

**UWSA Board of Directors  
Meeting #7**

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

**MEMBERS OF THE BOARD (EX-OFFICIO, NON-VOTING):**

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| • General Manager         | Maria Hamilton (Board Observer) |
| • Society Presidents      | Various (Board Observer)        |

**MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:**

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| • Amber Tazzman   | • Petar Bratic    |
| • André Ducharme  | • Biane Deghaiche |
| • Davinder Singh  | • Advait Desai    |
| • Jasleen Dayal   | • Lena Sleiman    |
| • Mohamed Mahmoud | • Quessia Mugabo  |

**REGRETS**

- Linden Crain – Absent (Excused)
- Suzan Sinjari
- Kevinprecious Fawehinmi
- Paramjot Gogia
- Gagneet Kaur
- Mohammed Hannan Sadar

**ITEM DISCUSSION**

**ACTION**

**1.0 Call to Order**

**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**

**4.0 Unfinished Business**

Discussion

**BIRT** the motion to approve the Nimbus tutoring Program for the winter semester be tabled to 9.2.

A.Tazzman/B. Deghaiche

**(CARRIED)**

**5.0 Approval of the Agenda\***

Approval

**6.0 Approval of the Minutes\***

Approval

6.1 September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019

6.2 October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019

6.3 October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019

6.4 November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**7.0 Business Arising from the Minutes/Action Items**

**8.0 Presentations to the Board**

Information

**8.1 University President**

The University President talked about the financial situation of the university and reassured the Board that there are processes in place to rectify the situation such as recruiting more International Students.

**8.2 Chief Returning Officer's 2019 By-Election Report  
(Annexure A)**

**8.3 Faculty of Law Renovations**

- There is a 30-million-dollar renovation to ensue at the Law school beginning next year. The initial plan was to occupy the building during renovations, but plans have changed, and the HVAC system is going to be dismantled, meaning law students have to relocate for a period of two years.
- Law is an undergraduate programme, even though a second entry one. 90% of law students are from Toronto and are new to the city, and so it is crucial that they engage in participation. The law faculty is conscious about students not being engaged because of being displaced and are trying to maintain a sense of security.
- Being a law student is high pressure, and a lot of work. The atmosphere is collegial at the law faculty which is because of the communal space.
- What is being asked for is, instead of dividing the law faculty into areas on campus haphazardly, the space in the lance is being requested for student services, the Hum for student government and the law review, and the remainder of the Hum for communal space.
- It is a good way to get the students embedded in the student experience and put an end to them hibernating at the law faculty. In other words, students can fully participate in the University experience.
- What the law faculty can do for the UWSA is to post around the facilities that the facilities are provided by the UWSA. The faculty also has a mental health presence, which will be brought to the CAW. The facilities

will then be returned to the UWSA in good form after the renovations are complete.

- J. Bowers clarified that space allocation requests for The Lance and The Hum were operational in nature so fell within the remit of the Operations Committee. He informed that The Lance has been approved for use for the two year period by the law faculty, but the UNIWIN Board of Directors has not yet made a final decision pertaining to The Hum.

## 9.0 Proposed Motions

Approval

**9.1 BIRT** the Chief Returning Officer's 2019 By-Election Report be accepted and the specified Directors-elect ratified accordingly.

L. Sleiman/A. Tazzman

**(CARRIED)**

**9.2 BIRT** the Board approve, from the SOCR Fund, \$0.56 per student, based on the average opt-in rate of UWSA non-mandatory fees, for the Winter Semester of the Nimbus Tutoring program.

