

**UWSA Board of Directors  
Meeting #9**

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

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

- Board Facilitator Sami Pritchard
- Board Chair Mohamed Mahmoud
- Board Minute-taker Arop Plaek Deng
- 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 PRESENT:**

Advait Desai	Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry Rep.	<b>Paramjot Gogia</b>	<b>Science Rep.</b>
<b>Amber Tazzman</b>	<b>Education Rep.</b>	<b>Petar Bratic</b>	<b>Business Rep.</b>
<b>André Ducharme</b>	<b>Business Rep.</b>	Suzan Sinjari	First Year Rep.
Davinder Singh	Computer Science Rep.	<b>Biane Deghaiche</b>	<b>Senator</b>
<b>Jasleen Dayal</b>	<b>FAHSS Rep.</b>	<b>Lena Sleiman</b>	<b>Senator</b>
Kevinprecious Fawehinmi	International Students' Rep.	<b>Linden Crain</b>	<b>Senator</b>
<b>Mohamed Mahmoud</b>	<b>Engineering Rep.</b>	<b>Mohammad Hannan Sadar</b>	<b>Senator</b>
<b>Nyusha Samiei</b>	<b>Law Rep.</b>	<b>Quessia Mugabo</b>	<b>Senator</b>

**ITEM DISCUSSION**

**ACTION**

**1.0 Call to Order**

1.1 Call to Order at 6:07pm

**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**
    - 3.1.1 Maria Hamilton – General Manager
  - 3.2 Appointment of Minute-Taker**
    - 3.2.1 Arop Plaek Deng appointed as Minute-Taker
  - 3.3 Elections**
- 4.0 Unfinished Business** Discussion
- 5.0 Approval of the Agenda\*** Approval
- 6.0 Approval of the Minutes\*** Approval
  - 6.1 January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020

**MOTION TO TABLE**

**BIRT** the January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 minutes be tabled until the next meeting

**Moved:** Paramjot Gogia / **Seconded:** Petar Bratic **(CARRIED)**

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

**8.0 Presentations to the Board** Information

**9.0 Proposed Motions** Approval  
**9.1 WinterFest Performance Audit** P. Bratic

- Discussions were happening on the purpose of this motion and the purposes of the audits. Thoughts were made that this could be done through Executive transition reports can be used to do proper evaluation of WinterFest and transition. Motion could be seen as operational it was discussed that this was instead more so along the lines of wanting information. The ideas were stated that this committee could be done through Student Service Committee instead or just have Executives submit their reports to the Board for observation. Discussions were made talking about when this committee could meet as Elections are coming and most Directors are taking leaves of absences to run in the election.

**MOTION TO AMEND**

**BIRT** 2020 be removed from the original motion.

**Moved:** Andre Ducharme / **Seconded:** Amber Tazzman **(CARRIED)**

- Discussions were made on seeing whether or not this committee (Ad-hoc) can be used throughout years and not just for a specific reason (WinterFest). Discussion were made on changing it to add Coming Home Music Festival. - Discussions were made to discuss the purpose of having a WinterFest Committee to discuss the future of WinterFest, rather than other initiatives. It was suggested that this be done at a board meeting instead but was discussed as well that Board meetings may be too broad, and we might want something more specific. Speakers list was exhausted.

**MOTION TO AMEND**

**BIRT** where WinterFest was stated, to be replaced by Coming Home Music Festival

**Moved:** Linden Crain / **Seconded:** Andre Ducharme **(DEFEATED)**

### **MOTION TO AMEND**

**BIRT** the fourth and fifth **BIFRT** of the main motion be removed

**Moved:** Petar Bratic / **Seconded** Paramjot Gogia

- an amendment to the amendment was suggested. To strike the second last **BIFRT**, and the last **BIFRT** which is the idea of appointing by the committee members by secret ballot as it can be appointed like any other committee through a vote.

