



SENATE STUDENT CAUCUS
Minutes of Meeting

Date: Friday, November 8, 2019

Time: 9:20-10:00am

Room: 209 Assumption Hall

Committee Members: Biane Deghaiche, Bernarda Doctor, Mr. Ryan Flannagan, Dr. Sean Horton, Dr. Shashi Jasra, Dr. Jennifer Johrendt, Prof Ruth Kuras, Sharon Munro, Quessia Mugabo, Donna Patterson, Dr. Katherine Quinsey (Chair).

Absent: Dr. Lorna de Witt (regrets), Dr. Bharat Maheshwari, Dave McEwen (regrets), Bhargav Pandya, Jay Patel, Dr. Geri Salinitri, Amber Shaheen, Lena Sleiman.

In Attendance: Ms. Renée Wintermute (University Secretary).

Formal Business

1 Approval of Agenda

MOTION: That the agenda be approved.

S. Jasra/S. Horton
CARRIED

2 Minutes of the meeting of September 13, 2019

MOTION: That the minutes of the meeting of September 13, 2019 be approved.

S. Munro/S. Horton
CARRIED

3 Business arising from the minutes

NOTED:

- The request to remove reference to the Student Liaison Subcommittee has been sent to the Bylaw Review Committee.
- Work has begun on the Committee’s webpage on the Student Experience website, which will include, among others, a brief description of the role of the Committee, the membership list (possibly with member photos), links to the Senate website, and a mechanism for submissions.

4 Outstanding business

Nothing to report.

Items for Information

5 Reports/New Business

5.1 Report of the Student Co-Chair

NOTED:

- The UWSA has launched a new initiative, Coffee with a Student Senator, to provide students with an opportunity to meet their representatives and learn about Senate.
- A survey asking students to identify issues is in the works. This will help set the agenda for the UWSA Student Affairs Committee.

5.2 Report on Student Affairs and Life on Campus

NOTED:

- \$13k worth of funding has been awarded for student mental health initiatives. A second round of applications will be reviewed with \$9k in funding remaining for the year.
- The Fall Open House was held Nov 2-3, 2019 and was very successful, with 2900 attendees (parents and prospective students).
- Work will begin in May 2020 to refurbish space in the CAW Centre, and an anticipated completion date of August 2020. Renderings for co-locating Health Services and Counselling Services are finalized. The project has been postponed to May 2021 to minimize disruption and finalize funding.
- Plans are in the works for Pride Walkway along Wyandotte Avenue with an anticipated start date of Spring 2020. If the work along the City street cannot be undertaken, it was suggested that placing it along Turtle Island Walk may be an option.
- Recommendations stemming from the Student Mental Health report are being actively addressed, with the recommendation about including mental health considerations in the Senate bylaws and including mental health resources on course syllabi are on the November Senate agenda.
- The Office of the AVP, Student Experience and the UWSA have partnered to extend tele/video-counselling to all students. My Student Support Program (MySSP) is an immediate and fully confidential 24/7 mental health support that can be accessed for free through chat, online, and telephone. This service is available to all University of Windsor students and offered in over 30 languages.
- Consideration should be given to consolidating all on-campus job opportunities on one webpage (Ignite, Food Services, etc.) for ease of reference for students.
- Discussions about common spaces for students in the downtown campus are ongoing.

Additional Business

6 Question period/Other Business

PAWS for Stress events will be held November 27th (with a “paws” room for dogs and a “paws” room for cats) and December 3rd.

7 Adjournment

MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned.

S. Jasra/S. Horton
CARRIED