

UWSA Council Meeting

Thursday, November 20, 2008

4:00 pm

Council Chambers

Voting Members Present: Ryan Osterberg, Taamjeed Rahmaan, Ayesha Raza, Tanuj Virani, Parvati Dadwal, Reshma Kisnani (Basaam Lazar), Spencer Dingle, Nneka Egejuru, Bryan Pillon (Merisa Miladinovic), Camesha Cox, Brayden Beaulieu, Nicole Wynter, Sidharth Sidharth, Sushank Saha, Jonathan Wypych, Nneka Egejuru, Joshua Pfaff, Sharan Dhami, Jill Ciccone

Ex-officio Members Present: Tosin Bello, Tiffany Gooch, Mohsin Khan, Tamara Popovic, Stephanie Wilson, Omar Raza, Sabrina Spidalieri (Aaron Campbell), Viva Dadwal, Michelle Palmer, Patrick Lalonde

1.0 Call to order at 4:03 p.m.

2.0 Chair's business

Chair: I have no business to discuss. We can move to approving the agenda.

3.0 Approval of the agenda

Cox: I would like to move 6.0 I got 5 on it as the first new business.

Chair: Strike 5.0 and 6.0 in the Exec reports.

Be it resolved that the UWSA Council approve the agenda with the changes.

MOVED:

SECONDED:

Popovic: How come there are no minutes?

Voakes: I believe there was problem with the format; it will be there for the next meeting.

Vote (all)

Motion carries.

New Business

6.0 I got 5 On it!

Cox: I want to talk to the council about the I got 5 on it campaign. I did a presentation to the board to ask for funding for the event and that was successful. This campaign is basically to establish endowment fund for African students. This campaign is trying to help that initiative. We are in the process of getting ready to launch the event. There will be an event called Dunking Deans. We are trying to get all the nine deans and the president of the university to represent their faculties. The president will be representing the administration. The faculties that will raise the most will be able to dunk their dean. The deans will be mainly lending their name to the campaign. If my faculty raises the most, the dean will be dunked.

We want every student involved. Only 80 students in total is actually needed. If each student gets \$5 per day in the two week campaign period, then we will meet our goal of \$5000. All of you represent students for your respective faculties. Therefore, I would like to ask you and invite you to be a part of this team and help recruit students to manage this event. I just want to throw this idea out at you.

Wilson: When do you plan on doing this event?

Cox: It will be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> of January till the end of that month. The dunking would be the Monday after the campaign has finished.

Wilson: The Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences is bigger than some of the other faculties. So they might be able to easily get more money. So how will that settle out?

Cox: It will most likely be per capita.

Osterberg: There are great organizations that are associated with the societies. If you could get in touch of them, they might be able to help with the campaign.

Cox: Those letters are being drafted right now.

Kishnani: So you will be dunking?

Cox: Yes, it will be a big event. Cecile Houston, the Dean of F.A.S.S. has agreed. The deans of Nursing and Education are on board. I am trying to be strategic in a way that I will be able to approach the rest. I am trying to get the president. Then automatically the deans will be interested.

Kishnani: some of the deans are old. Is there an issue or concerns health wise?

Cox: some can't do it. So associate deans can do it instead. If a dean has an issue like that like heart probs, then the associate will do t.

Popovic: how many times do you plan on dunking the dean?

Cox: these are details that need to be worked on. There might be a 15 minute sitting period.

Osterberg: A recommendation to get more participants would be to get each faculty to create sub-goals. If that goal is reached then the dean can agree to get dunked.

Cox: That is a good idea. Under this campaign, students may have issue with \$5 for dunking. So we also have One Dollar To Support a Scholar. There will be a big gold box. You can put your signature on it. And we can put it in a display case in the Student Awards Office to show student support. You can tell your respective faculties about it. I will be sending emails.

Chair: Moving on to EMC. We want to two councillors to be on the committee.

5.0 Electoral Monitoring Committee

Gooch: We need two councillors and you can nominate them right now.

Cicccone: What is the EMC?

Gooch: The EMC monitors the electoral process.

Chair: If there are any problems, issues with the candidates, etc., then the EMC reviews the CRO's decision.

Gooch: We can have the information about the EMC available for you. You can't run on the election if you are on the committee. If this body prefers that you read the information about the EMC, you can do that and we can get back to this later.

Be it resolved that the UWSA council nominate Lalonde to be on the EMC.

MOVED: Popovic

SECONDED: Osterberg.

Vote (all/Lalonde abstains)

Chair: Would anyone else like to nominate someone to be on the EMC?

Be it resolved that the UWSA council nominate Osterberg to be on the EMC.

MOVED: Wilson

SECONDED: Virani

Vote (all/Osterberg abstains)

5.0 Establishing a Sustainable Campus Plan and Environmental Committee for the University of Windsor

Kishanni: Some of you have heard about the environmental campaign that is going on. We are basically establishing the environmental committee. I am with the environmental law society. I am trying to reach out to students from the university. This sustainable campus plan was established by SYC. It essentially has a framework that reviews all the university's processes. How they purchase products for example. They come up with a more sustainable plan for the university. Right now what I have done in the past 2 months is reach administration faculty and staff. We have 15 on board. I would like to make a motion get your support.

