

**UWSA Board of Directors
Meeting #5**

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

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

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| • Board Facilitator | Sami Pritchard |
| • Board Chair | Mohamed Mahmoud |
| • Board Minute-taker | Anna Sallah |
| • President | Jeremiah Bowers |
| • VP Student Advocacy | Arop Plaek Deng |
| • VP Student Services | Ahmed Abdallah |
| • VP Finance & Operations | Sahibjot Grewal |
| • General Manager | Maria Hamilton (Board Observer) |
| • Society Presidents | Various (Board Observer) |

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD IN ATTENDANCE:

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| • Amber Tazzman | • Lena Sleiman(Late - 6:12pm) |
| • Mohamed Mahmoud | • Biane Deghaiche |
| • Davinder Singh (Late – 7:25pm) | • Quessia Mugabo |
| • Jasleen Dayal | • Mohamed Hannan Sadar |
| • Kevinprecious Fawehinmi | • Linden Crain |

REGRETS:

- Mehjaas Singh Jasvinder
- Deehanna Cober
- Paramjot Gogia
- Andre Ducharme
- Gagneet Kaur

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

3.1 Teleconference

4.0 Unfinished Business

Discussion

BIRT that A. Sallah be appointed as the minute taker for October 23rd meeting of the UWSA.

L. Crain/Q. Mugabo

(CARRIED)

5.0 Approval of the Agenda*

Approval

6.0 Approval of the Minutes*

Approval

6.1 September 18th, 2019

6.2 October 2nd, 2019

BIRT the September 18th, 2019 and October 8th, 2019 minutes be tabled until the next meeting.

J. Dayal/M. Hannan Sadar

(TABLED)

M. Mahamoud raised a concern that it needs to be resolved by the next Board Meeting.

7.0 Business Arising from the Minutes/Action Items

8.0 Presentations to the Board

Information

8.1 Student Centre Renovations

Executive

J. Bowers and M. Hamilton walked the Members of the Board through a presentation on the projected CAW Student Centre imagery. Images were used to depict the renovations to be made.

M. Mahmoud had a question regarding if all parts of the new structure are open and accessible, to which the answer was yes. He further asked if the Marketplace will be closed to students during the renovations, to which answer was yes, explaining that, that is why the project is taking place in the summer. It was further stated that there is ongoing planning concerning communication to students.

L. Sleiman raised a point regarding the varying themes and colors, stating that it seemed excessive. The response given entailed the fact that the designers are experts, designing for companies such as Tim Hortons, and various proposals were put forward first before this particular one was decided on.

L. Crain asked about surveys to depict a student perspective, as previous surveys draw back a little too far. The response constituted an explanation of being too far in the project as students were not here during the summer when conversation started.

Mohamed asked if there will be transitioning of the flooring, the response was positive.

9.0 Proposed Motions

Approval

9.1 Whereas the Policy Management Board is undertaking renovations for the CAW Student Centre seating area and Wellness Centre, totaling \$2.0 million

Whereas the seating area renovations will receive \$600,000 from the Policy Management Board and \$300,000 from the University

Whereas the Wellness Centre renovations will receive \$300,000 from the University;

Whereas the UWSA Capital Fund is designed to be reinvested into the student experience;

Whereas the UWSA Capital Fund has accumulated \$3.1 million prior to September 2019;

Whereas due to the Provincial Government's Student Choice Initiative Directive, as of September 2019, the UWSA Capital Fund has been repurposed to be solely reinvested back into the Student Centre.

BIRT up to \$1.4 million be invested into the Student Centre for the renovation of the seating area and the Wellness Centre, per the following allocation:

* \$344,000 to be allocated directly from the UWSA Capital Fund

* A projected annual revenue of \$428,000 (based on 10,700 students) to be allocated from the UWSA Capital Fund for 2019/2020 and 2020/2021, totaling \$856,000.

BIFRT that the Board of Directors receive regular progress updates on the status of the CAW Student Centre renovations.

BIFRT that the Operations Committee be authorized to leverage these monies in order to yield the greatest cost benefits for the UWSA and its Membership, including negotiations concerning ownership, leasing and management of the Student Centre.

J. Bowers provided points of clarification as follows:

- Wellness Centre is \$1.4M
- Seating Area is \$2.0M (currently, budget subject to change)
- For Seating Area, PMB contributing \$600K. University contributing \$300K
- For Wellness Centre, University contributing \$300K.
- 800K + 350K = 1.150K
- We have a few options: (1) only invest in the seating area; (2) split the monies between seating area and wellness centre; or (3) return to the Board after final budget is received for more funding, if necessary

J. Dayal did not understand exactly how the numbers added up which was clarified by J. Bowers.

L. Crain asked if the city owns the land and the response was no, the University owns the land underneath the CAW.

L. Sleiman asked a question pertaining to why there isn't more money coming from the PMB. M. Hamilton emphasized that money attained from the rent charged to the dentist, chiropractor etc. are operational fees. She further reiterated that the operational fees for upkeep of the building are costly.

L. Sleiman raised a concern that a decision does not have to be made immediately as that will be impulsive and there is a lot of money at stake.

M. Mahmoud, in favor, asked if all UWSA capital can only go into this building, since April 2019. M. Hamilton reiterated the fact that money attained from the rent are operational fees, for example, and there are particular restrictions as to how money can be spent.

A Tazzman asked if the Student Choice Initiative limited capital funding to the CAW building, to which J. Bowers stated that it came into force in January due to Provincial Government restrictions on how funding can be used.

L. Crain suggested obtaining current students input as the previous surveys may be outdated. J Bowers responded that the project had gone too far as students were not here during the summer when conversation started.

