot Gogia
- VP Student Services Jasleen Dayal
- General Manager Maria Hamilton
- Society Presidents Various

**MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT (BOLDED):**

<b>Mia Riviere</b>	<b>Faculty of Business</b>	<b>Mohammed Abdulaziz</b>	<b>Senator</b>
<b>Lia Thomson</b>	<b>Faculty of Science</b>	<b>Linden Crain</b>	<b>Senator</b>
<b>Jason Wong</b>	<b>Faculty of Science</b>	<b>Biane Deghaiche</b>	<b>Senator</b>
<b>Perween Ismail</b>	<b>Faculty of Social Work</b>	<b>Emily Fraser</b>	<b>Senator</b>
<b>Sumeet Kaur</b>	<b>International Students</b>	<b>Pedro Kantati</b>	<b>Senator</b>
N/A	Board of Governors Rep.		

**ITEM DISCUSSION**

**ACTION**

**1.0 Call to Order- 6:06 PM**  
1.1 Quorum

**2.0 Land Acknowledgment**

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.

**3.0 Chair's Business**

**3.1 Appointment of Meeting Facilitator**

**MOTION TO APPROVE**

**(CARRIED)**

- **BIRT** Sébastien Lalonde be appointed meeting facilitator for today's meeting only, effective immediately.
  - **Presented by:** H. Dayal
  - **Moved:** L. Crain
  - **Seconded:** P. Ismail

- 4.0 Approval of the Agenda** **Approval  
(CARRIED)**  
**MOTION TO APPROVE**
- **BIRT** the approval of the Agenda for the December 1<sup>st</sup> UWSA Board of Directors meeting.
    - **Motion:** B. Deghaiche
    - **Seconded:** P. Kantati
- 5.0 Approval of the Minutes\*** **Approval**  
**5.1** October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020 (Meeting #3)
- 6.0 Unfinished Business**
- 7.0 Presentations to the Board** **Information**  
**7.1** 2019-20 Audited Financials M. Ciuro
- No notable changes in report from prior years.
  - UWSA complying with all aspects in which they should be.
  - 4% increase in student fees.
  - \$70,000 decrease in investments.
  - \$11,000 increase in revenue.
  - Expenses are the same but lost approximately \$180,000 due to COVID-19 pandemic sell-off.
  - Expenses also incurred due to CAW centre renovation.
  - Approximately \$9,500,000 in balances.
  - Approximately \$12,000,000 in net assets.
  - Liabilities are consistent with other years.
  - Cash flow down approximately \$600,000.
  - UWSA has taken proper precautions to safeguard businesses financials during the current COVID-19 pandemic.
- 7.2** Student Legal Protection Program A. Golovko
- Went over who Studentcare is and how they act as a consultant and administrator.
  - Outlined UWSA current plan.
  - Described current landscape and provided an assessment of needs for UWSA.
  - Noted how legal assistance helpline and legal representatives could be beneficial to be at the disposal of those represented by UWSA.
  - Went over pricing.
  - 'Raven Law' is the law-firm identified.
  - (L. Crain): inquired if local law firm could be used.
    - (A. Golovko): stated that Raven Law is used due to their accessibility and accommodation for students, hence, Studentcare believes it would be the best fit.

**7.3 Studentcare Travel Coverage Updates**

A. Golovko

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- Went over relevance to COVID-19 pandemic coverage.
- Expressed how policy has not been changed since 2006.
- Increased cancellation coverage from \$1500 to \$3000.
- Quarantine coverage included.
- Cost of coverage increasing from \$6.00 to \$9.72 (\$3.72 increase).
- Plan going into full effect as of September 2020.
- (P. Bratic): asked if proration of cost since it is December and not September.
  - (A. Golovko): stated that insurance companies are not budging at a decrease in price as they have already inquired.