- S. Grewal reiterated the purpose of the app for the benefit of the new board members, stating that if this is approved, it would be on trial for the winter semester costing the UWSA \$3000 to \$4000. After the winter semester, a referendum will be in place which will can be likened to the referendum pertaining to bus passes. He finally stated that the UWSA is providing the application, not Nimbus.
- A. Ducharme stated that going to faculties with this initiative before deciding will be a good idea.
- P. Bratic asked if there was an identified need for this service. He also asked if a timeline can be given outlining when the UWSA received any information about this from Nimbus, and the work or research done by the UWSA in preparation for this. S. Grewal's reply entailed the fact that it was brought to the UWSA's attention by Nimbus, went back and forth with contracts, but nothing significant had been done up until now, just going over contracts had been done.
- J. Bowers stated that Nimbus reached out last year, around September 2018. At first the UWSA was not sold by the idea and there were a range of other projects that were being dealt with. The suggestion initially came through Ryan Flannagan, who checked in with various deans. There was some uncertainty by the University as a whole about if central tutoring will work, and the project was therefore abandoned.
- Since then, they have worked with Universities such as McGill, Concordia, Manitoba and others, which instigated a meeting with J. Bowers and S. Grewal.

- L. Sleiman stated that it creates jobs for students on campus and a co-ordinator is also needed, meaning even more jobs. She also stated that it is just a trial run and is not going to be imposed on students.
- A. Abdallah also explained to the new board members that the service is specific to individual rather than group tutoring, and will work through an app, rather than the usual methods of advertising through kijiji and bullet boards.
- A. Tazzman states the relevance of the app, explaining that a lot of faculties do not have enough Graduate Assistants or Teaching Assistants, finally stating that some even have only one GA.
- P. Bratic states that there is a cause for concern as faculties and the University did not think this service could be successful. He further states that there hasn't been a specific want for this by students, and hence a precarious financial future could result from moving forward with Nimbus.
- L. Sleiman avers that the University does not back the projects the UWSA wants to do as they do not know what students want. She further states that using mobile apps for interacting is something that is in line with this generation and the University does not understand. She adds that \$3000 is not exorbitant, as there are funds readily available.
- P. Bratic asks if the \$3000 includes a service coordinator, to which the answer was no. The UWSA through the Executives will coordinate the service. A. Plaek Deng specifically can be involved in it.
- P. Bratic asked how much was available in the SOCR funds, to which the response was about \$80,000.
- An amendment is proposed by P. Bratic.

**BIRT** the Board direct the Executives to facilitate research within the student body to consider whether the Board should, at a later time, by way of a new resolution, approve, from the SOCR Fund, \$0.56 per student, based on the average opt-in rate of UWSA non-mandatory fees, for the Winter Semester of the Nimbus Tutoring program. Any survey question must include the fee that the student must pay.

P. Bratic/A. Ducharme

**(FAILED)**

- P. Bratic motivates the motion with the fact that going about things the right way is important, as there is a precedent to set. He does not believe in spending on a whim. He states that he is just looking to take the proper steps in making sure money is not wasted on a service that may not be used.
- S. Grewal states that the rate that has been offered by Nimbus is the rate only for the winter semester, and may not be the price in future situations.

- L. Sleiman states that a survey is a good idea, however time is not on our side as we need to take advantage of the price which was previously \$1.50.
- J. Dayal states that the board had told Nimbus we would have a decision by December. She further states that this shouldn't be pushed further back as the next meeting is in December, which was the proposed deadline. She further added that we need to start hiring tutors which cannot be done if this decision keeps being postponed.
- A. Abdallah suggests that rather than a survey, a trial is a way of getting the input of students, on the ground, after which they will decide through a referendum. He explains to the board that surveys take a long period of time as students are not active in participating. This was evident with the bus pass. In addition to this, the survey will have to be pushed very heavily, which no one at the UWSA can add to their plates.
- M. Mohammed asked if the \$0.56 was just a deal for the trial and if it will revert to the original price. S. Grewal states that if the service is not implemented in the winter, it will be up to the next Executive to decide the way forward.
- J. Bowers offers a recommendation entailing the fact that there is still the option of doing a referendum straight away, as that is ultimately the final decision.
- A. Ducharme asks if students can opt in or out of the trial, to which S. Grewal replies stating that the students are not paying for the service and hence do not need to opt in or out.
- L. Sleiman states that the SOCR fund is for academic use and hence it is not being depleted.

