



**SENATE STUDENT CAUCUS
Minutes of Meeting**

Date: Friday, January 13, 2017

Time: 9:30am – 11:00am

Room: 209 Assumption Hall

Committee Members: Mr. Christopher Baillargeon, Mr. Justin Bugayong, Mr. Chaitanya Dharwa, Mr. Dave McEwen, Mr. Ryan Flannagan, Dr. Sean Horton, Dr. Jennifer Johrendt, Dr. Ziad Kobti, Ms. Sharon Munro, Dr. Kathy Pfaff, Dr. Tina Pugliese.

Absent: Mr. Aftab Anwer, Mr. RJ D'Aguilar, Ms. Nusrat Tarin Chowdhury, Ms. Bernarda Doctor, Dr. Claire Mummé, Dr. Gurupdes Pandher, Dr. Geri Salinitri, Ms. Amber Shaheen.

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

Formal Business

1 Approval of Agenda

MOTION: That the agenda be approved.

Mr. J. Bugayong/ Dr. J. Johrendt
CARRIED

2 Minutes of the meeting of October 7, 2016

MOTION: That the Minutes of the meeting of October 7, 2016 be approved.

Mr. C. Baillargeon/Dr. S. Horton
CARRIED

3 Business Arising from the Minutes

Nothing to report.

4 Outstanding Business

Nothing to report.

Items for Information

5 Reports/New Business

5.1 Report from the Student Co-Chair

NOTED:

- The Chair noted that the student co-chair is in the process of engaging and consulting with the Student Liaison Committee to identify potential agenda items.
- Student representatives were strongly encouraged to participate in the work of this important Committee as its role is to provide input to Student Caucus.

5.2 Student Caucus IT Advisory

Nothing to report.

5.3 Report on Student Affairs and Life on Campus

Student Affairs

NOTED:

- The AVP Student Experience provided an overview of the goals of the area for the next 2 years, identified during a Team Retreat that was held in December.
- The purpose of the retreat was to gain a better understanding of what is working well for each division of the team and to articulate areas that need enhancement. Improving the quality of student life on campus is of utmost importance to Student Affairs.
- Some of the issues and highlights identified during the retreat included:
 - A need for enhanced student advising as there are currently two advisors who saw a high volume of students this past year.
 - An overall approach and strategy for effectively communicating to students is needed. Currently there is too much information being sent to students from different avenues and in portals.
 - On campus Facebooking needs to be re-vitalized as an effective way to communicate information but also requires ongoing monitoring so that responses to comments can be provided.
 - Students are in dire need of space that is comfortable for studying and also conducive to lounging and conversing with friends.
 - The Writing Support Centre is doing wonderful work and has increased its capacity with four part-time staff as well as volunteers.
 - The Wellness Centre is in the process of being reviewed so that student counselling, mental health and medical services are brought together to broaden the circle of care as mental and physical health are fundamentally linked.
 - AppArmor which is a custom mobile safety application that is used to disseminate communications to others for safety purposed will soon be available for students to use.
 - Given that Windsor is a border city, the UWSA will be offering a bus service to the Detroit Auto Show and also working on other initiatives to showcase sporting or other entertainment events in Detroit
 - Head Start is being updated so that it does not rely solely on student volunteers. Instead student staff will be hired and training so that there is a more cohesive professional experience for incomers participating in the events. Talented faculty members will still be involved in providing presentations to engage students.
 - Welcome Week will be moving to a team-based approach with incoming students being brought in and team environments created to foster activities.
 - The Aboriginal Education Council is in the process of gathering feedback on better ways to approach and engage the aboriginal student population on campus.
 - Staff training in the area of sexual violent prevention is something that will be a major focus. The Enhanced Assess, Acknowledge, Act, (EAAA) Resistance Program includes 9 hours of initial training with 3 hours of self-defense.
 - The CAW is in the process of being re-envisioned. The Centre was built in 1993 and needs updating to make it more inviting and user-friendly for students. Other areas that are being refurbished include the Student Disability Services in the basement of Dillon Hall and the UWSA Lounge in the basement of the CAW Centre.
 - Increased collaboration with athletics, student clubs and UWSA will be a focus of attention so that there is better coordination between Greek organization (Fraternities), student clubs and campus events.
- In response to a question raised regarding whether consideration has been given to installing working security cameras in the Student Disability Services Examination Centre, it was noted that this currently is not a priority given that examination security concerns have not been flagged, but a review can be done to take this suggestion into consideration.

