

UWSA Council Meeting

January 8, 2009

4:00pm

Voting Members Present: Colin Baldner, Ryan Osterberg, Tanuj Virani, Parvati Dadwal (Andrew Peltier), Camesha Cox, Braydon Beaulieu, Jill Ciccone, Ayesha Raza, Susha Saha, Sharan Dhami, Kenisha Bynoe, Michelle Palmer, Nichole Wynter, , Taamjeed Rahmaan, Sidharth Sidharth, Luke Weiler, Bryan Pillon, Sincer Dingle, Rachel Olsen, Nneka Egejuri

Ex-officio Voting Members Present: Sabrina Spidalieri (Aaron Campbell), Viva Dadwal (Lily Teckle), Patrick Lalonde, Omar Raza, Tamara Popovic (Theresa Trad), Stephanie Wilson, Tiffany Gooch, Tosin Bello, Shae Kavanaugh, Mohsin Khan

1.0 Call to order at 4:15pm

2.0 Motion to approve the agenda.

MOVED: Baldner

SECONDED: Weiler

Vote (24/0/0)

Motion Carried

3.0 Motion to approve the minutes.

MOVED: Viriani

SECONDED: Gooch

Vote (24/0/0)

Motion Carried

4.0 Motion to approve the new elections policy.

MOVED: Weiler

SECONDED: Baldner

Vote (25/0/0)

Motion Carried

5.0 Re-election

Chair: Re-elction of Pat and Omar.

Lalonde: I am kind of new, I am Pat. I am a Senator on council. That entails being a U of W senator, and serve on PDC and academic policy and IPC and EMC here. Basically I am asking for more time to serve, it has taken me this long to find my way here. I would like to play a bigger role. Next year I would like to create a caucus for senate, and lastly I will be the only senator returning, I would like to bridge the gap between the years.

Raza: I have been here a few years, I currently BOG, I have barely even learned how to perform, I am still learning the ropes. I will still be serving on IPC and UPC. Please re-elect me so I can be appointed to my BOG subcommittees.

Chair: We will now cast our votes by secret ballot to re-elect these councilors. We will take 5 minutes recess.

Council Recess

Council Resumes

Chair: Congrats you have both been reelected.

6.0 Elections

Sangrar: We discussed all candidates, slates and disqualifications.

As far as the all candidates' meeting is concerned, a proposal went forward at EMC, the meeting will start at 7pm, the doors will remain open for 10 minutes, candidates that arrive late will be disqualified, that decision can be appealed to EMC.

Baldner: what was the prior routine?

Sangrar: I disqualify the candidate and then they appeal to the EMC.

Weiler: is this the time to change this?

Chair: The CRO is simply bringing their rules that they will be imposing forward, this is her discretion.

Weiler: I would like to move to have the CRO change her policy and we vote to change it.

Chair: well you can't change discretion.

Weiler: I disagree with a component of the policy, if a candidate does not attend the meeting, I don't see a need to disqualify them. The point of all candidates meeting is to explain to them the elections.

Sangrar: This policy will be in the all candidates' policy. If you are a delegate the nominee has to sign the package.

Chair: Out of order it is in the policy.

Sangrar: Slates will be defined as two or more people, on one page, webpage or facebook group. They will be one entity, they will be the highest. One disqualification will disqualify both candidates.

Baldner: What is the purpose of the slates?

Sangrar: We are discussing the limits. If you have a wall post on facebook it is okay.

Baldner: Is this to persuade people to not to run together?

Sangrar: We just wanted to clarify campaign limits

Spidalieri: If I want to make a slate with someone, I have to tell you ahead?

Sangrar: They will have to be registered with us, yes.

Pfaff, point of information: Do you have to run in the general if you ran in the by-election?

Sangrar: Yes.

Saha: Can you repeat the slate?

Sangrar: Slates will be one entity; the higher campaign limit will count for both of them.

Raza: I thought we either pick to have compatible candidates, simply for the poster policy. Disproportionately helps the science rep.

Sangrar: I agree with that.

Raza: Has msn and facebook wall been deemed private?

Sangrar: Msn is private

Raza: The wall is private, because it is a discourse between friends.

Sangrar: Even though, it depends on privacy settings, anything directed to more than one person. If you create a group it is public.

Pfaff: What if someone writes on everyone's wall and it goes onto their feeds

Raza: I think that is extrapolating a bit; we could do that with everything.

Wilson: I think we got a bit off topic.

Wynter: If you post on all walls, it could still be on, in a news feed.

Osterberg: I think they should not be allowed on facebook.

Weiler: I don't like operating without things in front of me.

Sangrar: I will take this to EMC and discuss this with them.

Sangrar: There is no demerit point system, violations will be recorded and communicated to candidates who have violated something. This will permit the CRO to monitor campaign behaviour throughout the week. Severity will be assessed by the nature and totality. A letter warning of impending violations will be signed by the candidate and the CRO. As always, I disqualify people at my discretion, there is always an appeal process.

Bello: Discretion can't be appealed to council

Sangrar: Correct, discretion cannot be appealed to council, but it can be appealed to EMC.

Wilson: The whole letter thing, email?

Sangrar: Email, I will email them and have them come in.

Sangrar: Monetary penalties, when campaign week is over, monetary penalties will be awarded at the end of the campaigning. The reason we are not setting the money so that people can budget to break the law. Senate by law 31 will be automatic disqualification.

Virani: How are the campaign teams going to work?

Sangrar: You will have to register that with us.

Virani: What about the people not on the campaign team?

Sangrar: If it is your facebook group, you are responsible.

Chair: This is a hypothetical where the CRO will use her discretion, we will be moving on now.

Raza: Regarding list serves and email databanks? In the past, it was under the CRO that they will email them out.

Sangrar: University resources are not available.

Raza: What about societies, they will sometimes send out an email. Some candidates who were TAs were sending out things.

Sangrar: I can discuss this with EMC. I am weary of limiting it too much, but I see your points.

Raza: If a TA is using their authority to use it, they shouldn't.

Saha: Suppose a person send out an email to their faculty secretary?

Sangrar: I would deem that as a university resource.

Sangrar: The positions are listed in your package.

Motion to approve the rules governing the election and the positions being contested for the General Election 2009-2010.

MOVED: Viriani

SECONDED: Wilson

Vote (30/0/0)

Motion Carried

Discussion

Bello: I need two councilors to be on the committee to give out scholarships.

Palmer: I think the students should not give out money to other students. Will it be checked that the members on this committee have not submitted a scholarship.

Osterberg: I nominate myself

Cicccone: What is the time commitment?

Cicccone: I want to nominate myself.

Wynter: I nominate Bynoe.

Bynoe: I decline the nomination.

Kavanugh: Sweaters and ASC

Khan: CFS January 22nd-25th, it is in Markham, let me know, if you would like to attend. The Ontario NDP will be Sunday, January 25th.

MOVED: Khan

SECONDED: Wynter

Motion to adjourn at 5:26pm.

Vote (30/0/0)

Motion Carried