

UWSA Council Meeting Minutes

December 4th, 2008

Voting Members Present: Ryan Osterberg, Taamjeed Rahmaan, Ayesha Raza, Tanuj Virani, Parvati Dadwal, Reshma Kisnani (Basaam Lazar), Spencer Dingle, Nneka Egejuru, Colin Baldner, Camesha Cox, Nicole Wynter, Sushank Saha, Jonathan Wypych, Joshua Pfaff, Sharan Dhami, Rachel Olsen, Brydon Bealieu, Bryan Pillon, Nicole Wynter, Parvati Dadwal, Luke Weiler, Jill Ciccone, Sidharth Sidharth, Amber Bernachi, Zach Austin, Kenisha Bynoe

Ex-officio Members Present: Tosin Bello, Tiffany Gooch, Mohsin Khan, Shae Kavanaugh, Tamara Popovic, Stephanie Wilson, Omar Raza, Viva Dadwal, Michelle Palmer, Patrick Lalonde

Chair: Vanessa Vokes

1.0 Call to order at 4:15pm

2.0 Motion to approve the agenda

MOVED: Baldner

SECONDED: Osterberg

Vote: (All/0/0)

Motion Carries

3.0 Motion to approve the minutes

MOVED: Wieler

SECONDED: Pfaff

Kavanaugh: If everyone could double check their attendance status on these minutes, please let me know if there are any errors

Vote: (All/0/0)

Motion Carries

Motion to approve the minutes of November 20th, 2008 and Novemeber 6th, 2008.

MOVED: Virani

SECONDED: Pillon

Vote: (29/0/0)

Motion Carries

4.0 United Way

Douglas: I have been with United Way for about 1.5 years, started in radio broadcasting, fell in love with the community and have gone back to school. Have also brought along Candy Donaldson. United way, how many people have heard of united way and know what we do? Awesome. In regards to the university, the U is a huge supporter of united way. Have given a free parking spot and vacation days as donations. \$100,000 dollars was given by faculty and university staff last year. Money stays here in Windsor and Essex Coutny. 6.7 million dollars was raised last year. 3 key tings in our community. Fundraising can help over 40 different agencies.

Could be through schools, school patrols, the salvation army, welcome centre, the only homeless shelter in Essex county. The Senior centre. The second thing we do is volunteering. The VS connector for volunteer opportunities. The third is facilitators. We bring people to the table to talk about our community as a whole. Last year we looked at employment and job loss in the economy. We facilitated a meeting that invited everyone to the table to talk about this topic. We talked about what was available and what next steps to take. Something that came out of this is brainstorming was 211. It is a toll free number, to use, 250 languages, It would be any social or government service. From resume writing, hearing issues, services and programs.

Candy Donaldson: I work for the university of Windsor in the chemical control centre. What I am doing is called a corporate gift. I work for three months and meet with everyone in the community to get our numbers up and people involved. One of the big things is the mission, there is no food there. We need help, they are empty. The biggest issue is the summer, if anyone had any questions my email is candy@uwindsor.ca.

Douglas: Ill open it up to you guys if you have any questions, we want to know how we can get everyone involved and looking at different options to educate the student population. Any suggestions or questions?

Gooch: I can't think of too many ideas now, but I know we have been involved in youth leaders on board which is a great program, I hope there is some more discussion in terms to ways to help out.

Saha: Will you be advertising the things you do? Or will it be on the UWSA?

Douglas: in terms of...

Saha: Just how in terms of the partnership

Douglas: In the package there is a lot of information, as well as the website, a lot of steps we are already partnered with.

Osterberg: what % goes to admin costs?

Douglas: 15% goes to admin costs.

Chair: We can make these packages available in the UWSA office and will have Tiffany liaison if necessary.

5.0 Elections

Kavanaugh: Here is the proposed timeline for elections, as well as a reminder that senators and board of governors representatives who would like to be re-elected must do so to council.

Raza: I don't think to approve this, yet, we can wait until January 8th, or the following meeting.

Sangrar: Here is the election plan. NOTE: Exec debate and all candidates forum is potentially changed to march 5th. Overview of the 2009-2010 council. Positions are included here that are in the by-election as well. The registrar gave us a list for all of the numbers for enrollment. Each faculty gets one seat automatically, additional seat are calculated by the number of students. 4.3.3. we do have to create a seat this year, interfaculty says 0, that just means they don't have an additional seat.

