



**UWSA Board of Directors
 Meeting #11**

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** Ahmed Abdallah
- **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.	Biane Deghaiche	Senator
Davinder Singh	Computer Science Rep.	Lena Sleiman	Senator
Jasleen Dayal	FAHSS Rep.	Linden Crain	Senator
Kevinprecious Fawehinmi	International Students’ Rep.	Mohammad Hannan Sadar	Senator
Mohamed Mahmoud	Engineering Rep.	Quessia Mugabo	Senator
Nyusha Samiei	Law Rep.		

Regrets Sent: Advait Desai, and Sahibjot Grewal

ITEM DISCUSSION

ACTION

1.0 Call to Order – 6:15pm

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 E-Meeting Etiquette**
- 3.2 Appointment of Board Minute-taker**

MOTION TO APPROVE

BIRT Ahmed Abdallah be appointed as the Minute-Taker
Moved: Petar Bratic / **Seconded:** Andre Ducharme **(CARRIED)**

4.0 Unfinished Business Discussion

5.0 Approval of the Agenda* Approval

MOTION TO APPROVE

BIRT the agenda be amended to be approved with the Approval of the Minutes moved from 6.0 to 13.0

Moved: Linden Crain / **Seconded:** Amber Tazzman **(CARRIED)**

6.0 Business Arising from the Minutes/Action Items

7.0 Presentations to the Board Information
7.1 COVID-19 Update J. Bowers

8.0 Proposed Motions Approval
8.1 GPC Recommendation – Senators/BOG Rep BOD200323-9.1

- Directors seemed to all be in favour. Questions were asked just to clarify details of the motion. Discussions were made on whether or not this is purposeful, it was discussed that it can be addressed that this is up to the Senators to decide whether they want to join.

MOTION TO APPROVE

BIRT speakers list be extended by two in favour and two against

Moved: Andre Ducharme / **Seconded:** Paramjot Gogia **(CARRIED)**

- Further discussions made in support of the motion. This is the first discussion on the motion so this will be further discussed and voted on at the next meeting.

MOTION TO APPROVE

BIRT By-Law 80.01(d)(i) be struck, which reads as follows: “Senators and Board of Governors representation may only sit on the University Affairs Committee.”

Moved: Linden Crain / **Seconded:** Quessia Mugabo **(CARRIED)**

- 8.2 GPC Recommendation – Executive Position Renaming** BOD200323-9.2
- Discussions were made to change the names to represent the changes of service centre to be moved to the VPSA position and renaming the VPSS position to VP Student life to follow through with the position just dealing with programming and events related to campus life. This is the first discussion on the motion so this will be further discussed and voted on at the next meeting.

MOTION TO APPROVE

BIRT the Executive position of “Vice President Student Services” be renamed to “Vice President Student Life” in all applicable instances of the By-Laws, including By-Law 70.05(c) and 80.05(a)(1) and policies.

BIFRT “Student Services Committee” be changed to “Student Life Committee” in all instances of the By-Laws, including By-Law 80.05, and policies.

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

(CARRIED)

9.0 Reports

Information

9.1 Operations Committee

9.2 Standing Committees

9.3 Ad-hoc Committees

10.0 New Business

Discussion

11.0 Question Period

Information

12.0 In-Camera

13.0 Approval of the Minutes*

Approval

13.1 January 21st, 2020

13.2 February 3rd, 2020

13.3 February 24th, 2020

MOTION TO TABLE

BIRT the minutes of January 21st, 2020, February 3rd, 2020, and February 24th, 2020 be tabled until the next meeting.

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

(CARRIED)

14.0 Adjournment

Approval

MOTION TO ADJORN

Moved: Amber Tazzman / **Seconded:** Lena Sleiman

(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 By-Law 80.01(d)(i) be struck, which reads as follows: “Senators and Board of Governors representation may only sit on the University Affairs Committee.”

Item For: **Approval**

Forwarded by: **Governance & Policy Committee**

Rationale (“Whereas”):

- A similar proposal was put forward to the Membership at the UWSA’s 2020 AGM but was never considered as it was tabled.
- This By-Law currently restricts Student Senators and the Board of Governors representative (“BOG Rep”) from serving on any committee other than the University Affairs Committee.
- The By-Law was written with consideration to the fact that Senators are already required to sit on 2 University of Windsor Senate committees, and the BOG Rep has immense responsibility at the Board of Governors level.
- Over the years, we have experienced issues with committee participation from faculty and special constituency representatives (i.e. Directors who are not Student Senators or the BOG Rep), often due to low numbers of Directors or limited capacity of Directors. In these circumstances, we have seen Senators wanting to participate but unable to.
- This proposal acknowledges that Senators and the BOG Rep should have the **option** of joining other Board committees, if so desired.
- Notably, unlike other Directors, this does not make it a requirement for the Senators and BOG Rep to sit on any committee other than the University Affairs Committee, enabling the voluntary participation at the discretion of the individual Senator/BOG Rep.

Item: 9.2

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Item For: **Approval**

Forwarded by: **Governance & Policy Committee**

Rationale (“Whereas”):

- At the March 12th, 2019 Board meeting, the Board, pursuant to a recommendation from the Operations Committee, made the decision to reshuffle responsibilities among the Executive positions. Particularly, the service centres will now report to the Vice President Student Advocacy, allowing the Vice President Student Services to focus on event programming and enhancement of student life on campus.
- In February 2020, the Board received, for information, the revised job descriptions for the positions of Vice President Student Advocacy and Vice President Student Services, delineating these duties.
- As the name “Vice President Student Services” is no longer reflective of the role, the Governance & Policy Committee, pursuant to the Operations Committee’s recommendation, is proposing the new name of “Vice President Student Life.”
- The Board Minute-taker is empowered to correct “non-substantive errors” in the By-Laws and policies, but it is debatable whether the renaming of an Executive position qualifies as a “non-substantive error.”
- **In the committee’s view, and unless otherwise determined by the Facilitator, we would err on the side of caution and treat this as substantive and therefore require an amendment to the By-Laws.**
- **The revised By-Law 130.01 *Board-Facilitated Amendments*, as approved at the 2020 UWSA AGM, empowers the Board to make by-law changes, upon recommendation from the Governance & Policy Committee.**
- **This By-Law amendment process requires two readings: a first reading, which this meeting will constitute, and a second meeting, which the March 30th meeting will constitute at which time the Board may approve the by-law change. The Board’s By-law change will only be in effect until confirmed, confirmed as amended, or rejected by the Membership at the UWSA’s next Annual General Meeting.**