

**UWSA Board of Directors  
Meeting #1**

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

**CHAIR OF THE BOARD: Nyusha Samiei**

**BOARD OBSERVERS PRESENT (EX-OFFICIO, NON-VOTING) (BOLDED):**

- **Board Facilitator** Sami Pritchard (acting)
- **President** Herman Dayal
- **VP Finance & Operations** Petar Bratic
- **VP Student Advocacy** Paramjot Gogia
- **VP Student Services** Jasleen Dayal
- **General Manager** Maria Hamilton
- **Society Presidents** Various

**MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT (BOLDED):**

<b>Mia Riviere</b>	<b>Faculty of Business</b>	<b>Mohammed Abdulaziz</b>	<b>Senator</b>
<b>Lia Thomson</b>	<b>Faculty of Science</b>	<b>Linden Crain</b>	<b>Senator</b>
<b>Jason Wong</b>	<b>Faculty of Science</b>	<b>Biane Deghaiche</b>	<b>Senator</b>
<b>Perween Ismail</b>	<b>Faculty of Social Work</b>	<b>Emily Fraser</b>	<b>Senator</b>
<b>Sumeet Kaur</b>	<b>International Students</b>	<b>Pedro Kantati</b>	<b>Senator</b>
<b>Nyusha Samiei</b>	<b>Board of Governors Rep.</b>		

**ITEM DISCUSSION**

**ACTION**

**1.0 Call to Order – 5:37 PM**

**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.

- Land Acknowledgement read by: H. Dayal

**3.0 Appointment of Meeting Facilitator**

**3.1 Recommendation:** To Appoint Sami Pritchard

- Rationale was read and provided.
- **Moved:** M. Abdulaziz, **Seconded:** B. Deghaiche

**MOTION TO AMEND**

**(CARRIED)**

- **BIRT** Sami Pritchard be appointed the meeting facilitator for this meeting

of the Board, effective immediately following approval of the resolution.

- **Presented by:** P. Gogia
- **Moved:** L. Crain, **Seconded:** B. Deghaiche

#### MOTION TO APPROVE

(CARRIED AS AMENDED)

- To appoint Sami Pritchard.
- **Moved:** M. Abdulaziz, **Seconded:** E. Fraser

#### 4.0 Election of the Chair

- During the call for nominations, B. Deghaiche, L. Crain and N. Samiei nominated themselves for the position of Board Chair,
- (P. Ismail): Questioned if L. Crain is still allowed to continue to be part of the “Windsor Wednesday Show”.
- (H. Dayal): Explained that we did take this into consideration that there is the stipulation that you shouldn’t have a position with a media organization.
  - Ultimately, it was decided it wouldn’t be conflicting with his position on the senate/board, and not something to disqualify him from running as board chair.
- (P. Ismail): Argued that all other board members were required to drop all volunteer commitments.
- (H. Dayal): Stated that you can still be a part of other clubs and organizations if you’re on UWSA.
  - Restated the Bylaws, and that when it comes to being on the BOD and other university bodies, you cannot be a signing authority on a club. As far as volunteering with the University, after evaluating the situation, it was agreed there was no stipulation.
- (M. Hamilton, *spoke out of order*): Argued board members are not allowed to hold the same media position as L. Crain has been granted.
- (P. Bratic): POO – Raised the issue that the GM was speaking out of order, and it was her third time interrupting since the call to order. He further suggested for the purposes of discussion, we should look at the wording in play instead of the off-topic discussions and speak in order.
- (S. Pritchard): The point of order was well taken. Advised M. Hamilton that she is speaking out of order and cannot continue. Allowed H. Dayal to finish addressing the issue as there is a speakers list.
- (H. Dayal): There is no direct issue with what L. Crain is doing by nominating himself for the position of Board Chair.
  - At this time, we see no outstanding conflict of interests from any of the board members.
- (L. Crain): Clarified he already discussed with H. Dayal about his media position and it was determined he may continue because:
  - (1) He is a volunteer and it is not a paid position.
  - (2) This is something he started on his own, and the University gave him a platform to continue.
- (S. Pritchard): Clarified she is giving all Board Chair candidates 1 minute to explain why they would like to be the chair.
  - L. Crain – 6:05 PM gave his speech.

- B. Deghaiche – 6:08 PM gave her speech.
- N. Samiei – 6:10 PM gave her speech.
- (P. Bratic): Gave some information about a Scrutineer...
  - Scrutineer: 5.5 In a secret ballot, only the Chair, Board Facilitator, Secretary, or staff member/non-voting member or any member approved by the Board may count the ballots. Only whether the motion passes or fails, or the name(s) of the winner(s) shall be released to the Board and recorded in the minutes. Unless the By-Laws provide otherwise, only the following results shall be released to the Board and recorded in the minutes: the winner(s) of votes, and the passage or failure of the motion.
- (L. Crain, B. Deghaiche, and N. Samiei): expressed they are all comfortable with no scrutineer.