Gooch: I have been working with them in the summer with the university. This is a year that is most receptive for the university. He has been working hard on doing all the groundwork that is necessary. I would like to encourage the council to be receptive to all the motions coming forward.

Osterberg: You had a Facebook group and a petition? How's the petition going?

Kishnani: It is not going well at all. People join the group but no one petitioned. There is a lot of interest however.

Gooch: It might be that the petition asked a lot of personal questions. People may have been afraid to give it out.

Be it resolved that the UWSA council strongly support the adoption and implementation of the university-wide sustainable campus plan.

MOVED: Kishnani

SECONDED: Beaulieu

Khan: Does everyone know what the campus plan is and what the recommendations are?

Kishnani: There are no recommendations. It is just an endorsement.

Khan: So we are supporting a plan that hasn't been made yet?

Kishnani: It is just an endorsement. We don't have a plan that has been implemented. Basically I want to have the university move towards this idea and plan. Students, faculty, and staff are contributing to this plan.

Wilson: Is there a way to change the wording of the plan?

Palmer: Doesn't the word implementing mean we are supporting?

Kishnani: Maybe I should propose the motion of making of the committee first so you know what is.

Osterberg: I like the word implementation. It is very good. I think that we want to support the creation of a plan and see that the university implements it.

Wilson: I don't like the idea of approving a plan blindly. I support the issue of being created. We can say implemented after you actually have the plan made.

Kishnani: With this plan, there is no necessity to come here in my respectful opinion. We are just trying to reach to interested parties. There will be a committee with staff, students, and faculty. The motion says the word "adoption". It will be a long while for the committee to even start implementing things.

Popovic: How about changing the word "plan" to "initiative." This way it is not a concrete policy but a concept. I think this would solve it.

Be it resolved that the UWSA council strongly support the adoption and implementation of the university-wide sustainable campus initiative.

Vote (all)

Motion carries.

Be it resolved that the UWSA council strongly support the establishment of environmental committee.

MOVED: Kishanni

SECONDED: Pfaff

Osterberg: When we say committee, can we say the university is the one that created a committee. When you endorse the creation of a committee, it could be the endorsement of a UWSA committee.

Raza, O: The university committee speaks to a different thing also. I think you should amend the motion to university wide committee.

Kishnani: It is just a environmental committee.

Be it resolved that the UWSA council strongly support the establishment of a university-wide environmental committee.

Vote (all)

Motion carries.

Be it resolved that UWSA council elect three council members and one executive to be on the environmental committee.

MOVED: Kishnani

SECONDED: Gooch

Gooch: Can you please make that two councillors and one executive member. There are a lot committees that I have to appoint councillors to and I can't even get them. It is difficult to fill these positions. There is a lot of representation from the UWSA. You can also say UWSA members instead of councillors so that the board members can join too.

Khan: How many do you have on the committee so far?

Kishnani: We have 16 faculty, administration, and staff. This is not including students.

Chair: Maybe you can give a time commitment?

Kishnani: I can't really. It is all work in progress.

Vote(all)

Motion carries.

Be it resolved that where the student representatives feel that the students will not be unfairly burdened, the UWSA shall not impede the efforts of the environmental committee in its endeavour towards a more sustainable university.

MOVED: Kishnani

SECONDED: Raza, O.

Kishnani: I am saying that the UWSA will not impede the efforts of the environmental committee when it comes to its goals.

Palmer: Can you give us an example?

Kishnani: Like costs. Some feel that it is unfair. There is not an unfair burden on students. Then...

Chair: I don't know if that can be a valid motion. I would rule it out of order. It is not a positive motion.

Osterberg: We won't interfere unless something does go against student interest, something controversial. I don't see any reason for this motion. I agree with the Chair. It cannot be done. I don't like binding our hands without knowing what happens.

Chair: I rule this motion out of order. You can challenge the chair if you would like.

Kishnani: I don't want to challenge the chair.

Be it resolved that the UWSA council nominate Raza, O to be on the environmental committee.

MOVED: Dadwal, V.

SECONDED: Popovic

Be it resolved that the UWSA council nominate Osterberg to be on the environmental committee.

MOVED: Wilson

SECONDED: Virani

Be it resolved that the UWSA council nominate Wilson to be on the environmental committee.

MOVED: Osterberg

SECONDED: Virani

Chair: We have three people. I don't want to force anyone to vote.

Raza, O: I think it would be appropriate to get a report from the committee to the board. Since someone from the senate will be on the committee, I withdraw my nomination.

Vote(all) Wilson and Osterberg abstain

Motion carries.

Kishnani: On the 29<sup>th</sup> of November, there will be a meeting. If anyone is interested in learning more about this, you are invited to come.

