

UWSA Council Meeting Minutes

May 29, 2008

4:00pm

Council Chambers

Voting Members present: Ryan Osterberg (Shauna Van Lierop), Tamara Popovic, Reshma Kishnani (Minoo Alipour), Sabrina Spidalieri, Nneka Egejuri, Spencer Dingle, Tamjeed Rahmaan, Stephanie Wilson, Parvati Dadwal, Tanuj Virani, Colin Baldner (Aaron Campbell), Michelle Palmer, Jessica Moore-Lynch, Ayesha Raza, Nichole Wynter

Ex-officio Members present: Tosin Bello (Dannielle McLagan), Shae Kavanaugh, Mohsin Khan (Malak Nasseredinne), Tiffany Gooch

1.0 Call to Order at 4:07pm

2.0 Chair's Business

Dadwal, V: I need to be ratified at chair.

Be it resolved that Viva Dadwal be ratified as chair.

MOVED: Spidalieri

Vote 16/0/0

SECONDED: Osterberg

Motion Carries

3.0 Approval of the agenda

Spidalieri: Add complaint of student at large, as 7.0

MOVED: Spidalieri

16/0/0

SECONDED: Osterberg (Van Lierop)

Motion Carries

Kavanaugh: Could we switch EMC with Bylaw revisions, and table minutes from April 10<sup>th</sup> 2009

Popovic: Add student senate update, before an hour is up

MOVED: Popovic

SECONDED: Baldner (Campbell)

Chair: I would like it noted that the supporting documents for this meeting, with the exception of CRO Communication Plan, were not provided 3 days in advance.

Vote (16/0/0)

Motion Carried

**4.0 Approval of the Minutes – March 20, 2008**

MOVED: Gooch

Vote 18/0/0

SECONDED: Baldner (Campbell)

Motion Carried

Nichole Wynter enters at 4:17pm

4.0 CRO Communication Plan – Presentation by Marla Cronin

See CRO communication plan

Egejuru leaves at 4:35, enters at 4:36

Chair: I would like to speak on this issue, please put forward a motion to make Tiffany Gooch chair.

**Be it resolved that Tiffany Gooch act as chair for item 4.0**

MOVED: Kavanaugh  
Vote (18/0/0)

SECONDED: Osterberg  
Motion Carries

Question Period

Khan (Nassereddine): You mentioned that we want to be keeping with greener practices, what are your plans on limiting posters?

Cronin: I have some recommendations, and I think it should be very limited I also think we should increase the banners and decrease the flyers, and I think the handouts should be limited, because that's what ends up all over the campus.

Khan (Nassereddine): You mentioned a figure of \$10,000 saved, where is that from?

Cronin: The major bulk of that is mailout ballots, secondly, we don't have to print out ballots, we also used to use a fair bit on envelopes, and in hiring, there were a fair bit of wages, we also set up computers last year, but in the past there was 2 poll clerks

Dadwal: Omar and myself talked about Marla's plan, there are included in your package, I think CRO, EMC and council need to meet and address these issues that we have pinpointed. Having the CRO and EMC meet and propose issues.

Cronin: I think that would be a great idea, I was wondering if the council approves this in principle, perhaps everyone can meet in an informal meeting where we get together and shot some ideas around and I am willing to sit down with you guys.

**Be it resolved that UWSA councilors, EMC, and CRO meet informally and develop proposals regarding election bylaws and policies to then bring forward to the council in its entirety for further review and discussion, prior to June 15<sup>th</sup>.**

MOVED: Dadwal

SECONDED: Popovic

Point of information, Cronin: is this before it goes IPC ?

Dadwal: Yes

Cronin: I would like the council to keep in mind the tight timeline.

Spidalieri: It is not going to move this date back?

Cronin: As long as this meeting happens in the next two weeks

Vote (17/1/0)

Motion Carries

Be it resolved that Viva Dadwal resume as council chair.

