

**UWSA Board of Directors
Meeting #10**

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 INVITED:

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

Regrets: Amber Tazzman, Linden Crain, and Andre Ducharme

ITEM DISCUSSION

ACTION

1.0 Call to Order
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 Teleconference

- 3.1.1 Petar Bratic
- 3.1.2 Jeremiah Bowers
- 3.2 Meeting Minute-taker Appointment
 - 3.2.1 Ahmed Abdallah, VP Student Services appointed as the minute taker.
- 3.3 Elections
 - 3.3.1 If you are running in the elections, you must take a leave of absence. This must be sent by email to Jeremiah Bowers and Mohamed Mahmoud (Board Chair).
- 3.4 Director Updates
 - 3.4.1 Suzan Sinjari has been deemed to resigned and Gagneet Kaur has resigned from their positions.

- 4.0 **Unfinished Business** Discussion
- 5.0 **Approval of the Agenda*** Approval
- 6.0 **Approval of the Minutes*** Approval
 - 6.1 January 21st, 2020
 - 6.2 February 3rd, 2020

MOTION TO TABLE

BIRT the minutes of January 21st, 2020 and February 3rd, 2020 be tabled until the next meeting.

Moved: Lena Sleiman / **Seconded:** Jasleen Dayal **(CARRIED)**

7.0 Business Arising from the Minutes/Action Items

- 8.0 **Presentations to the Board** Information
 - 8.1 Student Medical Response Service Levy Referendum SMRS
 - Presentation to ask for Levy approval. Presented budget and reasonings behind the breakdown of the budget and how the increased fee would look with regards to improving services, creating an emergency fund and providing more certifications and training. Directors had questions about how their process works, how they work with campus police and other key details about SMRS for the purposes of wanting more information. Directors also suggested approaching the University for further funding and grants. SMRS discussed how the relationship has worked and may not be able to rely on solely grants so this would assist in providing a comfortable improvement in services.
 - 8.2 Nimbus Tutoring Referendum Operations
 - Nimbus is prepped and prepared to start. Nimbus has also assisted in interview processes. Directors requested a timeline. Arop discussed that marketing will be needed to push the service and is being prepared. Service can begin by Wednesday of the upcoming week (March 4th).
 - 8.3 Updated VPSS & VPSA Job Descriptions Operations
 - Job descriptions have been approved in the past, pending By-Law changes that were passed at the previous Annual General Meeting. This discusses the moving of the service centres and their oversight to the VPSA position allowing VPSS to focus just on events and programming on campus.

9.0 Proposed Motions

Approval
BOD200224-9.1

9.1 SMRS Levy Referendum Approval

- Discussions were flipping around from opposed to in favour. Directors brought up wanting them to reach out to other areas for grants and sponsorships. Directors wanted clarification about the association between SMRS and UWSA. Jeremiah clarified that SMRS is just a service that we remit fees for, but not a UWSA service. Paramjot asked if the budget for this would be accessible for students, it was suggested that it's the duty of SMRS to be transparent to students and to discuss to students the projected budget.

MOTION TO APPROVE

BIRT the Board call a referendum on the following question to the UWSA Membership: *Do you wish to increase the University of Windsor Student Medical Response Service (UWSMRS) Fee from \$1.06 per semester to \$3.78 per semester, beginning in the 2020-2021 academic year?*

BIFRT the referendum campaigning and voting dates follow the 2020 UWSA General Election schedule.

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

(CARRIED)

9.2 WinterFest Review Committee Membership

BOD200224-9.2

- Director Petar suggested an amendment for names to be inserted into this motion. Petar Bratic, Linden Crian, Paramjot Gogia. Amendment was not seconded. An alternative approach was brought up to open up nominations and allow folks to nominate themselves or others. And we will approve individuals as it follows the policies pertaining to nominations for ad hoc committees. Director Petar suggested another amendment to open up nominations as discussed by executives to follow proper ad-hoc nomination procedure. Amendment as follows (in motion below)

MOTION TO APPROVE

BIRT the ad-hoc committee for WinterFest, per the February 3rd, 2020 resolution concerning reviewing and making recommendations on the execution of WinterFest, consist of ____, ____, ____, ____, and ____.