**MOTION TO APPROVE (CARRIED)**

- **BIRT** S. Pritchard and J. Dayal be approved as vote counters for the secret ballot by email.
  - **Presented by:** (P. Bratic)
  - **Move:** M. Abdulaziz, **Seconded:** B. Deghaiche
  - (M. Abdulaziz): Asked if voting members should be emailing the votes to S. Pritchard and J. Dayal, or use Teams?
    - S. Pritchard: Clarified to send ballots by email.

**MOTION TO APPROVE (CARRIED)**

- **BIRT** The Board of Directors ratify N. Samiei as the Board Chair.
  - **Moved:** E. Fraser, **Seconded:** J. Wong

**5.0 Chair's Business**

**5.1 E-Meeting Etiquette**

- (S. Pritchard): Made some recommendations regarding e-meeting etiquette.

**6.0 Approval of the Agenda**

Approval

- **Moved:** N. Samiei, **Seconded:** J. Wong
- (H. Dayal): POI – Can we include a motion to appoint a minute-taker in the agenda?
- (P. Gogia) POI – Can we motion to un-star the consent item?
- (S. Pritchard): Suggested the following...
  - We should create a new 7.0 about appointing a minute taker and have a motion to un-star the new 8.0 which is approval of the minutes.

**MOTION TO AMEND (CARRIED)**

- **BIRT** The agenda item 7.0 become "Appointment of Minute Taker" and that all other items go up a number (for example, Approval of Minutes become 8.0).
  - **BIFRT** The new 8.0 no longer be treated as a consent item on the agenda.

- **Presented by:** S. Pritchard
- **Moved:** J. Wong, **Seconded:** S. Kaur

**MOTION TO APPROVE (CARRIED AS AMENDED)**

- Motion to move the new amended motion.
  - No opposition, abstentions, and questions.

**7.0 Appointment of Minute-Taker (CARRIED)**

- **BIRT** Jasleen Dayal be appointed as the minute-taker of the July 8th, 2020 Board of Directors meeting.
  - **Presented by:** H. Dayal
  - **Moved:** E. Fraser, **Seconded:** L. Thomson

**8.0 Approval of the Minutes\* Approval**

**8.1** April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 (Meeting #13)

**8.2** April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 (Meeting #14)

- (S. Pritchard): There is a motion to accept these meeting minutes.
- (P. Gogia): Made the recommendation to table these minutes as some of them are incorrect.

**MOTION TO APPROVE (CARRIED)**

- **BIRT** To table the approval of meetings minutes numbers 13 and 14 to the next Board of Directors meeting.
  - **Moved:** P. Kantati, **Seconded:** J. Wong

**8.3 Electronic Vote Summary Document**

- (P. Bratic): The Board of Directors need to ratify these minutes for formality as there are multiple e-votes that need to be ratified.
  - Noted that some of these are from last year's executive team, some are from this year, and that that these minutes were from last year's terms.

**MOTION TO APPROVE (CARRIED)**

- **BIRT** The Electronic Vote Summary Document, and the results of the electronic votes contained therein, be ratified into the record of the UWSA.
  - **Proposed by:** P. Bratic
  - **Moved:** M. Riviere, **Seconded:** E. Fraser

**9.0 Unfinished Business**

- None.

**10.0 Presentations to the Board Information**

**10.1** Welcome Presentation H. Dayal

- Presentation was given by H. Dayal.

**10.2** COVID-19 Update H. Dayal

- H. Dayal gave presentation discussing COVID-19 and the UWSA.

### 10.3 CampusGroups Platform

P. Bratic

- P. Bratic addressed CampusVibe concerns and CampusGroups.
- (S. Kaur): Will this be a supplementary service or compulsory
  - (P. Bratic): Compulsory in the sense that ratification will 100% move onto the platform and to maintain a list of clubs existing.
- (E. Fraser): Do you think this will be a lot for student groups to adjust to at one time? How do you plan to ease that?
  - (P. Bratic): There's already a transition planned
    - Doesn't think this will be too difficult to do – something that clubs will actually want to get on as soon as possible to promote themselves.

