

Thursday, October 9, 2008  
4:00 pm  
UWSA Council Chamber

Voting Members Present: Spencer Dingle (Theresa Trad), Sabrina Spidalieri (Aaron Campbell), Colin Baldner (Marla Cronin), Tamara Popovic, Tanuj Virani, Taamjeed Rahmaan, Ayesha Raza, Parvati Dadwal, Viva Dadwal, Omar Raza, Gary Kalaci, Reshma Kishnani (Bassam Lazar), Nicole Wynter, Nneka Egejuru, Michelle Palmer, Bryan Pillon, Stephanie Wilson, Ayesha Raza

Ex-officio Members Present: Tosin Bello, Tiffany Gooch, Mohsin Khan, Shae Kavanaugh

Chair: Vanessa Voakes

1.0 Call to order at 4:09 pm

2.0 Chair's Business

Chair: I don't have any business. We can move to approving the agenda.

3.0 Approve agenda

Be it resolved that the UWSA Council approve the agenda.

MOVED: Virani

SECONDED: Wilson

Vote (16/0/0)

Motion carries.

4.0 Approval of Minutes

Be it resolved that the UWSA Council approve the minutes of September 25, 2008.

MOVED: Popovic

SECONDED: Baldner

Vote (15/0/1)

Motion carries.

Baldner abstains.

### **New Business**

5.0 Electoral Monitoring Committee

Chair: There is an open spot on the EMC. Would anyone like to be nominated and take the seat?

Palmer: Who resigned?

Kavanaugh: Jessica Moore Lynch

Raza, O.: I want to nominate Viva Dadwal

Be it resolved that the UWSA council nominate Viva Dadwal to be on Electoral Monitoring Committee.

Vote( 16/0/0)

Motion carries.

## 6.0 OUSA Conference

Khan: I don't have any delegates who want to go to the OUSA conference. It is in Windsor. It is the 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of October. Only Ms. Gooch is coming.

Raza, O: POI. What policies are up for view?

Khan: Most them are.

Dadwal: 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> ?

Popvoic: What time is it?

Khan: Starting at 1 pm.

Chair: If anyone is interested, please email Khan.

Dadwal, V: Can you upload this to the site so we know when conferences occur and also applications for students who are interested?

Spidalieri (Campbell): You can also put up the updates for OUSA.

Khan: It is on council minutes.

Spidalieri (Campbell); I think it would be good if you put it up, in case students are interested.

## 7.0 Strike Update

Gooch: I will get you into the loop as to what is going on at the moment. We are into the after math of the strike. They have added two weeks to the semester. Uwin week is available for class schedule and they have added a week at the end of semester. The last exam is on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Snow day is on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of December. Exams could take place on that day. There is also a decision made that there would be no midterms the first 2 weeks of school by Senate bylaw 51.7. Over all, those were the initial decisions made by the administration; there are a lot of discrepancies. Some faculties are taking advantage of the two weeks added. Some professors are not having classes during those two weeks. A lot of issues are coming out of this. They want to know what flexibility is available. In extreme circumstances those who cannot write the exam, they should be able write them in January. They are going to try to accommodate as much as they can. Some

classes are compressing their class material. The office is getting a lot of complaints for not getting back our semester properly. We have been in constant talk with those who are responsible for coming up with exam schedules, whether students can write before their scheduled date due to conflicts. The problem is about academic integrity. If students see exam it is a problem. We're going to see if there can be compensation for the time we lost.

Nicole Wynter enters at 4:18 pm.

Some are thinking of having a walk-out and possibly strike back. We are looking at how strike has affected other schools. It is necessary that you become as involved as possible within your own faculty and see what is happening with appeal requests and how things are going to work. Dadwal and I got an opportunity to see that exams and assignments can't be in the first 2 weeks. It is already being violated all over the place. Students will be bombarded with everything in the 3<sup>rd</sup> week. We are treading. We don't know what to do. Any suggestions you have about how to go forward? If there are issues we don't know, please bring it forward.

Wilson: Some faculty is not including the 2 weeks for taking classes. Is that just a break for students?

Gooch: Some professors decided to have no classes that week. They might have planned a trip. Some have only four classes. But they have to stick around for it.

Palmer: The issue about the midterms occurring in the first two weeks...I don't think that's being understood by students. Some have tests on Wednesday. We have to tell people what their rights are and make them understand. I think there is a general misunderstanding.

Wynter: With the exam period, exams are in the last week of classes. That might be a potential issue of breaking a law in the bylaw.

Dadwal, V: Ms. Gooch, if you remember the talk with Dr. Smith. I think should follow up about students not sticking around.

Kavanaugh: If anyone is interested in communicating to students and clear up the misunderstandings and you would like to help out, spare an hour a day. See Khan after this.