MOVED: Khan (Nassereddine)

SECONDED: Dadwal, P

Vote (18/0/0)

Motion Carries

**Be it resolved that the University of Windsor Students' Alliance council tentatively accept the dates proposed in the CRO communications plan timeline for the 2008-2009 UWSA elections.**

**Be it further resolved that the CRO bring these dates back to the council within the timeline required by the organization's governing documents for reaffirmation.**

MOVED: Baldner (Campbell)

SECONDED: Osterberg (Van Lierop)

Vote (18/0/0)

Motion Carries

## **5.0 Electoral Monitoring Committee**

Cronin: We need to elect an EMC as stated in the bylaws. This is a standing committee, you will remain on this committee, unless you resign you will be on this committee until May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009. You are busy on a very concentrated scale.

Tamara Popovic exits at 5:01pm

Point of information, Kishani(Alipour): If this is a process that is open to all students on campus, doesn't it make sense to have more time?

Chair: I agree, but this needs to be done at this meeting.

Bello (MacLagan): I nominate Shauna Van Lierop

Kahn (Nassereddine): I nominate Sabrina Spidalieri

Osterberg (Van Lierop): I nominate Aaron Campbell

Baldner (Campbell): I nominate Jessica Moore-Lynch

Chair: Do you all accept your nominations?

All nominees accept

**Be it resolved that the University of Windsor Students' Alliance Council elect Aaron Campbell, Shauna Van Lierop, Sabrina Spidaleri, and Jessica Moore-Lynch to the Electoral Monitoring Committee for the 2008-2009 UWSA elections.**

MOVED: Kavanaugh  
Vote (13/0/4)

SECONDED: Wilson  
Motion Carries

Baldner, Moore-Lynch, Spidaleri, Osterberg abstain

**Be it resolved that we have a 2 minutes recess.**

MOVED: Kavanaugh

SECONDED: Gooch

## 6.0 By-Law Revisions

**Be it resolved that the UWSA council table 6.0-by-law revisions until our next meeting.**

MOVED: Kavanaugh

SECONDED: Gooch

Kavanaugh: This is a very pressing item, and the entire council has to commit to attending the council meetings for the rest of the summer. You are elected to represent your constituency and if you are not attending these meetings and you are able to, you are not fulfilling your responsibilities as a councillor. Change needs to happen, this is your chance to truly make change and push the UWSA in the right direction. Lets set the tone for the year by having strong attendance and working together to make positive change.

Vote (18/0/1)  
Palmer abstains

Motion Carries

## 7.0 Senate Update

Presentation by Sabrina Spidaleri

There are cuts around the university, there are cuts in classes etc, tuition fees are increased, UWSA survey is a proactive measure, want to see what the students think, want feelings and opinions be known, a letter to the editor be published and other media. It's a proactive measure, because it encourages the involvement on campus. We need to make our opinion known. The quality of our university is not improving, and we want more.

**Be it resolved that the UWSA gages the reaction of the student body through proactive measures and lets their opinion be made widely known about the 2008-2009 University of Windsor budget thru measures such as surveys, Which would be conducted in the fall by our governance committees, and following, have the executive draft a letter and bring it**

**back to council for approval and then send it to the University of Windsor administration, as well as opinion editorials.**

MOVED: Spidalieri

SECONDED: Virani

Gooch: I speak in favour of this motion, and I feel it might need to be further defined, and I also require some feedback. UPC for writing letter, Marketing for the survey. But we do not meet until September. I would like this to happen, but I am wondering how we want this to happen.

Spidalieri: I would like the committees to do that, but I know it is summer, but send it out via mass email, facebook?

Chair: By the looks of it, we need to decide what this motion speaks to, do we want to do an informal roundtable? Or we can just go through the speakers list.

Baldner (Campbell): You want the UWSA to convey disappointment in the school because of cuts and funding issues?

Spidalieri: Yes, the quality has lessened, so we want to see what students think of this

Wilson: The issue is just not this year

Baldner (Campbell): Is this the best way to do this, publically?

Dadlwal, d: There is tuition and government funding, they can push funding and see if they can get it that way. The fact that co-op, sessional, scholarships are cut, rises in everything else. But what they could of done is do some research, and see what the students think.