BIFRT Operations Committee assign a minute-taker to provide administrative support to the committee.

Moved: Lena Sleiman / **Seconded:** Hannan Sadar

(CARRIED)

MOTION TO AMEND

BIRT the ad-hoc committee for WinterFest open nominations for up

BIFRT the ad-hoc committee for WinterFest, per the February 3rd, 2020 resolution concerning reviewing and making recommendations on the execution of WinterFest, consist of ____, ____, ____, ____, and ____.

BIFRT Operations Committee assign a minute-taker to provide administrative support to the committee.

Moved: Paramjot Gogia / **Seconded:** Biane Degaiche

(CARRIED)

MOTION TO APPROVE

BIRT the ad-hoc committee for WinterFest open nominations for up

BIRT the ad-hoc committee for WinterFest, per the February 3rd, 2020 resolution concerning reviewing and making recommendations on the execution of WinterFest, consist of **Lena Sleiman, Jasleen Dayal, Petar Bratic, Linden Crain, and Paramjot Gogia**

BIFRT Operations Committee assign a minute-taker to provide administrative support to the committee.

Moved: Paramjot Gogia / **Seconded:** Biane Degaiche (CARRIED AS AMENDED)

9.3 CRO Post-Election Report Request BOD200224-9.3

- Petar/Jasleen
- Ahmed discussed that a report of this sort can be implemented and discussed at the All Candidates Meeting. If there are issues with the elections policies, they can be amended through proper process as stated in our by-laws and policies. The CRO is discussed that they rule the Elections Period, and they make decisions based on things that are implemented other than the policy (including past Post-Election reports, laws and by-laws). Directors discussed this may be redundant because the CRO is required already to make a Post-Election report that discusses discrepancies and issues with policies and or election rules.

MOTION TO APPROVE

BIRT the Chief Returning Officer (“CRO”) be requested to provide a list of CRO-mandated election guidelines, beyond those listed in the Elections Policy, that were implemented in the 2020 General Election in their Post-Election Report.

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

One in favour / Six opposed

9.4 Nimbus Tutoring/Academic Support Fee Referendum BOD200224-9.4

- Discussions by Directors were made on whether or not it's too late to do the referendum.

MOTION TO TABLE

BIRT the Board call a referendum on the following question to the UWSA Membership: *Do you support an Academic Support Fee of \$0.55 per student per semester to provide all students with access to direct support programs, including a peer-to-peer tutoring service?*

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

Two in favour / Seven opposed

MOTION TO APPROVE

BIRT the Board call a referendum on the following question to the UWSA Membership: *Do you support an Academic Support Fee of \$0.55 per student per semester to provide all students with access to direct support programs, including a peer-to-peer tutoring service?*

Moved: Jasleen Dayal / **Seconded:** Lena Sleiman (CARRIED)

Two opposed / Rest were in favour

10.0 Reports Information

- 10.1** Operations Committee
- 10.2** Standing Committees
- 10.3** Ad-hoc Committees

11.0 New Business

Discussion

- Appointment of Advait to the Finance Committee since the committee members have not been able to meet quorum.

MOTION TO APPROVE

BIRT Advait Desai be appointed to the Finance Committee

Moved: Lena Sleiman / **Seconded:** Paramjot Gogia

(CARRIED)

- Ahmed Abdallah discussed general comments about the process of creating/implementing events or ideas to students to go through the execs Arop Plaek Deng (VPSA) or Ahmed (VPSS) to assist in that with regards to facilitation of the event and liaising
- Jeremiah Bowers discussed that March 30th will be a mandatory transitional meeting for all outgoing and incoming directors and executives.

12.0 Question Period

Information

13.0 In-Camera

14.0 Adjournment

Approval

MOTION TO ADJOURN

BIRT the meeting adjourns at 8:21pm

Moved: Lena Sleiman / **Seconded:** Jasleen Dayal

(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.

Item: 9.1

MOTION:

BIRT the Board call a referendum on the following question to the UWSA Membership:

Do you wish to increase the University of Windsor Student Medical Response Service (UWSMRS) Fee from \$1.06 per semester to \$3.78 per semester, beginning in the 2020-2021 academic year?