**BIRT** that the speakers list is extended by one in favour of the original motion and one against the original motion.

L. Sleiman/M. Mahmoud

**(CARRIED)**

- M. Mahmoud stated that the simple fact of putting money into something that has no indication of success is where his problem lies. He asks the board to consider the fact that this campus is unique and the response hoped for may not be achieved.
- L. Sleiman states that \$3000 is a good price, and if the motion is not passed, the next Executives will have to renegotiate the price. She further states that a trial is a form of qualitative research, as it allows students to try something and vote through a referendum. She adds that tutoring is something that is necessary on any campus. She used an analogy of pizza shops, stating that the fact that there is one does not mean that you

cannot open another one. Hence, SOS is not enough, there is always space for more.

**BIRT** the speakers list is extended by two for the motion and two against the motion.

A. Ducharme/P. Bratic

**(CARRIED)**

- A. Ducharme poses a question to the Executives asking if students can opt out. S. Grewal states that there is no fee billed to students individually as the money is from the SOCR funds.
- The \$0.56 is paid based on the opt in rate of the semester, so the money paid will be on behalf of those who opt in, but all students get a chance to use the app.
- M. Mahmoud states that the money can be used for something students actually want.
- P. Bratic asks if there is absolutely no creation of a new fee. S. Grewal states that there are no additional fees.

L. Sleiman/A. Tazzman

**(CARRIED)**

## **10.0 Reports**

Information

### **10.1 Operations Report (Annexure B)**

- P. Bratic asked A. Plaek Deng if he can get some clarification as to what exactly he does in representing students.
- A. Plaek Deng states that it usually pertains to issues with the Professor such as grading, missing an exam or when the student has proof of why the exam was missed and the Professor would not accept it.
- P. Bratic asked if A. Plaek Deng attends hearings with the student, to which he replies, saying he goes with the student to have meetings with the Professor.
- P. Bratic states that drug and dental came up twice in the report, and he would like some clarification on why that is the case and if the contract is up for renewal.
- S. Grewal states that the contract is coming to an end in August 2020. He states that there have been meetings with the company to discuss any changes that need to be made, hence they would provide the UWSA with a proposal as to what can be changed.
- P. Bratic asked if they are looking at RFP's from Greenshield for example. M. Hamilton stated that student care is a provider, and such a contract cannot go to Greenshield. The provider can change the insurance company.



- P. Bratic asked if there is a way to know if the cost is at par with other schools in Ontario. M. Hamilton stated that the UWSA is currently paying double the administration fees they used to pay. Further stating that a wish list has been given, and if they can't meet these needs, the UWSA will have to shop around. She adds that she attends meetings of the General Managers Association, so there is a lot of discussions before anything is decided on.

## 10.2 Committees Reports

### 1. Student Advocacy

A. Plaek Deng states that there was a meeting to discuss campaigns happening soon.

### 2. Student Services

Committee decreased by one person. However, there was a meeting about how to tackle issues in the future, discussing events from the past, and how to improve, with feedback. Initiatives to gather information and research on things that will improve campus life were discussed.

### 3. Governance and Policy

Waiting for new members to join, to determine the best date to have a meeting.

### 4. Finance Committee

The Finance Committee has not met, as there was some miscommunication. There will hopefully be a meeting before the end of the semester.

## 11.0 New Business

Discussion

### 11.1 Ratification of Nominees to the Elections Committee

M. Hamilton stated the circumstances surrounding getting an elections committee and how difficult it has been.

**BIRT** member number 1's application is ratified.

J. Dayal/M. Mahmoud

**(CARRIED)**

P. Bratic states that there was no Elections Committee before, so it would be good to have one. However, he believes that persons from the Law Faculty are appropriate for this role as persons in this committee should have governance experience. He believes that the way we go about selecting members should be taken into consideration.

A. Desal states that that is not a valid point as people who join the UWSA do so for experience and he believes they will get training before starting their duties.

M. Mahmoud states that the people on the elections Committee will be trained and that is a starting point.

BIRT that the motion to ratify member number 1 is tabled.

P. Bratic/A. Ducharme

**(FAILED)**

P. Bratic states that he understands that a call was made. He run for the previous elections and did not see a call for nominations. He understands that there are practices in place, but these practices were clearly not effective. The goal of tabling is to ensure that more people are reached.