### 11.0 Proposed Motions

(APPROVED)

#### 11.1 Recommendation: To Approve CampusGroups Contract

- **Moved:** S. Kaur, **Seconded:** M. Riviere

### 12.0 Reports

Information

#### 12.1 Operations Report

- (H. Dayal): Presented his written Operations report.
- (P. Gogia): Presented his written Operations report.
  - (S. Kaur): When the issue of international student fees created a committee, I noticed there were no international student representatives on there.
    - (Referring to the Board of Governors)
  - (P. Gogia): Clarified Herman, Chris (OPUS), Lynette (GSS), and Nyusha are on the board for representation.
- (P.Bratic): Presented his written Operations report.
- (J. Dayal): Presented her written Operations report.
  - (M. Abdulaziz) Does the Board of Directors have input on the apparel design?
    - (J. Dayal): Considering sending an informal email to the board on Friday to take a look at some jacket options.
- (M. Hamilton): Gave a verbal Operations report.

#### 12.2 University Affairs Report

- H. Dayal gave updates on this.

### 13.0 New Business

- None.

### 14.0 Question Period

Information

- No questions.

### 15.0 *In Camera* Session – 8:16 PM

#### 15.1 Recommendation: To Move to *In Camera* Session with Officers

#### MOTION TO MOVE *IN CAMERA*

(CARRIED)

- **BIRT** The meeting enter the *In Camera* Session.

- (P. Gogia): Double-checked to ensure we have quorum.
- **Moved:** N. Samiei, **Seconded:** P. Ismail

**MOTION TO APPROVE**

**(CARRIED)**

- **BIRT** The Board of Directors approve the Coordinator discussions and the preliminary budget.
  - **Moved:** M. Abdulaziz, **Seconded:** J. Wong
- (E. Fraser): Declared conflict of interest as she is part of the Peer Support Centre.

**MOTION TO DESTROY BALLOTS**

**(CARRIED)**

- **BIRT** J. Dayal and S. Pritchard delete the Board Chair votes from their inboxes (motion to discard the e-votes).
  - **Moved:** M. Abdulaziz, **Seconded:** S. Kaur

**16.0 Adjournment – 9:03 PM**

Approval

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**(CARRIED)**

- **BIRT** The meeting adjourns.
  - **Moved:** J. Wong, **Seconded:** M. Riviere

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: **3.1**

**MOTION:** **BIRT** Sami Pritchard be appointed the meeting facilitator for this meeting of the Board.

Item For: **Approval**

Forwarded by: **Operations Committee**

**Rationale (“Whereas”):**

- By-law 60.05 allows for a facilitator to be appointed to preside at Board meetings, by decision of the Board.
- Sami Pritchard was appointed the Board Facilitator in the 2019-2020 term, and she presided over all meetings of the Board during that term. She also presided over the Annual General Meeting.
- This motion, if adopted, would only appoint a facilitator for this meeting of the Board. The Chair, once elected, will be consulted about how to proceed with the selection and appointment of a presiding officer, should it not be the Chair.
- The Operations Committee believes it to be important for meetings to run smoothly and effectively, and the appointment of Sami Pritchard would allow for this.

Item: **10.1**

**MOTION:** **BIRT** a contract for the CampusGroups platform be approved for a term of no longer than 3 years.

**BIFRT** the necessary funds be allocated from the SOCR fund.

Item For: **Approval**

Forwarded by: **Operations Committee**

**Rationale (“Whereas”):**

- The UWSA was in a contract with a company called CampusVibe, which provided a platform for our student groups, but it went out of business and stopped supporting the platform.
- The UWSA has been without a student groups platform, including without a directory of student groups, since early 2020.
- Support for student groups is one of the essential services the UWSA provides.
- In light of the COVID-19 pandemic and the announcement that the fall semester will take place primarily online, the student experience, in which student group involvement plays a big role, will be inevitably diminished.
- The UWSA should continue to support its student groups and provide them opportunities to be successful, especially as they are forced to shift to primarily virtual operations.
- The SOCR fund is a restricted fund to which each UWSA member contributes \$0.80 per year, used to improve the educational experience of students through technology.
- The use of any funds from the SOCR fund must be approved by the UWSA Board of Directors.
- The SOCR fund has a current approximate balance of \$90,000.



Item: **14.1**

**MOTION:** **BIRT** the Board move to an *in camera* session with the meeting facilitator, Executives and General Manager present.

Item For: **Approval**

Forwarded by: **Petar Bratic**

**Rationale (“Whereas”):**

- By-law 60.11 (a) allows for the Board to hold meetings *in camera* should it deem a matter to be confidential.
- The Procedural Policy on *in camera* meetings sets out situations in which the Board should consider holding an *in camera session*, namely when dealing with personnel matters and commercially sensitive business matters.
- By-law 60.11 (a) stipulates that *in camera* meetings can only be attended by directors, but by-law 60.11 (b) stipulates that notwithstanding (a), the Board may invite any Board Observers or guests to participate in an *in camera* meeting.
- The matters to be dealt with during the proposed *in camera* session, as outlined in the *in camera* agenda package, warrant an *in camera* session, and these matters cannot be adequately considered by the Board without presentation from the Executives.