Baldner (Campbell): It seems to me that we badmouth what has been done in the past, and maybe suggest we comment on what we would like done in the future

Wilson: I think that with Gooch's point, we want to go to Ross Paul with this, or maybe a letter to each president, because it needs to be brought forward now. Or maybe then do a suvery in the fall?

Khan (Nasseredinne): I agree our stuff should be more progressive and condemning it is essential and we have to do this, they need to do this in the future, and acknowledging this is essential.

Kirshani (Alipour): I am not sure these are uniform issues, so I think these things should come hand in hand I guess

Chair: For general information, the contents in letter can be determined, this issues needs to have a student voice.

Baldner (Campbell): It kind of doesn't fit in with what is being spoken of.

Point of information, Wilson: Would this be brought back to council?

Chair: Yes

Gooch: I have a few clarifications, when the budget was being created, I was in consult with many people, I told them I was not in favour and they have been told this over and over and have heard this, but a lot of these things have been answered. We talked about sessional professor cuts, but out of 1100 sessionals in FASS, only 7 were being cut. Scholarship issue, this decision was made in December, that was brought to council by Gary Kalaci, we are working on BOD to make sure this doesn't happen again. It goes to the deans, so we can be upset and yell at the president, but it is the dean that makes the cuts.

Khan (Nasseredinne), Bello (Maclagan) leaves 5:48pm

Dingle: I don't think its any secret that kids are upset about this. You are talking about putting documentation and writing it in a letter, needs to be done in the fall. When students come back.

Palmer: I think we need to remember that this is not good. I think it is important that we et the ball rolling now to say that we are not happy about it, I think it is still important that we let the incoming president know how we feel.

Vote (15/0/0)

Motion Carries

## **8.0 Appointment Search Committee**

Kavanaugh: We need to create an appointment search committee for hiring, specifically for secretary. If we can just go around the table and if you would like to nominate someone, please do so.

Gooch: I nominate Sabrina Spidalieri

Spidalieri: I nominate Stephanie Wilson

Dingle: I nominate Nneka

Wilson: I nominate Spencer Dingle

**Be it resolved that the UWSA council nominate Spencer Dingle, Sabrina Spidalieri, Nneka Egejuri, and Stephanie Wilson to the Appointment Search Committee.**

MOVED: Kavanaugh  
VOTE (10/0/4)  
Spidalieri, Egejuri, Dingle, Wilson abstain

SECONDED: Dadwal, P  
Motion Carries

Chair: We have lost quorum, so we will just be having a meeting now, we can still continue but cannot make any resolutions.

### **8.0 Student Concern**

See letter attached

Spidalieri: This student wants to present to council.

Cronin: I am more than willing to attend a council meeting, I am sure most of you have no idea are what is going on right now, at the annual general meeting, he asked me what the ways of communicating to the members were. My response was we did posters as well as used campus media, cjam, as well as a mass email. Later in that meeting I realized that I had not send this out. I have apologized to board and to this student, and that I buckled under pressure and am sorry for that. I know that matt wants to come and speak with his issues. But I would like to extend to the council my apologies and I have made a mistake and have acknowledged. I would like to extend my apologies and ensure that is won't happen again.

Baldner (Campbell): I would like to say that at the BOD, what she did was not against the bylaws and I think it is a dead dog at this point.

Chair: E way, any student at large can come and speak

Spidalieri: I am just saying that we are all representatives when a student comes forward with an issue. All he said that he wanted to come and speak at council.

Chair: We will wait for Mr. Matt Regenstrief to come and present.

### **9.0 Governance Committees**

- Just to let everyone know that IPC will be meeting as soon as they can, and the rest of the committees will be meeting in the fall

### **10.0 CFS National**

-see attached motions and summary

### **11.0 Executive Visioning**

-powerpoint presentation

## **Discussion**

### Council Meeting Dates

June 26

July 10

July 24

August 28

Classes begin: Sept 4

Sept 11

Sept 25

Oct 9

Reading Week: Oct 14-17

Oct 23rd

Nov 6

Nov 20

Dec 4

Christmas Break

Classes Begin: Jan 5

Jan 8

Jan 22

Feb 5

Reading Week: Feb 17-20

Mar 5

Mar 19

Mar 26 (AGM)