Wilson: What time is it at?

Kishnani: It is at 2 pm in the board room. Everyone can meet each other and mingle.

Popovic: Would it be possible to include about this campaign in the pulse?

Khan: Yes.

### Exec Reports

#### 4.0 Tiffany Gooch - President

Gooch: I would like to applaud the student senators for their accomplishment last week. There was a motion to change the bi-law about the appeal process. There will be a \$20 fee for appeals according to the bi-law. They wanted to change the wording to applicable fee. It was established to us that if it was no longer in the bi-law, as a committee that has student majority, that committee can set the fee. The advisory committee can only do it and they changed the appeal fee to \$35. We didn't want to change the fee because it spoke to the senate that they shouldn't be setting fees. At those meetings, we were able to successfully defeat the motion. The students aren't the majority. It took a lot of sectors of the senate and a lot of lobbying. Any student charged \$35 will be getting a credit for \$15. It was a great accomplishment. I am going to skip to BOG. I had a resource allocation meeting. One of the issues around the fee is that they set several fees that aren't ancillary fees but are optional fees. The problem we saw is that the numbers don't come to the board. The budget report doesn't come. One student representative is on the advisory fee board. The actual body that approves changes is the BOG. Second

initiative is that we get any changes that are made. If it is through the administration, they don't have to come up with any rationale. The advisory fee said they were trying to make it par to US when they increased the fee.

Wilson: Who is sitting as the student representative?

Gooch: I am. Hopefully we can get more student representatives. I went to the conference. I would love to be able to introduce you to the OUSA campus coordinator. She is fantastic and she'll be able to get a report to tell you what was happening in the lobbying conference. I am sure you are all aware of the fiscal situation of the province. We did ask to reconsider some of the structure that is in place. Changes with in OSAP or how the maximum cap for loans can be decided are some of the things. We had discussion around the 6 month grace period before you have to start paying back the OSAP. We are pushing for one year with no interest. We are also asking for affordable child care so that students can go to post secondary. If you have any questions, feel free to come to my office. We should be doing satellite lobbying. In terms of WUFA strike fund, I am sure you would have heard of this. I worked close with the executive assistant in putting the framework together. If you have questions about the WUFA strike fund, let me know. If you have students asking you about the requirements you need to be well informed. Everything is uploaded on the UWSA site.

Palmer: If after the deadline there is still money left over what is happening with that?

Gooch: The money is going to a fund for appeals at the discretion of the academic advocate. We have 8000k to distribute.

Palmer: Who's making the decisions for the strike fund distributions?

Gooch: There are three board members. You can nominate yourself. Tell a board member if you want to. Or email Dadwal. She is on the chair.

#### 7.0 Tosin Bello – Vice President of Finance and Operations

Bello: Club funding committee over the past two weeks have been reviewing funding requests for student groups. I sat down with three of them and we have prepped them for all of their funding requests with the board. All financial statements are complete. I have pushed the date to December 1<sup>st</sup> for scholarships to allow for more students to apply. Thanks to Dingle, we have an updated form. All of the information for scholarship is up online. We have the posters for circulation. I have consolidated the club accounts and found \$3000 more. If clubs are dormant for two or more years, then all the money is taken out of their account. I am working on a new framework for the board, a structure as to how to work with funding requests.

Kishnani: Clubs that are inactive, we take the money away?

Bello: Yes, the money goes to the funding for clubs.

Kishnani: Law society doesn't have that.

Bello: It is only for clubs that are ratified with the UWSA, not societies.

Wynter: Scholarships were pushed back cause of the strike?

Bello: Yes. Also I am not comfortable with the lack of advertising. People who were aware of it from previous years have applied. I have less than 10. I am going to forward an email to clubs and they will email to other students.

Palmer: Send it through student pulse.

Dingle: Please tell your friends. There haven't been enough applicants.

Pfaff: Where would you get the information about the scholarships?

Bello: It is on the academic link on the uwsa site.

Dhami: Is there scholarship for Inter-faculty?

Bello: I will get back to you about that.

Gooch: This is Andrew Vent, the man behind the WUFA fund framework. The board approved it right away.

Vent: The forms are on the site and in the office for appeals.

Gooch: Please don't leave without getting an invite for the Christmas party.

Raza, O: I would like to invite all of you to the white ribbon campaign. Thanks to the last commentary from the last time, we have been getting more feedback. All the males please come out and support. You will be tentatively be able to buy a white ribbon. It is a phenomenal donation. Take the pledge to speak against violence against women. Jiselle Harrison is a speaker at the campaign.

Bello: You should put the flyers for the campaign in the UWSA office too.

Dingle: If anyone has an event, please let me know. I can put it on the student pulse. My email is on the website.

Raza, O: I do want to commend the communication coordinator because information is circulating very well.

Palmer: I want to give a quick invite to the Afrofest A-list ball. There will be a few guest speakers and performances.

Motion to adjourn at 5:04 pm.

MOVED: Osterberg

SECONDED: Wilson