



**SENATE STUDENT CAUCUS
Minutes of Meeting**

Date: Friday, September 18, 2015

Time: 9:30am - 10:30am

Room: 209 Assumption Hall

Committee Members: Ms. Ghadeer Alghosein, Ms. Larissa Howlett, Mr. Emmanuel Igodan, Ms. Anna Kirby, Dr. Ziad Kobti (Chair), Ms. Vicki Jay Leung, Dr. Gurupdesh Pandher, Dr. Tina Pugliese, Dr. Clayton Smith, Prof. Gemma Smyth, Dr. Ryan Snelgrove

Absent: Dr. Tirupati Bolsetti (regrets), Mr. Ronald D'Aguilar (regrets), Ms. Bernarda Doctor, Ms. Priyanka Jaggi, Mr. Morteza Lalmazloumimi, Dr. Kathy Pfaff, Mr. John O'Reilly, Dr. Geri Salinitri (regrets), Ms. Dhouha Triki (regrets).

In Attendance: Ms. Renée Winternmute and Ms. Alison Zilli (University Secretariat).

Formal Business

1 Approval of Agenda

MOTION: That the agenda be approved.

Dr. Tina Pugliese/Mr. Emmanuel Igodan
CARRIED

2 E-Vote of April 17, 2015 (approving the Minutes of November 11, 2014)

The document was received for information.

3 Business arising from the minutes

Nothing to report.

4 Outstanding business

Nothing to report.

Items for Information

5 Reports/New Business

5.1 Senate Student Caucus Mandate

(See document SC150918-5.1 for more details.)

NOTED:

- The mandate of the Student Caucus is to bring items of concerns to students directly to Senate when the items are the business of Senate.
- Senate may then refer the items to a Standing Committee or other body for further consideration or policy development.
- The Dean of Students will refer matters that fall outside the purview of Senate to the appropriate bodies/offices.

5.2 Election of Co-Chair

(See document SC150918-5.2 for more details.)

NOTED:

- Members were reminded that Senate Student Caucus is comprised of eleven students, one of whom shall be elected by the student members of the caucus to serve as co-chair.
- The role of the Co-Chair is to bring matters of student concern to the regular meeting agenda, as appropriate, in consultation and agreement with the faculty co-chair and to review and approve the meeting agenda together with the faculty co-chair
- The Co-chair will be charged with chairing the Student Liaison Subcommittee, which is mandated to engage and consult regularly with different student constituencies on campus for the purpose of bringing their concerns forward to Caucus.
- Members were informed that a call for nominations was issued on July 30, 2015 to all eligible students on Senate Student Caucus.
- One student indicated interest in serving as student co-chair: Mr. Ronald D'Aguilar.

The floor was open for student nominations.

MOTION: That the nominations be closed.

Prof. Gemma Smyth/ Ms. Vicki Jay Leung
CARRIED

Mr. Ronald D'Aguilar was acclaimed to the position of Student Co-Chair.

6 Report on Student Affairs and Life on Campus

Campus Services

NOTED:

- The new parking garage, which has been open since last year is filled to maximum capacity with faculty and students. The garage added approximately 300 spaces to the overall capacity of parking across campus.
- Given that the campus is relocating some of their facilities and services downtown, the University has acquired some parking space for these students and staff who are housed in Faculties' downtown.
- The Bookstore, is now located on the lower level of the CAW Centre where people can find clothing, books, and a variety of new and interesting products. In addition, the Campus Bookstore will match advertised prices for books and course materials on in stock items sold and shipped by amazon.ca and chaptersindigo.ca.
- Brown Gold Coffee Shops have replaced the *Williams Coffee Pub* which is located in Leddy Library and *Bru*, which is a coffee shop located in the Anthony P. Toldo Building. Brown Gold coffee and teas are 100% free trade organic, which means that a fair price is paid for coffee that is grown in a manner that cares for the land.
- Students can use their UWin card for a variety of services, including meal plans and photocopying. There are central ports in the CAW Centre and the Leddy Library for refilling these cards, or it can be done online.
- In response to a question raised regarding extending the summer hours for the coffee shops on campus it was noted that it is not cost effective to keep them open as traffic is minimal and staff wages exceed revenue. It was further noted that Food Services is an ancillary service.
- In response to a question raised regarding whether students on campus who are on work placements downtown would be eligible for dual-parking permits, it was noted that due to space restrictions University downtown parking space are currently limited to students and staff whose main offices and programs are housed in the downtown core.

Student Affairs

NOTED:

- A comprehensive overview was provided on the services that are housed under the umbrella of the Vice-Provost, Student Affairs and Dean of Students.
- Some of the services that Student Affairs offers include Aboriginal Education Services, Student Success Centre,

Advising Services, Student Disability Services, Academic Integrity, Student Counseling, Career Services, etc.

- The University of Windsor has developed a draft stand-alone policy specifically focused on sexual assault to provide guidance for members of the university community when dealing with sexual assault or harassment issues on and off campus. Feedback on the draft will be obtained prior to finalizing the policy.
- Scholar Dr. Rachel Griffin, an associate professor from South Illinois University, was invited to Windsor to share her personal experiences from a survivor's perspective in an engaging talk entitled "Courage, Consent and Preventing Sexual Violence." The talk demonstrated the University's commitment to a zero tolerance policy regarding sexual violence.
- The University of Windsor is engaged in a search for a new Associate Vice-President, Student Experience, (current position title of Vice Provost Student Affairs and Dean of Students). Feedback on the new position can be provided in an online survey via the Provost's website at <http://www1.uwindsor.ca/provost/>.
- In response to a question raised regarding whether the University is addressing the recommendations put forth in the *Truth and Reconciliation Commissioners report*¹, which informs Canadians about the legacy of Indian Residential Schools and experiences, etc., it was noted that Student Services is working towards creating a culture of awareness through enhancing ongoing awareness across campus and working with Turtle Island to support aboriginal students.

Additional Business

7 Question period/Other Business

Nothing to report.

8 Adjournment

MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned.

Dr. Ryan Snelgrove/Prof. Gemma Smyth
CARRIED

¹ <http://www.trc.ca>