J. Bowers states that these applications are from the previous year, and these are the people who have expressed an interest to be a part of the Elections Committee. He states that the Elections Committee is only needed next year. However, typically, there is usually a low turnout, as opposed to an abundance of applications.

**BIRT** member number 2's application is ratified.

P. Bratic/B. Degaiche

**(CARRIED)**

**BIRT** member number 3's application is ratified.

A.Ducharme/J. Dayal

**(CARRIED)**

## **11.2 Board Committee Appointments.**

- J. Bowers explains to the new Board Members that there are four committees they can be involved with.
- Calls are hereby made for new Board Members to join the various committees.

**BIRT** P. Bratic be appointed as a member of the Governance and Policy Committee.

A.Ducharme/Q. Mugabo

**(CARRIED)**

**BIRT** P. Bratic be appointed as a member of the Finance Committee.

A.Ducharme/A. Tazzman

**(CARRIED)**

**BIRT** A. Tazzman be appointed as a non-voting member of the Elections Committee.

P. Bratic/A. Ducharme

**(CARRIED)**

## **12.0 Question Period**

Information

P. Bratic stated that there was a fee of \$0.90 in his financial statement that is for the Office of Student Empowerment. He wants to know if that office is still in existence.



J. Bowers stated that the Office is currently under Student Advocacy. It was previously an ombuds persons who represented all the three student unions, until all the student unions went in a different direction.

P. Bratic asked what the \$0.90 is being used for. M. Hamilton stated that it is going to A. Plaek Deng's position, which is Student Advocacy. Money is needed to pay for campaigns, and this amount is only a supplement to the amount needed. It is also utilized in processing some of the advocacy cases, research and legal opinions.

P. Bratic asked why the position no longer exists. J. Bowers stated that the three student unions sharing one person was not viable.

P. Bratic asked if the VP is enough, and if more research was still necessary? M. Hamilton stated that funds to pay someone with those qualifications is hefty.

### **13.0 In-Camera**

### **14.0 Adjournment**

Approval

**BIRT** the meeting be adjourned at 8:32pm.

L. Sleiman /A. Ducharme

**(CARRIED)**

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.



# ELECTION REPORT

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## 2019 BY-ELECTION

Submitted: November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Ivona Bilbilovska  
CRO | UWSA

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# Overview

## Introduction

On November 6<sup>th</sup> and November 7<sup>th</sup> UWSA members voted in the 2019 By-Election.

The By-Election resulted in the election of (3) Board Members.

## Total Positions Open:

Executives: 0

Board of Directors: 7

Senators: 0

Board of Governor: 1

Total Open Positions	12		
Contested Positions	4	Faculty of Law Representative First Year Students' Representative Odette School of Business Representative Schulic School of Medicine & Dentistry Representative	1 1 1 1
Nominations Submitted	6	Nominations Invalid	1
All Candidates Meeting Attendance	5	All Candidates Meeting Disqualification	0
Open Positions – After Election	8	Board of Governors Representative Residence Students' Representative Faculty of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences Representative Faculty of Nursing Representative Faculty of Science Representative Faculty of Social Work Representative Faculty of Engineering Representative	1 1 2 1 1 1 1

The Election was governed by the Election Policy dated August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

## Election Staff

Chief Returning Officer: Ivona Bilbilovska  
 Election Committee: N/A

## Election Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Oct. 1	Oct. 1	Oct. 2	Oct. 3	Oct. 4 Notice of Nominations	Oct. 5	Oct. 6
Oct. 7	Oct. 8	Oct. 9 Nomination Period	Oct. 10 Nomination Period	Oct. 11 Nomination Period	Oct. 12	Oct. 13
Oct. 14 Nomination Period	Oct. 15 Nomination Period	Oct. 16 Nomination Period	Oct. 17 Nomination Period	Oct. 18 Nomination Period	Oct. 19	Oct. 20
Oct. 21 Nomination Period	Oct. 22 Nomination Period	Oct. 23 Nomination Period	Oct. 24 Nomination Period	Oct. 25 Nomination Period	Oct. 26	Oct. 27
Oct. 28 All-Candidates' Meeting	Oct. 29 Poster Approval	Oct. 30 Campaign Period	Oct. 31 Campaign Period	Nov. 1 Campaign Period	Nov. 2 Campaign Period	Nov. 3 Campaign Period
Nov. 4 Campaign Period	Nov. 5 Campaign Period	Nov. 6 Voting Period	Nov. 7 Voting Period (Results Party)	Nov. 8 Poster Clean-Up (Expenses Due)	Nov. 21 Last Day for Appeals	