Dadwal, V: Although we appreciate the idea, we actually talked to them and assignments shouldn't be allowed in the first two weeks. He said it can't be more than 20%. We don't have a clear understanding about what to do.

Raza, O: What is the plan right now?

Kavanaugh: We just started thinking about how to plan. So there are no set plans as of right now.

Gooch: We're looking to do a facebook campaign;; the website has been updated; there is a space for a full page in the Lance. It has to be written tonight. Your rights book is being written right now to be distributed.

Palmer: You should send a mass email. Everyone should know their rights.

Kavanaugh: As long as we have the university's permission, we have no problem with it.

Raza, O: This is something we should press forward. It has to be let out for these two weeks especially. This email has to get out. We have to take it seriously.

Gooch: We do have the regular Student Pulse: we will have blurb sent out about it along with a link to our website.

Dadwal, V: We should approach the problem by telling the administration that they will have lots of appeals on their hands.

Khan: That was brought up in the strike.

Vokes: Does anyone have any other questions about the strike update?

Gooch leaves at 4:28 pm.

## 8.0 WUFA money

Kavanaugh: I have attached the suggestions we came across from the Board with the agenda.

Raza, O: Did someone seriously suggest that we give the money back to WUFA?

Kavanaugh: Some students say that it is bribe money.

Spidalieri (Campbell): That is what the students wanted.

Raza, O: We could subsidize the WUFA money.

Kalaci: There is a way that we can give the money back to WUFA but still give it back to students. If we give it to WUFA as an endowment fund and make a scholarship, they can give us the interest on it every year that would go towards the students.

Wynter: How much was it that we received?

Kavanaugh: They counted it wrong. It was \$4600. We haven't gotten the 2<sup>nd</sup> installment. We should have between \$4000 and \$9000.

Spidalieri (Campbell): If we did do an endowment fund, how much would we make to give back to the students?

Kalaci: Good point. Why doesn't the UWSA have an endowment fund? They give money to the university but they don't give it directly to the UWSA to do this. We don't have one of our own. Correct me if I am wrong.

Bello: You are wrong. We do have one. That is how we give out the UWSA scholarships. The money we get from health and dental...the interest from it goes to that fund. It gives us the \$10000 scholarship.

Kalaci: That is not endowment fund. Something like getting back 10% a year. That kind of an investment is what I am talking about. That would make the people happy who want to give money back to WUFA.

Kavanaugh: So you want us give money to WUFA and ask for it back?

Palmer: What is the reasoning behind giving money back to WUFA, Spidalieri (Campbell)?

Spidalieri (Campbell) : It is basically considered bribery.

Chair: Just email Kavanaugh if you have other suggestions.

Kavanaugh: Because it is not our money, it is a political issue. It should be a council/board decision. But the board can do it if you don't want to.

Kalaci: This money goes into endowment fund for university students.

Be it resolved that the UWSA council ensure that they money received from WUFA goes to an endowment fund for the university students.

MOVED: Kalaci

SECONDED: Dadwal, V.

Chair: Discussion?

Palmer: I think it would be a better idea if we put it in a subsidy. We are using it for students but in reaction to strike. It is a small amount of money and we will get a small amount of interest. It won't be that helpful if it goes into an endowment fund.

Popovic: Can we put it as a referendum and ask the students?

Chair: If this motion fails, you can do that.

Balder: I don't think this council should be coming up with a financial decision. I think it should be the decision of the board of directors and not the council. It is more appropriate to ask council under this mandate.

Khan: I am against. I think the subsidy would be more helpful. The students will be appealing and the administration will not be compensating them for that. They won't waive the x amt of money. This money can go to the grade appeals and it will help students directly.

Spidalieri (Campbell): I am against the motion. The benefit from the endowment is pointless. You would be getting a small amount of money back.

Chair: I have four people against this motion.

Kalaci: I can take a friendly motion. If invested properly. It can go into...

Vookes: That's a different motion. It is not a friendly amendment.

Kalaci: I would like to withdraw the motion on floor.

SECONDED: Dadwal

Spidalieri (Campbell): We should just come up with suggestions. We should get a consensus on how the students want to spend the money. The council shouldn't actually decide. They can give suggestions to the board.

Kavanaugh: The executives and I brought this forward to the council because we wanted the input of 35 instead of 6.

Baldner: This is the council and they don't take responsibility for financial matters. The council is not here for this.

Palmer: I think we should just endorse the suggestions and bring back the best ideas and have it voted on.

Raza, O: I have a motion.

Be it resolved that the UWSA council let the funds provided by WUFA be allotted into an endowment fund that will solely and wholly provide funding for grade appeals.

Chairs: That can't go through. You can say endorse instead of that.