BIFRT the referendum campaigning and voting dates follow the 2020 UWSA General Election schedule.

Item For: **Approval**

Forwarded by: **Student Medical Response Service**

Rationale (“Whereas”):

- UWSMRS is currently receiving \$1.06 per undergraduate student per semester.
- UWSMRS provides free emergency medical services to the campus community, including free standby medical services during campus events.
- UWSMRS contributes to the overall safety of the campus community, provide intermittent care to those in need before the arrival of EMS, and assist Essex-Windsor EMS by decreasing the number of EMS calls.
- UWSMRS wants to provide our campus with the highest degree of care but does not currently have enough revenue to support their expenses.
- The current operating budget for UWSMRS does not support the organization’s growth alongside a growing University.
- UWSMRS is experiencing financial strain due to limited revenue and increased service/expenses. This significantly restricts the items that can be purchased, which often leaves the team struggling to keep up with the increasing number of emergencies they attend.
- An increase in funding would allow UWSMRS to continue to provide exceptional care for our campus community, and to grow alongside our University.

Note: The Referendum Policy, Section 25.02, governs the approval of referendum questions called by the Board and the scheduling of referendum campaigning and voting dates. Seeking the Board’s approval is not the only method for UWSMRS to run a referendum, but it is the most efficient, thus the reason for this request.

Item: **9.2**

MOTION:

BIRT the ad-hoc committee for WinterFest, per the February 3rd, 2020 resolution concerning reviewing and

making recommendations on the execution of WinterFest, consist of _____, _____, _____, _____, and _____. BIFRT Operations Committee assign a minute-taker to provide administrative support to the committee.

Item For: **Approval**

Forwarded by: **N/A**

Rationale (“Whereas”):

- At the February 3rd, 2020 meeting, the Board approved a motion to strike a committee to review the execution of WinterFest and formulate future recommendations for the Board and Executives.
- The committee is struck but without any appointed members.
- The chair will be elected by and from the committee.

Note: Directors who are participating in the UWSA Elections will not be able to participate on the committee from March 9th to March 19th, due to their required leave of absence.

Item: 9.3

MOTION:

BIRT the Chief Returning Officer (“CRO”) be requested to provide a list of CRO-mandated election guidelines, beyond those listed in the Elections Policy, that were implemented in the 2020 General Election in their Post-Election Report.

Item For: **Approval**

Forwarded by: **Petar Bratic**

Rationale (“Whereas”):

- Elections have over time adopted practices that are not currently in our Elections Policy (such as directors being required to take leave if they are seeking re-election).
- The UWSA values transparency and smooth operations.

Note: The current requirement for the CRO’s post-election report, as well as provisions governing the creation of election guidelines, can be found in the Elections Policy, Section 40.03(2)(h) and 40.03(3).

Item: **9.4**

MOTION:

BIRT the Board call a referendum on the following question to the UWSA Membership:

Do you support an Academic Support Fee of \$0.55 per student per semester to provide all students with access to direct support programs, including a peer-to-peer tutoring service?

Item For: **Approval**

Forwarded by: **Operations Committee**

Rationale (“Whereas”):

- On November 6th, 2019, the Board approved funding for the Nimbus Tutoring service on a trial basis. This was intended to give students the opportunity to experience the service before it would be brought to a referendum.
- There has been a high response rate from interested student tutors. Under the oversight of VP Student Advocacy Arop Plaek Deng, our immediate focus is orienting and approving the applicants as official UWSA Tutors, then marketing the app to the student community.
- Nimbus Tutoring’s standard pricing is \$1.50/student per year. After discussion, they reduced it to \$0.94/student per year, plus tax by reducing the current trial cost (\$0.54/student) from the standard pricing (\$1.50 – \$0.54 = \$0.94 + 13% tax = \$1.062/student per year. Rounded up is \$1.10).
- **Supplementary Note:** While not factored in the current proposed cost, there was a suggestion to add 10 cents to the price (a nominal amount comparatively) to generate a UWSA financial assistance subsidy for students.

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