## Advertising

- UWSA Website
- CRO Office
- Instagram
- Facebook
- Voting Signs Placed at Polling Stations, outside buildings and throughout CAW Centre

## Voting Website

[www.uwindsor.ca/uwsavote](http://www.uwindsor.ca/uwsavote)

## Voting On-Line

Start Time: Wednesday November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 12:01am

End Time: Thursday November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 5pm

## Polling Locations

Dates: Wednesday November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM and  
Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

1. C.A.W Student Centre
2. C.E.I Engineering
3. Ron W. Ianni Law Building

## Election Results

UWSA List of Electors (voters): 4657

Voter Turnout: 159

Total Voter Percentage: 3.41%

## Voting Results

### Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry Representative

#	NAME	VOTES
1	Advait Desai	6
-	None Of The Above	0
-	Decline To Vote	0

## Odette School of Business Representative

#	NAME	VOTES
1	Petar Bratic	52
-	None Of The Above	0
-	Decline To Vote	0

## First Year Students' Representative

#	NAME	VOTES
1	Suzan Sinjari	15
-	None Of The Above	4
-	Decline To Vote	0

## Highlights and Conclusions

Highlight	Item	Conclusions
Pre-Election	Election Calendar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Avoided holding nomination period over Reading Week to allow for more time to fill out Nomination Packages</li> </ul>
Nomination Period	Nomination Forms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Only 1 form was not accurately filled out</li> </ul>
	Disqualification/Penalties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No disqualifications or penalties were assessed</li> </ul>
All Candidates Meeting	Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two meetings were held by GM for student accessibility</li> </ul>
Poster Approval		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Poster approvals handled by GM</li> </ul>
Poll Clerks		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Booths located in central areas and in contested faculty building</li> </ul>
Overall		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Markedly low voter turnout</li> </ul>



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Most likely due to minimal campaigning and only one position being contested</li> <li>• Re-vote of Law Rep</li> </ul>
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## Expense Forms and Penalties

N/A

## Disqualifications

No disqualifications in this Election.

## Complaints

The voting portal was schedule to close at 5PM instead of 6PM as specified by the Elections Policy. Due to this timing difference, the results of the Faculty of Law Representative position which was the only contested position may have been affected. The ruling was to administer a re-vote which is to take place on Thursday November 21 12:01 AM – Friday November 22, 2019 6:00 PM/

## Appeals

No appeals in this Election

## Recommendations

### Elections

Low voter turn-out is likely a result of only one position being contested and minimal faculty representatives seeking election. Recommendations going forward is to compile a list of all faculty undergraduate support staff which have access to list serves or black board announcements. Working in collaboration with the faculties directly the messaging is more likely to be received by a wider audience of students.

### Elections Policy

A review of the Elections Policy to add in parameters for a re-vote should there need to be one as there is currently no precedence to follow.

## Election Committee

Contact information of the Elections Committee to be provided to the CRO prior to the start of any election. This will ensure that immediate contact is possible should it be required.



# Operations Report

Period: November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019

## SUMMARY:

- President
- Vice President Finance & Operations
- Vice President Student Advocacy
- Vice President Student Services
- General Manager

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## Dear Members of the Board,

It's the most wonderful time of the year—that's right, winter season! With all of the events we have planned for the coming Semester, Lancer pride is boiling again, positive energies are flowing, and the holiday spirit is quickly rushing in. It's an exciting time, and I'm glad we can all be part of it. While my day-to-day tasks and projects/committees are no lighter, many of my efforts are now being invested significantly into WinterFest to ensure we meet our deadlines and don't lose momentum. It's all hands on-deck.