Kalaci: This is an unusual situation. This money is not part of the budget. This money is not coming from students' fees. I think council can take ownership over this. Under these circumstances we should be able to take ownership.

Chair: If you find the bylaw that states that there is a law that says council can take ownership, then it is fine.

Raza, O: I withdraw this motion since there was no seconder.

Motion for a five-minute recess.

MOVED: Raza, O.

SECONDED: Dadwal, V.

Vote (20/0/0)

Motion carries.

Meeting back to order at 4:49 pm

Chair: So we are now back from our recess.

Raza, O: we are still in discussion?

Chair: yes, 7.0.

Raza, O:

Reading from the Constitution:

#### 5.1.1 Powers of Council

5.1.1.1 Council shall be responsible for the representation and advocacy duties of the UWSA as set forth in 2.1 and 2.2.

5.1.1.2 Council shall have residuary authority over items not clearly distinguished in Article 2.

5.1.1.3 Council shall have a right to review the minutes and receive a full report of any body it has created or over which it has supervision.

5.1.1.4 Council shall have a right to view the Board minutes.

5.1.1.5 Council shall only have the right to overrule a Board decision that is carried out in accordance with Article 6.3.2 or where that Board decision restricts the ability of Council to fulfill the duties set out for Council in this Constitution.5.2

#### 5.2.1 Powers of Board

5.2.1.1 Board shall be responsible for the service providing duties of the UWSA as set forth in 2.3.

5.2.1.2 Board shall manage the corporate affairs of the UWSA, including but not limited to matters of a primarily legal, financial, staff, business enterprise and services nature.

5.2.1.3 Board shall have a right to review the minutes and receive a full report of any body it has created or over which it has supervision.

Reading from the By-laws:

By-law 10: Council

#### Part 1: Council Responsibilities

1.1 Council shall be primarily responsible for overseeing and fulfilling the representation and advocacy duties of the UWSA.

1.2 Council shall only hear appeals of decisions of Board where authorized by Constitution Article 5.1.1.5.

1.2.1 Where Council and Board disagree that a restriction as set out in Constitution Article 5.1.1.5 has occurred, the determination shall be by a third party approved by both Council and Board.

By-law 20: Board

Part 1: Board Responsibilities

1.1 Board shall be responsible for the oversight of the services as set out in Constitution Article 5.2, including operations engaged in by the UWSA such as:

- a) UNIWIN;
- b) The Lance;
- c) Policy Management Board;
- d) Used Bookstore; and,
- e) Health & Dental Plan

My understanding of these bylaws about any financial matters is that it is not the service of the UWSA, it doesn't fall to the board directly. It could fall to the council. It is not fully distinguished.

Vokes: Article 2 also states that any financial matter is a financial matter. The money was given to the UWSA. I will not allow a motion that does more than endorse.

Gooch enters.

Kalaci: I will take a motion.

Be it resolved that UWSA to endorse this money and it be used towards the endowment fund to generate money for student scholarships.

MOVED: Kalaci

SECONDED: Pillon

Kalaci: I want this to be for appeals also. I don't want to tie too much to this motion and leave it up to the board.

Vokes: The board ultimately makes the decision.

Wilson: I would like to make an amendment and add UWSA fund.

Spidalieri (Campbell): You have capital and income. This \$5000 will be capital. The income would be to UWSA. It will be an UWSA endowment that will get the income and capital. So I am in favour.

Egejuru: POI. How much money do you need?

Spidalieri (Campbell): This will be a start-up money.

Palmer: In general, we have the right idea by wanting to create a fund. This situation will come up in January and December time. We have to stay current to our situation and hire a second academic advocate.

Bello: If you're in favour of the grade appeals subsidy, you can make a motion that the council endorse this and speaking about the gathering of the money for endowment, we have a reserve in place where we get our scholarships from.

Chair: Thanks Mr. Bello.

Vote (15/0/6)

Motion carries.

Raza, O., Dadwal, V., Baldner, Egejuru, Palmer, and Wynter abstain.

Chair: Any other discussion?

Popovic: Is there any way to get student opinion?

Kavanaugh: We can put it on our poll on our website.

Popovic: The problem is that a same person can vote many times.

Palmer: There will be a note in the Student Pulse with a link to someone who will be in charge of that.

Spidalieri (Campbell): You guys can make another suggestion and make another motion that is mutually exclusive.

Be it resolved that the UWSA endorse the use of money that WUFA has given students for grade subsidy.

MOVED: Wynter

SECONDED: Popovic.

Vote(21/0/0)

Motion carries.