### **MOTION TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT**

**BIRT** the second last and last **BIFRT** also be struck from the motion

**Moved:** Petar Bratic / **Seconded:** Jasleen Dayal (CARRIED AS AMENDED)

### **MOTION TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT**

**BIRT** the seventh **BIFRT** be removed as well from the main motion.

**Moved:** Petar Bratic / **Seconded:** Hannan Sadar (CARRIED AS AMENDED)

### **MOTION TO AMEND**

**BIRT** the fourth, fifth, seventh, second last and last **BIFRT** clauses from the main motion.

**Moved:** Petar Bratic / **Seconded** Paramjot Gogia (CARRIED AS AMENDED)

- recommended the striking of the membership clause and striking the 3<sup>rd</sup> last **BIFRT**, amending the 4<sup>th</sup> **BIR** to read an appointee of the operations committee be required to attend all meetings of the committee unless excused by the committee and amend the 1<sup>st</sup> **BIRT** to say **BIRT** a committee of directors be immediately appointed to review and formulate recommendations on the execution for the WinterFest Event.

### **MOTION TO AMEND**

**BIRT** the second **BIFRT** and the third last **BIFRT** be removed as well as amending the fourth **BIFRT** be read to say *an appointee of the operations committee*, and amend the first **BIRT** to say *a committee of Directors be immediately appointed to review and formulate recommendations on the execution for the WinterFest event.*

**Moved:** Amber Tazzman / **Seconded:** Hannan Sadar (CARRIED)

- speakers for this have been exhausted. A motion to extend was suggested.

### **MOTION TO APPROVE**

**BIRT** the speakers list be extended by three in favour and three against

**Moved:** Paramjot Gogia / **Seconded:** Amber Tazzman (CARRIED)

- Discussions were made again about the importance of the committee, the reasoning for it and its purpose. Discussing alternatives to the committee were also mentioned. Time to discuss this motion ended, a motion was suggested to extend time.

#### **MOTION TO APPROVE**

**BIRT** the time limit be extended for five more minutes.

**Moved:** Linden Crain / **Seconded:** Andre Ducharme

- Amendment was suggested to allow for more discussion, to extend until 9:00pm

#### **MOTION TO AMEND**

**BIRT** the time limit be extended until 9:00pm

**Moved by** Petar Bratic, **Seconded by** Andre Ducharme **(DEFEATED)**

#### **MOTION TO APPROVE**

**BIRT** the time limit be extended for five more minutes.

**Moved:** Linden Crain / **Seconded:** Andre Ducharme **(CARRIED)**

- More discussions were had to discuss the purpose of this committee and details of it. Motion to call the question since Directors felt it's being repetitive.

#### **MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION**

**Moved:** Lena Sleiman / **Seconded:** Hannan Sadar **(DEFEATED)**

#### **MOTION TO RECESS**

**BIRT** the meeting be recessed for ten minutes **(CARRIED)**

- More discussions were had on the committee and the purposes of it. The committee can be essential and works, but there could be more details that were wanted by the Directors. Time was then exhausted. Motion was suggested to extend for ten more minutes.

#### **MOTION TO APPROVE**

**BIRT** the time limit be extended for ten more minutes

**Moved:** Petar Bratic / **Seconded:** Biane Degaichie **(DEFEATED)**

#### **MOTION TO APPROVE**

**BIRT** a committee of directors be immediately appointed to review and formulate recommendations on the execution of the WinterFest event;

**BIFRT** the committee immediately commence serving as the liaison between the Directors and Executives;

**BIFRT** an appointee of the Operations committee be required to attend all meetings of the committee unless excused by the committee;

**BIFRT** the committee make regular reports to the Board at each meeting of the Board;

**BIFRT** the committee author a final report to the Board containing an analysis of the work of the UWSA pertaining to Winter Fest, including recommendations to future Boards and Executives, and that this report be presented before the end of the current Board term;

**BIFRT** all work of the committee be explicitly confidential and only be disclosable to other directors, executives or employees of the UWSA, except for reports of the committee to the Board which shall become part of the UWSA's public record;

**Moved:** Petar Bratic / **Seconded:** Jasleen Dayal **(DEFEATED)**

- vote was considered an even vote (opposed/abstained vs. in favour), but there was a request to do a revote.