#### 7.4 By-Election Report

I. Bilbilovksa

- Voting was conducted on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Went over by-election calendar.
- All candidates meeting was November 2<sup>nd</sup> and had attendance of all the established candidates.
- Schulich school students did not get emails sent out and that election will be ratified at a January meeting.
- Went over technicalities of the election and how there were no reported issues with voting.
- Did not do social media advertising due to no contestation but plans on doing such advertising for general election.
- Stated election committee should be formed prior to the general election.
- (L. Crain): asked how big difference in voting was due to COVID-19 pandemic.
  - (I. Bilbilovksa): stated a big difference of voter turnout could have been as a result of the lack of need for campaigning.

#### 7.5 President's Update

H. Dayal

- Discussed how cases are increasing but the UWSA is actively acting within health-boards protocols and guidelines.
- Expressed how new renovations are looking good at the CAW and it shows how students can achieve so much when they push for change.
- Discussed the progress of the Anti-Black Racism Committee and potential to meet with MP.
- (E. Fraser): asked if we could take questions from students to present to MP's if they were in-fact to meet.
  - (H. Dayal): acknowledged the idea as a good one that could be very beneficial.
- (E. Reyes-Sanchez): stated that Club SODA wanted to share that their club has been working to assess sexual harassment and that the same idea could be utilized to assess racism across the population of students.
- (E. Reyes-Sanchez): additionally stated that the racism, equity, inclusivity, and diversity committee would be run by a black woman.
- (H. Dayal): that he loves all the ideas and that more needs to be actively done and he has been trying his best to speed up the processes of many correlated projects in the works.

## 8.0 Proposed Motions

Approval

### 8.1 Ratification of By-Election 2020 Results

#### MOTION TO APPROVE

(CARRIED)

- **BIRT** the results of the 2020 By-election, as submitted in the Chief Returning Officer's Report, be ratified.
  - **Moved:** B. Deghaiche
  - **Seconded:** E. Fraser

### 8.2 Recommendation: 2019-20 Audited Financials

#### MOTION TO APPROVE

(CARRIED)

- **BIRT** the audited statements for the 2019-2020 fiscal year be adopted.
  - **Moved:** M. Abdulaziz
  - **Seconded:** M. Riviere

### 8.3 Recommendation: Student Legal Protection Program

#### MOTION TO APPROVE

- **BIRT** the Board approve a referendum to approve and adopt the following referendum question: Do you support a fee of \$28 per student per year for coverage on a prepaid legal service plan, the fee for and provider of which may change from time-to-time upon resolution of the UWSA Board of Directors.
- **BIFRT** the referendum campaign period and voting period coincide with those that the board will approve for the 2021 General Election, unless the Board resolves to set the foregoing periods earlier.
- **BIFRT** the Board adopt a stance in support of the approval of the fee by referendum.
  - **Moved:** P. Kantati
  - **Seconded:** J. Wong

#### MOTION TO AMMEND

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  - **Seconded:** H. Samhat

## MOTION AS AMMENDED

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**(CARRIED AS AMMENDED)**

## 8.4 Recommendation: Studentcare Travel Coverage Updates

### MOTION TO APPROVE

**(CARRIED)**

- **BIRT** expenditure of \$3.72 per student, plus applicable taxes, for enhanced travel health coverage, be approved from the applicable restricted funds.
- **BIFRT** the USWA health fee increases by \$3.72 from \$162.00 to \$165.72 effective September 2021.
  - **Moved:** L. Crain
  - **Seconded:** J. Wong

## 9.0 Reports

**Information**

### 9.1 Operations Committee

**Operations**

- (H. Dayal): Presented his operation report.
  - Considering options for workout services, looking to create a new tuition model for international students, and working on a new student centre agreement.
- (P. Gogia): Presented his operation report.
  - Brought up a future consideration in the peer support coordinator leaving after this current semester.
- (P. Bratic): Presented his operation report.
  - In the process of establishing a 'tax clinic'.
- (J. Dayal): Presented his operation report.
  - Looking into introducing a vendor fair in February but the logistics still need to be worked out and a series of speakers that could be involved in events.
- (M. Hamilton): Presented her operation report.

