

Thursday, September 11, 2008

4:00 pm

Council Chambers

Voting Members Present: Ryan Osterberg, Stephanie Wilson, Parvati Dadwal, Ayesha Raza, Tamara Popovic, Tanuj Virani, Taamjeed Rahmaan, Viva Dadwal, Omar Raza , Reshma Kishnani, Bryan Pillon, Spencer Dingle, Colin Baldner, Michelle Palmer, Nichole Wynters

Ex-officio Members Present: Tosin Bello, Mohsin Khan, Tiffany Gooch, Vanessa Oaks

1.0 Call to Order at 4:10 pm

2.0 Chair's Business

Chair: Hey everyone. I just want to introduce myself. I am going to be the Chair for this year. I am a third year law student. I was the Vice President of University Affairs before. So I have a lot of experience with the UWSA. I am going to run meetings according to Robert's Rule of Order. I don't know your names. But I will try to get to know you. That's it for me. Are there any amendments to the agenda?

3.0 Approval of the agenda

Gooch: We are striking 9.0, 10.0, 12.0 from the agenda and we are adding new business: 9.0 CRI (Crimson Rope Initiative)

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

MOVED: Wilson

SECONDED: Baldner

Vote: 15/0/0

Motion carries.

4.0 Approval of the Minutes

- August 28th, 2008

Chair: Amendments to the minutes?

Wynters: It says on the minutes that I said we should be neutral and not support WUFA. But I said that we should be neutral and standing.

Wilson: You have to add to the minutes that Spidalieri and Baldner agree to not substitute the motion and that they want the main motion back on the floor.

Be it resolved that the UWSA Council approve the minutes with the changes for August 28th, 2008.

MOVED: Osterberg

SECONDED: Wynter

Vote: 15/0/0

Motion carries.

5.0 WUFA Update (information)

Osterberg: Was there a facilitator from the government of Ontario present at the meeting last time?

6.0 Committee Meeting (Information)

Gooch: Does everyone know what committees you are in? We will be sending out a doodle for the people on the committees so that we can find an agreeable timing and dates for those meetings.

Chair: Are there any questions?

None.

Chair: Moving on to next business.

7.0 By-Election Update (Information)

Bello: Does anyone want to do classroom talks and inform students about the bi-election? Basically, we are going to inform people about opt-out. I just wanted to inform everyone that if any one wants to get involved and come out for the classroom talk campaign, just let me know. I will have a list of all the classroom based on sizes and you can choose. Just email me and tell me who wants to be involved

Chair: Any questions?

None

8.0 Bi-Election Update (Information)

Gooch: There are two seats. Interfaculty and law. These two seats were added as of today.

Osterberg: Where did the 2nd seat come from?

Gooch: It was Jessica Moore Lynch's seat.

9.0 CRI

Gooch: If anyone is interested in this, it is for encourage students to speak and extending their speaking rights.

Coutros: We launched our site yesterday. We have a wiki site and a blog. It will eliminate barriers and get students involved in politics. Getting students that are apathetic and letting them know what is going on around the university, about the pub, etc.

Nneka Egejuru enters at 4:19 pm.

Wilson: What is the site?

Coutros: www.crimsonrope.org

Dadwal V.: Is this affiliated with UWSA?

Coutros: No. We are not associated with UWSA. It is an individual organization.

Dadwal V.: What exactly do you do?

Coutros: We try to give information in a correct way without bias. Even to the outside community.

Wynter: Is this about university politics or federal?

Coutros: It is within university, university politics. We are trying to get average people to have a way to communicate in direct manner without forms. The site is set up like Wikipedia and you can learn about whatever you want to know. Involvement hopefully increases around the community.

Wilson: Do you include groups such as OPUS, GSS and things like that?

Coutros: We are mainly with UWSA. But we would more than happy to accommodate other groups.

Wynter: Is this organization directed only to students?

Coutros: It is open to anyone as of right now. We don't have a control over that yet. It is for anyone who wants to voice an opinion.

Wynter: Do you think we should have a link from UWSA site? So more students know about it?

Coutros: We can certainly think about that.

Raza, O: Have you spoken to undergraduate societies?

Coutros: No

Omar: Can you facilitate web postings? Can we help them by using mass-email through clubs and societies? See if they can post the blogs?

Nick: Well, you create the pages. Anyone can create them. If you understand UWSA, please create pages and community can support itself and people can learn more. He is going to be doing everything. Just email him.

Gooch: We can discuss that.

Chair: First Osterberg, Spencer, and Colin on the speaking list.

Osterberg: From an administrative stand point, how are you controlling the information in the site?

Coutros: We have a moderation team right now who have access to control all pages. We are also relying on community to communicate properly

Osterberg: Are you campaigning?

Coutros: No. you will doing it as an individual. Your expertise is welcome. But you don't get any status.

Spencer: I want to talk about everybody wanting to put CRI link on the site. I don't want to do that yet before knowing more about this.

Chair: Out of order. Any other questions?

11.0 Shae Kavanaugh – Vice President of Administration

Gooch: Shae has gone well over 100 hours for welcome week. You are also aware of changes in bi-laws. Who didn't attend training for this year? Ok, seven people. We are trying to figure out if we should have one sometime soon or wait till counselors are put into position. Otherwise, there has been quite a bit of budget hiring. She is working with the CRO about the laws. That is pretty much it.

Motion to adjourn at 4:29 pm

MOVED: Raza, O.

SECONDED: Dadwal, P.

Vote: (16/0/0)

Motion carries