## At A Glance

### HIGHLIGHTS

- **Welcome from University President:** I've invited Dr. Robert Gordon to attend the Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, so the Board has the opportunity to be introduced to our University's new President face-to-face, and vice-versa.
- **WinterFest 2020:**
  - On Wednesday, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>, we announced that UWSA would be bringing global hip hop artist Rich The Kid as headliner for WinterFest 2020. Many thanks to the collective efforts of my team for pulling this together!
  - Reception of the Artist has been extremely positive among students.
  - Tickets went on sale on Friday, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are starting at \$35 Early Bird.
  - Tickets are tiered. This means that only a set number of tickets are allocated for a certain price. After that threshold is reached, we go onto the next tier. Tier 1 tickets are \$35, Tier 2 is \$40, Tier 3 is \$45.
  - 90% of Early Bird tickets have been sold, as of Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>.
  - Please do your best to promote the event and tickets – don't let people procrastinate! The quicker you buy, the more you save (and let's face it, students are broke)!
  - **Reminder: We're looking for people to volunteer with either one or both of these teams: Sponsorships (Sahib) and Marketing/Outreach (Arop).**
  - Many thanks to the Board members who have been supporting us, whether with sponsorships or marketing the event!
  - Always feel free to approach any of the Executives about WinterFest. We're happy to answer your questions!
- **Governance and Policy Committee (GPC):** Meeting rescheduled until after our new Board members are officially ratified, as we may welcome new additions and need to accommodate accordingly.



- **University Affairs Committee (UAC):** Next meeting is scheduled for Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, but one will likely be called sooner.
- **Faculty of Law Renovations:** The Faculty of Law's building will be undergoing renovations from May 2020 to Summer 2022, during which time the building will be uninhabitable. Students, staff and faculty will be dispersed across campus for nearly two years. On Nov 8<sup>th</sup>, we were approached by the Faculty of Law and Administration regarding two separate space requests.
  - The Operations Committee has received a request to house the Faculty of Law's student services hub within The Lance offices, utilizing all of its square footage.
  - The UNIWIN Board of Directors, the board governing the separately incorporated business corporation for The Hum Café & Lounge, has received a request to allocate the entirety of The Hum (excluding the food area) to the Faculty of Law, to house a central student lounge.
  - As internal UWSA space requests fall under the Operations Committee, and matters of The Hum fall under the UNIWIN Board of Directors, those respective bodies are currently reviewing and deciding on the requests. In consideration of the requests, both bodies are weighing the business versus student services impact (i.e. losing potential revenue in a space but also giving up to 700 students a needed central home).
- **International Students Got Talent Event:** Hosted by the International Students Society in the Student Centre commons, this event was a great success! We saw numerous cultures represented in the many talented students whom performed.
- **Alumni Association Annual General Meeting & Awards:** VP Student Advocacy Arop and I had the pleasure of attending the Alumni Association's AGM. One first year student received a \$5000 award recognizing their significant high school achievements coming into university. Aside from the student, it was great to see that all award recipients (which go to Alumni, not students) were greatly accomplished, extraordinary, and inspirational women.

## Committees & External Bodies

*Note: These are committees/bodies which require my regular attention and attendance as a committee member or committee chair.*

- UWSA Operations Committee (weekly)
- UWSA Governance & Policy Committee (bi-weekly, beginning Fall 2019)
- UWSA Finance Committee (monthly, beginning Fall 2019)
- UWSA Society Presidents' Council (monthly, beginning Fall 2019)
- CAWSC Policy Management Board (monthly) – oversees Student Centre building operations
- CAWSC Visioning Committee – oversees the planned 2020 renovation for Student Centre
- UNIWIN Board of Directors – oversees fiscal operations of The Hum Café & Lounge
- Alumni Association Board of Directors (monthly)
- UofW Board of Governors (monthly)