### 9.2 Standing Committees

**Executives**

### 9.3 Hiring Committees

**E. Fraser**

## 10.0 New Business

## 11.0 Question Period

**Information**

## 12.0 *In Camera Session*

### MOTION TO APPROVE

- **BIRT** to move into in-camera session.
  - **Moved:** L. Crain
  - **Seconded:** P. Kantati

### MOTION TO AMMEND

- **BIRT** to move into in camera session
- **BIFRT** all individuals including the minute-taker and meeting facilitator be included in the transition to the in-camera
  - **Moved:** L. Crain
  - **Seconded:** H. Samhat

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  - **Seconded:** H. Samhat

**(CARRIED AS AMMENDED)**

## 13.0 *Adjournment - 11:56 PM*

**Approval**

### MOTION TO AJOURN

- BIRT the meeting be adjourned.
  - **Moved:** P. Kantati
  - **Seconded:** L. Thomson

Please carefully review the 'starred' (\*) consent agenda items. As per the April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018, meeting, 'starred' items are deemed non-controversial items and therefore will not be discussed during a scheduled meeting unless a member specifically requests that a 'starred' agenda item be 'un-starred' and therefore open for discussion/debate. This can be done any time before (by forwarding the request to the minute-taker/chair) or during the meeting. By the end of the meeting, agenda items which remain 'starred' (\*) will be deemed approved or received.

Item: **3.1**

**MOTION:** **BIRT** Sébastien Lalonde be appointed meeting facilitator for today's meeting only, effective immediately.

Item For: **Approval**

Forwarded by: **Operations Committee**

**Rationale (“Whereas”):**

- By-law 60.05 allows for a facilitator to be appointed to preside at Board meetings, by decision of the board.
- Sébastien Lalonde is a chairperson of CFS-Ontario. He has experience chairing meetings, and he is well versed in Robert's Rules of Order.
- This motion, if adopted, would only appoint a facilitator for this meeting of the Board. The Chair, once elected, will be consulted about how to proceed with the selection and appointment of a presiding officer, should it not be the Chair.
- The Operations Committee believes it to be important for this meeting to run smoothly and effectively, especially due to this meeting being the first livestreamed one, and the appointment of Sébastien Lalonde would allow for this in the absence of an elected and trained Chair.

Item: **8.1**

**MOTION:** **BIRT** the results of the 2020 By-election, as submitted in the Chief Returning Officer's Report, be ratified.

Item For: **Approval**

Forwarded by: **I. Bilbilovska, Chief Returning Officer (CRO)**

**Rationale ("Whereas"):**

- In accordance with Section 90.01(2) of the Election Policy, the Board must ratify the unofficial results.
- The unofficial results of the 2020 General Election are to be reported by the Chief Returning Officer, Ivona Bilbilovska.
- The new Directors elected according to the unofficial rResults are:
  - Holly Lucier
  - Karlie Stam
  - Osman Hasan
  - Gabi Pedroso Reis
  - Hussein Samhat



Item: **8.2**

**MOTION:** **BIRT** the audited statements for the 2019-2020 fiscal year be adopted.

Item For: **Approval**

Forwarded by: **Operations Committee**

**Rationale (“Whereas”):**

- As the auditor appointed by the members, Baker Tilly has performed the annual audit of the 2019-2020 fiscal year and is tasked with presenting them to the Board of Directors.

Item: **8.3**

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**BIFRT** the board adopt a stance in support of the approval of the fee by referendum.

Item For: **Approval**

Forwarded by: **Operations Committee**

**Rationale (“Whereas”):**

- Section 25.02 of the Referendum Policy allows the Board to defer decisions to the membership by 2/3 majority.
- Section 30.01 of the Referendum Policy allows the Board to take a stance on a referendum question by 2/3 majority.

Item: **8.4**

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**BIFRT** the UWSA health fee increase by \$3.72 from \$162.00 to \$165.72 effective September 2021.

Item For: **Approval**

Forwarded by: **Operations Committee**

**Rationale (“Whereas”):**

- Studentcare has enhanced its travel coverage and it is asking for payment to bind the increased coverage immediately.
- Studentcare will give a presentation on the enhanced coverage.