### **Exec reports**

#### *President*

Gooch: Since the strike ended, there was a lot of back to work protocol discussions. With GSS, UWSA Council, Board, OPUS, Societies and concerned students there was a meeting that took place last Thursday. We met with Dr. Smith and the academic advisor committee and discussed a lot of ideas about the exams and how this semester would be made up. There have been further discussions since that consultation. They don't want to be democratic about dealing the exam schedule and having exams at 7am in the morning. I have had media interviews and I was just at a meeting just now. In terms of the 7 am exam they have to schedule exams in 3 hours increment. That should be communicated to students. They can start exam at 8 am. There is flexibility in terms of exams being written before Christmas but they need to contact professors about when. It is only in individual basis. If the students have bought tickets, they can present it as proof and they can write the exam either earlier or after the Christmas break. We are working as much as before about the student campaign. Tonight those who are interested can work with

me on a 1000 word letter for the Word from the Editor section for the Lance. I can use any of your help and you can be well versed to help students as well. The fall reading week was just added to the calendar without consultation. There has been confusion about it. That week should be approved by the senate. The board of governors meeting on Saturday passed the WUFA agreement. In terms of the federal election taking place right now, we want students to get involved about the candidates and all that information. We couldn't have an all candidates meeting. But we did get a radio interview and we'll have it on our site for students to hear. We also have material from CFS to be distributed regarding the strike.

Raza, O: Question: the bylaw where it says about having three exams in one calendar day...is that still enforced?

Gooch: It is still being enforced.

Raza, O: What would I do if I had that problem?

Kavanaugh: you can call the registrar.

Popovic: Is it not a 24 hour day?

Gooch: No a calendar day.

*Vice President of University Affairs*

Khan: I have been going to the meetings together with Gooch. CFS reports are going to be handed out. There will be polling places for residence students. They have to have a student ID card. Teaching awards have been extended to Nov 28<sup>th</sup> instead. Occupations will be available.

Palmer: The teaching awards nominations have been changed from 17<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>?

Khan: No it is during that period.

Pillion: Has there been a lot who were nominated in the past?

Vokes: Yes. It depends on how much advertising was done.

*Vice President of Administration*

Kavanaugh: Most of you have been contacted by an executive for one of the three committees. All candidates meeting took place last night. As far as training goes there will be an alternate one. There was one in May. The upcoming one is set for the Sat Oct 25<sup>th</sup>. So if you didn't attend before, you can attend now. We are waiting on speaker's times. There are two concerts coming up that director of student coordinator planned. One on Oct 20<sup>th</sup> and October 30<sup>th</sup>.

Wilson: 25<sup>th</sup> of October. That is in middle of OUSA conference. Maybe that is why there are not many delegates willing to go to the conference.

Kavanaugh: We did consider that but the training is mostly for the new candidates. If we go any later it will be in the middle of midterms.

*Vice President of Finance and Operations*

Bello: In the last update, I introduced some framework so that the societies can be more accountable to their numbers. They have to provide back ups. I had several meetings with societies and told them of their expectations for more smooth transaction. I have completed all of the club funding requests. Next step is Bello in motion. We are going to have talks around the university; class room talks about services provided by the UWSA. I don't have the whole speaking points. But I do have the timeline. Just contact me to fill in your availability. Proposals for where the ad space will be for uwsa are underway. Vender space project – I am working on an analysis of the introducing new vendor space, drafting proposals, and possible vendors and vendor locations.

UWSA has scholarships. I wasn't able to communicate to students. The deadline has been pushed forward. Marketing will commence on 25<sup>th</sup> of October. November 30<sup>th</sup> will be the deadline.

Pillon: When will know who won?

Kavanaugh: As soon as we pick them.

Palmer: The vendor space ...is it anywhere in campus or CAW?

Bello: The CAW.

Spidalieri (Campbell): Do you have any clients who will be interested?

Bello: I don't want to say anything right now till everything is certain. I can tell you later.

Raza, O: I don't think it was properly advertised by our staff about the elections. We had pamphlets before. I just wanted to make sure that this opinion was out there. I think we have to emphasis on this election.

Dadwal, V.: We can use the projector downstairs to communicate this.

Kalaci: I want to make a motion about human resources related points on camera.

Motion to go on camera.

MOVED: Kalaci

SECONDED: Wilson

Raza: If you could just highlight to the council what going on cam consists of?

Vokes: All discussion that takes place stays in the room and will not be published. It can be only discussed among us only now in this room.

Vote (21/0/0)

Motion carries.

Spidalieri (Campbell): Is everything in camera? The discussion? Do we need to make a motion?

Raza: We don't need to motion. The discussion is basically internal documents.

Be it resolved that all resolutions on camera with the council be presented to the board.

MOVED: Baldner

SECONDED: Bello

Vote (21/0/0)

Motion carries.

Motion to adjourn at 6:28

MOVED: Kalaci

SECONDED: Pillon

Vote (21/0/0)

Motion carries.