#### **MOTION TO RECONSIDER THE VOTE**

**BIRT** the vote be recounted

**Moved:** Petar Bratic / **Seconded:** Andre Ducharme **(CARRIED)**

- still some discrepancies being seen about the voting. Ruling of the chair was challenged.

#### **MOTION TO UPHOLD THE RULING OF THE CHAIR**

**Moved:** Andre Ducharme / **Seconded:** Jasleen Dayal **(DEFEATED)**

- upholding the rule of the chair means you are in favour of the ruling. A secret ballot/blind vote was suggested. A blind vote is most reasonable and easiest to do.

#### **MOTION TO CONDUCT A BLIND VOTE**

**BIRT** a blind vote be conducted

**Moved by** Petar Bratic, **Seconded by** Jasleen Dayal **(CARRIED)**

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the committee to the Board which shall become part of the UWSA's public record;

**BIFRT** nominations for chair of the committee now be opened and appointed by the committee members.

**Moved:** Petar Bratic / **Seconded:** Jasleen Dayal **(CARRIED)**

**10.0 Reports** Information

**10.1** Operations Committee

**10.2** Board Committees

**11.0 New Business** Discussion

**12.0 Question Period** Information

- Email was sent by Jeremiah to the Board asking for Directors to sit on a University committee as student representatives, information and details were shared. Also discussions about AGM were asked and process of implementing a referendum and information about non-UWSA referenda.

**13.0 In-Camera**

**14.0 Adjournment** Approval

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: **9.1**

**MOTION:**

**BIRT** a committee of directors be immediately appointed to audit the operations and execution of Winter Fest 2020;  
**BIFRT** the membership of the committee, including the chair, be restricted to directors;  
**BIFRT** the committee immediately commence serving as the liaison between the Directors and Executives;  
**BIFRT** the committee have unlimited access to information, documents and anything else the committee deems relevant to its work;  
**BIFRT** any Executive or UWSA employee must comply with requests of the committee pertaining to information;  
**BIFRT** the Executives be required to attend all meetings of the committee unless excused by the committee;  
**BIFRT** any employee of the UWSA be required to attend a committee meeting at the request of the committee;  
**BIFRT** the committee make regular reports to the Board at each meeting of the Board;  
**BIFRT** the committee author a final report to the Board containing an analysis of the work of the UWSA pertaining to Winter Fest, including recommendations to future Boards and Executives, and that this report be presented before the end of the current Board term;  
**BIFRT** a director's membership of and participation in the committee be unaffected by the director taking a leave of absence from the UWSA for the purposes of being a candidate in the upcoming UWSA General Election;  
**BIFRT** all work of the committee be explicitly confidential and only be disclosable to other directors, executives or employees of the UWSA, except for reports of the committee to the Board which shall become part of the UWSA's public record;  
**BIFRT** any Senator interested in serving on the committee shall serve as an advisor to the committee, having all rights and privileges as a member of the committee, except that the Senator shall not have the right to vote;  
**BIFRT** nominations for chair of the committee now be opened and that they be done by secret ballot.

Item For: **Approval**

Forwarded by: **Petar Bratic**

P.bratic- we will have some board members want to become executives so this is a good opportunity for them to learn what worked and what didn't

- This isn't to criticize it is more of a learning opportunity for the next execs to have a smooth concert

**Rationale ("Whereas"):**

- Winter Fest 2020 has proven to be a large undertaking for the UWSA
- This Board has previously approved \$30,000 in expenditure towards Winter Fest 2020
- \$30,000 is undeniably a large expenditure on a single event

- The UWSA should seek to analyze the manner in which it handled Winter Fest 2020 to establish current best practices and areas for future improvement
- A Communications Director was not involved in promoting Winter Fest 2020 until January 2, 2020
- This Board is responsible to its members for the good and responsible governance of the corporation
- Directors responsible for the governance of the corporation should be kept informed on major operations and undertakings of the corporation
- The By-Laws of the UWSA allow for the Board to establish ad-hoc committees comprised of any combination of Directors and/or non-Directors