Regulations, these will be in the nom forms, or all candidates package. These recommendations are from the EMC. The meeting will be in ambassador auditorium. Candidates will have a 10 minutes grace period. After 7:10, the doors will be closed and you will then be disqualified. Candidates cannot be another candidate's proxy. The purpose of this is to have more bodies in the meeting. If even one more person spreads the word. If you are running with someone, you can only have the limits of one position.

Baldner, point of information: Slates, what will be considered a slate? You have candidates who advertise together on facebook. So unless registered as a slate, you can't?

Gooch: There is two different ways groups have run slates. Some they have the same poster design, but different names on the posters. What if they have decided the same theme, or two names on the poster?

Bernachi leaves at 4:47pm

Osterberg: Last election, I put the names of all other candidates names as well.

Villamil: That wouldn't be considered a slate, you had all candidates names on it.

Popovic: So people would have candidate ABAB, is this what this is for?

Sangrar: Why don't we then get rid of the slates thing for now, there are too many factors

Popovic: There was some concern last year, of paper waste, is there a policy that outlines this, and are we looking into changing the numbers or anything?

Sangrar: There is a policy outlining this, it is called the Elections Policy, this has also already been changed. You voted to change it in the Summer.

Osterberg: We can encourage students to recycle their posters

Raza: I think this is awesome. This is the first time a CRO has come forward with such a great plan. The campaign launch on Thursday, when will the CAW be closed?

Sangrar: The timing for that is a little up in the air, because we need to play around the pub. Its not meant to campaign, but more of a pep rally and socializing.

Logistically, we didn't know if it should be 10 or 11. It will be 30 minutes prior to poster night.

Raza: recommendation, if students are there, I would recommend a 2 hour window to get the mad rush over.

Dadwal, P: Positions being contested, there are no board members there

Sangrar: Thank you, that is my error and will be added. This is why we bring this here first to double check!

Raza: March 9th, the time is 7pm for campaign to be closed. The voting starts at midnight, why is there nothing going on in between the two times?

Sangrar: It allows for candidates to take their posters down.

Raza: You can take your posters down during campaigning.

Sangrar: We found this logistically. It gives them a grace period.

Beaulieu: Maybe close the link until people can vote at midnight.

Sangrar: If they had voted before, those votes were erased. People were voting while we were running tests.

Raza: Clarification, on March 15th, 1am is last official appeal. This is assuming results will be posted at 1am.

Sangrar: Correct

Raza: EMC, slates, if two candidates are running, the larger candidates will apply. Just review this. The ten-minute grace period for all candidates meeting, our bylaw part 5, the CRO's discretion cant be appealed. I think this disadvantages a candidate being legitimately late.

Sangrar: This is from the EMC.

Weiler: Does this council have the ability to set the policy and rules governing the election. What is this then?

Sangrar: These are some of the rules under the CRO's discretion.

Chair: The dates can be approved today.

Raza: I think there is a lot of construction criticism, I suggest the OCRO take this back and review this. I think there needs to be a distinction, we already have a bylaw and policy.

Bello, point of information: By approving the dates, does that mean we are approving everything?

Sangrar: We want to approve the dates so that we can start marking our posters

Palmer, Point of Information: Nomination publicity, what does this include?

Sangrar: That is just to let you know we are advertising, like the lance cjam, posters, stuff like that. So that we now when we are doing stuff.

Bello: Can we just approve the dates just as presented, so that they can get on the dates?

Chair: We could tentatively approve the dates. If you have anything to add email the CRO.

Be it resolved that the UWSA Council approve the dates as presented by the CRO.

MOVED: Baldner

SECONDED: Gooch

Saha, Point of Information: What information will you be putting on the posters?

Sangrar: Things like the nom period, election dates, etc.

Vote (22/0/1)

Motion Carries

6.0 Teaching Awards,

Khan: Please distribute these packages

Palmer: Was the date pushed back due to the strike?

Dingle: Yes, Jan 20 is the deadline.

Gooch: What is the process for nominating a teacher?

Khan: Pick up and fill out a form

Pfaff: Will the forms also be online?

Kahn: Yes

7.0 UWSA Sweaters

Kavanaugh: Sweaters will be ordered soon, keep an eye on your email.

Motion to adjourn

MOVED: Bello

SECONDED: Baldner

Vote (22/0/0)

Motion Carries