- UofW Senate (monthly) – highest academic decision-making body on campus, consisting of faculty and student representatives (i.e. they had to approve the policy that gave us reading week!)
- UofW Senate By-Law Review Committee – reviews changes to Senate bylaws
- UofW Senate Program Development Committee – coordinates policies for program curriculum
- UofW Space Planning Committee – controls space allocation of University offices/rooms to campus groups/faculty departments
- UofW Mental Health Strategy Implementation Committee – oversees implementation of the University's mental health strategy recommendations across campus
- University Free Speech Taskforce Committee – oversees communication of Free Speech Policy
- UofW Blue & Gold Committee (regularly) – developing long-term strategy for Lancer spirit on campus
- UofW Leddy Library Master Space Plan Committee – oversees the renovation of the library
- LSRC Governance Committee (monthly) – oversees financial aspects of the LSRC project
- LSRC Steering Committee (bi-weekly) – oversees construction of the LSRC project

## On the Radar: Up & Coming

- **Society Executive Retreat:** A retreat for Society and UWSA Executives to connect and organize for the year is in the works.

Stay frosty, friends.

Peace and love,

**Jeremiah Bowers**

President

Hi there!

- **UNIWIN Meeting- Hum Lounge**
  - Future plan discussions
- **Winter Fest Logistics Meetings**
  - Discussing logistics of the concert
  - Updates on progress
- **Nimbus Tutoring**
  - Been going back and forth in discussions with any questions
  - Asked for more information that we could send out to Board
- **RFP Process**
  - Working with Maria on it, if any board members have any questions please let us know
- **Sponsorship Package for Clubs & Businesses**
  - Finished both versions
  - PowerPoint Presentations to present to groups
  - Sponsorship letter is ready as well if anyone wants to reach out with it
  - Started reaching out- heard back from a few sponsors
- **Societies & Clubs**
  - General inquiries about funding for upcoming events
  - Many meetings for various matters
- **Gloves and Socks Drive**
  - Working with Arop and Student Groups on a Gloves and Socks drive
  - Should start this week
  - Will need help promoting
- **UWSA Discounts**
  - Got in touch with a local business- Mumma's Burritos, who will offer a UWSA Student Discount soon
- **Financial Literacy Workshop**





- Brainstorming some ideas on a financial literacy workshop to host sometime next semester, perhaps in February
  - Any ideas are welcome!
- **Hackathon**
  - Meeting a group this week for a potential CAW Hackathon
- **Meeting StudentCare**
  - Talking with them this week
  - Planning to discuss concerns and next steps in regard to their interest in our business for the future
- **Working on Updated Budget**
  - With updated numbers, working on a redone budget for Board approval

And that's all! See you all soon!

Best,

**Sahibjot Singh Grewal**

Vice President Finance & Operations



## Hello Board!

- Glove and Sock Drive- I'm collaborating with Sahib and Taha on a glove and sock drive because we want to give back to the people
- Transgender day of remembrance-Working with Sam from pride center for transgender day of remembrance. We are working on having a panel and having folks who identify as trans to come down and speak about what they have gone thru, how they have dealt with and to motivate and tell the significance of transgender day of remembrance.
- Met with provost to speak about student issues as a part of our monthly meetings. I meet with him once a month and we discuss issues from students to administrative issues and whenever students have questions for me I send them the information and speak on behalf of them.
- Worked with Jeremiah to get MySSP (my student support program) year plan and launch- a mental health program for all university students. MySSP Is a tool that we are going to use which is going to help students in a variety of ways to keep their mental health in check.
- Dealing with student academic cases/concerns
- Black Solidarity Group - Leading a black solidarity group with Jeremiah so we got things started with our first meeting. We decided to make a group to stay connected, discuss Black issues on our campus and determine concrete actions going forward
- Marketing - Putting an outreach team together to sell tickets everyday for the WinterFest concert.
- Working on finishing equity collectives - These equity collectives will be a safe space that acts as a think-tank and platform for students of marginalized backgrounds to share and discuss concerns unique to their community

If you have any questions don't hesitate to ask me!