Campus Services

NOTED:

- In response to a question raised regarding the need for greater food diversity on campus, it was noted that Food Services has done its best to provide options for everyone including a new “Grab and Go” food item section.
- Each week the Market Place advertises daily specials, trying to ensure that there is diverse food to meet the needs of the campus community.
- Commencing January 1, 2017, all chain restaurants will be required to post calorie counts on menus and menu boards for each food item. This is a result of new legislation under the Healthy Menus Choices Act.
- Specific suggestions for expanding the food selection should be emailed directly to the Executive Director, Campus Services.
- Student Health Services is well subscribed by students and the wait to see a doctor is fairly quick (less than a week.)
- The Campus Bookstore will match prices for course materials and textbook on items sold and shipped by amazon.ca and chaptersindigo.ca. In light of this, over \$8000 in refunds have been credited to students.
- Additional parking spaces were added for the campus community to purchase and they were quickly sold.
- Student Affairs, working with Campus Services and Residence Services moved a group of students into residence and provided food vouchers for a month when an off-campus house fire forced them to leave their home.
- The holiday staff luncheon was successful in collecting a large number of non-perishable food items for the food bank as well as a donation of \$500.

5.4 Part-Time Student Issue

(See document SC170113-5.4 for more details.)

NOTED:

- In 2007 Student Committee submitted a report on Part-Time Student Issues. Since it is a decade later, consideration is being given to re-visiting the report and re-assessing part-time student needs and issues.

AGREED:

- That a Working Group comprised of Mr. Chris Baillargeon, Mr. Ryan Flannagan, Ms. Sharon Munro, Mr. Dave McEwen, Mr. Justin Bugayong, and Dr. Ziad Kobti be established to review current part-time student needs.

5.5 Paws for Stress

(See document SC170113-5.5 for more details.)

NOTED:

- An overview was provided on the Paws Room event that was held for 2 days in Nov/December in Ambassador Auditorium.
- The feedback was extremely positive and it is clear that the students and staff value being able to spend time with the therapy dogs.
- Therapeutic Paws of Canada, their dogs, volunteers and Nursing students who helped organize and run the events did an excellent job. In addition, gratitude was extended to Parking Services who provided free parking passes for the helpers.

Additional Business

6 Question period/Other Business

- In response to a concern raised about Nursing students being told to cease selling food such as pancakes and smoothies in the Anthony P. Toldo Building, it was noted that there are policies in place to ensure that all food being sold at the University meets health unit regulations and permits.
- Permission for bake sales is granted to students for fundraising or special events, but one week of bake sales does take away from revenue-generating restaurants on campus, which is not ideal.
- Food Services has a policy in place for ratified student groups for fundraising purposes only and there are regulations in place for any outdoor BBQ events.
- If students want to host an event or movie night, they should correspond with Food Services regarding 15% discounted rates from catering.
- The AVP Student Experience noted that students who are looking to generate funding for special events can apply through the Student Life Enhancement fund.
- The Student Life Enhancement Fund supports co-curricular activities that enhance student engagement and the student experience. Requests are considered from any recognized student group, club or registered student.
- Clarification on the University's sign posting policy was sought in response to a question raised about a need for visible space to post banners. It was also noted that the UWSA is looking into installing a monitor in the CAW Centre.

7 Adjournment

MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned.

Mr. J Bugayong /Dr. J. Johrendt
CARRIED