H. Sadar/A. Tazzman

(CARRIED)

Amendment

The numerical value and points of clarification be updated to reflect the current State of Affairs with regard to the CAW renovations.

L. Crain/A. Tazzman

(CARRIED)

Reports

Information

9.1 Operations Committee

1. M. HAMILTON - GENERAL MANAGER

- Conference in Ontario was attended and the points discussed inter alia included the varied sources of revenue that could be potentially assimilated into student unions and issues pertaining to cutting costs. Law Society Elections were last week, and they were posted.

2. A. PLAEEK DENG - VP STUDENT ADVOCACY

- Campus union solidarity meeting
 - Discussed SCI and got buy in from labour unions

- Understood and supported our cause
- Trying to get money
- A lot of time was spent on the elections and getting the MPs together which was difficult, but the end result was a meet and greet/information session.
- Green carpet event will be held Sunday world renowned biologist will be attending so I'm working on that.
- Kayla Weiler from CFS is going to send all the information on how they went plastic water bottle free.
- Working with other unions to see what is going to happen on national day of action Nov.6.
- Student mental health strategy- we approved funding for different organizations so that should be getting started.
- Working on campaigns and dealing with student cases union solidarity meeting, student choice initiative and they stated that they will help, after understanding. Had a meet and greet and about 3 students showed up. Green carpet event downtown. Kayla Wiler, trying to get plastic water bottled banned. Student mental health strategy. (Get documents from him)

3. A. ABDALLAH- VP STUDENT SERVICES

- Hiring committee
- Campus Pride Coordinator to be decided on Friday
- Every Lancer Eats Breakfast
- Monday October 28th, 2019 (orange/black pancakes)
- Halloween carnival
- Peer Support Centre and Womxn's Centre - CAW Student Centre Commons @ 11:00am
- Screening of hocus pocus
- Peer Support Centre and Womxn's Centre – CAW Student Centre Commons @ 6:00pm
- Working on Eventbrite consistent service fee contract for all student groups
- Breakfast to go (November 4-8) with the Red Frogs at the CAW Student Centre
- UWSA/all Student Service Centres will be a part of the Student Centre Treat Trail
- Student Services committee meets on Thursday

4. S. GREWAL – VP FINANCE AND OPERATIONS

- Working with Maria on the policy for card reader booking
- Received the Science Society election report from their CRO. ratified the results.
- Working on plans for The Hum.
- Working on RFP stuff with Maria
- Society page for sales with Yosh
- Provost meeting

- Steering committee to determine community partners
- Clubs summit part 2 this Friday
- Society President's Meeting
- Marketing campaign, opt out numbers
- Clubs meetings
- Report of science society election report. A lot of societies want to start selling things. Providing societies with one website (eg shopify). Steering committee joined. (Have to ask him for document)(Mail them). Societies are asking about when they can apply for funding. No finance committee.

5. J. BOWERS - PRESIDENT

- **Attended Garba Night**
- **Student Choice Initiative:** We have received our opt-out numbers from the University, though we are still confirming their accuracy with Cashier's Office as we already noticed some inconsistencies. Overall, there was an approximate 28% reduction to our operating budget. We will be presenting an updated budget, based on the accurate numbers once received, at the next meeting.
- **Winter Homecoming Festival:**
 - We project a \$130,000 event, based on cost estimates. As a reminder, full liability and risk will be on the UWSA due to our conversations and the decision in a previous meeting to proceed.
 - Venue is secure. January 24th, 2019. St. Denis Centre.
 - Artist contract is being finalized for \$70K USD, plus their production, accommodation, hotel, and ground transportation.
 - Developed a working budget.
 - Renaldo agreed to support us as best as he can, including bringing over CHMF sponsorships
 - We are currently looking at \$13,000 between three sponsors, if the University stays true to their word
 - We're looking to secure an additional \$10,000 from Liuna! through Renaldo and further sponsorships from Alumni Association, Residence Services, societies, and other campus partners.
 - We will be organizing volunteer teams targeted to the following: sponsorships, brand awareness/marketing, and activities/events. PLEASE GET INVOLVED.
- **Keep Me Safe:** University will sign a two-year agreement with Keep.meSAFE. The fee per student will be \$11 with an approximate cost of \$165,000 (15,000 students). We will contribute \$80,000 for each year of the agreement. UWindsor will contribute \$85,000 each year to cover off the rest of the Keep.meSAFE fee and will make an additional \$10,000 to help support the Peer Support Centre. All of this will be reflected in the MOU, which is in the final draft stage.

- **Board of Governors:** Attended a meeting yesterday. UofW President Robert Gordon presented his goals for the year ahead. He noted his commitment to reinvest international student tuition dollars back into international student service supports. Also noted that there are rumors that further cuts to the universities' operating grant may come down the road.
 - Ryan Flannagan and I have been asked to give an update on SCI for the November BOG meeting.
 - **The Lance:** Rebooting our favorite student journalism platform. Ashley Quinton will be taking over as the interim Editor 'n' Chief.
- L. Sleiman inquired of A. Plaek Deng to present the updates at the next Board Meeting.

9.2 Board Committees

- **GPC/UAC**
Currently in the process of putting out doodles.
- **Student Services**
A detailed report will be subsequently given at the next Board Meeting.
- **Advocacy**
There is one person currently who there will be a meeting with soon.
- **Finance**
There is currently no member affiliated with the Finance Committee.
- **Hiring committee**
Interviews commence tomorrow as the doodles have already been sent out.

10.0 **New Business** Discussion

11.0 **Question Period**
Information

12.0 **In-Camera**

13.0 **Adjournment** Approval

BIRT the meeting be adjourned at 7:50pm

H. Sadar/A. Tazzman

(CARRIED)

Please carefully review the 'starred' (*) consent agenda items. As per the April 5th, 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.