Best Regards,

**Arop Plaek Deng**

Vice President Student Advocacy



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# UWSA BOARD REPORT

## 2019-2020



# AHMED ABDALLAH

## VICE PRESIDENT STUDENT SERVICES

### UNIVERSITY OF WINDSOR STUDENTS' ALLIANCE

**Hey Board,**

I hope you're all doing well! I just got done doing all my midterms for this semester, so I hope you're all around that same boat! WE'RE PUSHING THROUGH THOUGH! Anyways, hopefully you've been relaxing and taking a break before hammering down the books and studying for your finals. I believe in you all! Enough small talk though! It's been a pretty light week and a light incoming couple of weeks!

### **Programming/Events**

- EveryLancerEats Breakfast
  - Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019
  - In the CAW Courtyard @ 11:00am
- Skate-the-Date – brought to you by the Student Centre
  - And event run by the CAW Director of Student Events
  - Three-day skating event outside in the CAW Courtyard
  - Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019

### **Student Service Centres**

- **Peer Support Centre**
  - Laughter Yoga – November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 @ 6:30pm-7:30pm
    - Alumni Auditorium
  - Body Positive Dance Class – November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019 @ 6:00pm – 7:00pm
    - Movement Room, Jackman Dramatic Arts Building
- **Food Pantry**

- Connected with Feeding Windsor (a program that provides meals for underprivileged folks in our community).
  - Working on trying to gain some consistent monthly donations
  - Have secured consistent pet food donations from them
- Connected with Downtown Mission to talk about how we can work together
  - Have secured consistent by-weekly/monthly donations to the Food Pantry
  - Working on setting up a winter wear/clothes drive
- **Afrofest**
  - Set up a survey with black students at-large around our campus to discuss black issues and if there are any on campus.

## Other

- First Year Council to be organized by the next meeting, now that we have our First-Year Representative
- **Student Services Committee**
  - Had a meeting November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019
  - We spoke about future events
  - We spoke about general campus life initiatives
  - We spoke about recent issues on campus and student services and how we can improve/work on both.

## General Comments

That's all I really have right now folks. I hope you all have an amazing rest of your week! Please take care of yourselves, if you need to talk, ask questions or anything at all, let me know! (P.S. I'm trying a new template, text/message me if you like it 😊)

You're all doing amazing!

All the best,



**Ahmed Abdallah**





**Meetings Attended**

Staff Meetings are held every Monday  
Operations Committee Meetings are held every Monday  
Multi-Faith Space Oversight Committee meeting  
Meetings for the CAW/Student Centre Market place seating construction( 2 meetings per week)  
Policy and Management Board for the CAW/Student Centre Meeting  
Interviews for Communications Manager position  
Concert Sponsorship meetings with Sahib  
Winterfest Logistics meetings(Weekly)  
Meetings with club regarding special insurance to cover activities  
Meetings regarding UWSA insurance policy  
UNIWIN Board Meeting  
Meeting with Campus Services  
A.V. Meeting regarding CAW revisions  
Meetings with the Law Faculty and V.P. Planning  
Meetings regarding renting out the HUM  
SCI meeting with administration  
Meeting regarding renting vendor Space in the CAW to outside vendor  
Meeting regarding Lance offices  
Women's Safety Grant meeting

**Major Projects:**

- Hiring Communications Manager
- Elections
- Student Choice Initiative (SCI)
- Working with Registration and cashiers and finance regarding proper information for SCI
- Working on Bus Pass opt-out cheques for students
- Health and Dental lists for opt outs
- Student Centre Renovations
- Repairs and maintenance of CAW/Student centre ongoing





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- Human Resources
- Insurance renewal process for UWSA
- Research for new reception area in the UWSA offices
- RFP for student Health and Dental
- Winterfest
- Sponsorships for Winterfest
- Daily discussions with students and parents regarding UWSA fees, health and dental and bus pass
- Student Group issues
- Dealing with maintenance regarding a leak into the basement
- Vendor contracts, rentals and issues for CAW/Student Centre
- Update Human Resources Manual (ongoing)
- Update Fire and Safety Manual (ongoing)
- New Proposal for SCI to administration

Regards,  
Maria Hamilton



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