



NOTICE OF MEETING

There will be a meeting of the
Senate Student Caucus
on Friday, April 1, 2022
2:30-4:00pm

LOCATION: Virtual Meeting

Link: [Click here to join the meeting](#)

AGENDA

Formal Business

- 1 Approval of Agenda
- 2 Minutes of Meeting of February 4, 2022
- 3 Business arising from the minutes

Items for Information/Discussion

- 4 Outstanding business
- 5 Reports/New Business
 - 5.1 Report of the Student Co-Chair
 - 5.2 Report on Student Affairs and Life on Campus

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Additional Business

- 6 Question period/Other business/Open Discussion
- 7 Adjournment

Please carefully review the 'starred' (*) agenda items. As per the June 3, 2004 Senate meeting, 'starred' items will not be discussed during a scheduled meeting unless a member specifically requests that a 'starred' agenda item be 'unstarred', and therefore open for discussion/debate. This can be done any time before (by forwarding the request to the secretary) or during the meeting. By the end of the meeting, agenda items which remain 'starred' (*) will be deemed approved or received.

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5.1: **Report of the Student Co-Chair**

Item for: **Information**

1) Miscellaneous student concerns

- Worked with individual students to address a multitude of concerns regarding courses, student experience, & academics.

2) RBC Kiosk in CAW

- RBC has opened its temporary location in the CAW commons earlier this month. They are here to provide support and advice to students interested in learning more about information that falls within the scope of financial literacy.
- I have had a couple of meetings with them to discuss some potential workshops that could be provided to students upon opening their permanent space later this year.

3) Faculty of Education Concerns

- Myself and Dr. Andrews met with the Dean of the Faculty of Education to discuss a series of recurring concerns expressed amongst students.
- We are hoping to continue working closely on addressing these concerns moving forward.

4) Questions

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5.2: Report on Student Affairs

Item for: **Information**

Residence

- Move out is April 30th, and have one week to prep for move in for the 12-week Intersession/Summer.
- The Community Assistant in Wellness continue to run at least two to four wellness initiatives each month focusing on self-care and wellness and informing resident students about on & off-campus resources.

International Student Centre

- Finally, the ISC continues to support many students experiencing sudden and unexpected emergencies to provide support, advising and referrals for financial and other support when required.
 - In the past semester, we have had some very serious and heartbreaking international student emergencies, I have never been so proud of to be a part of the Lancer Community, and am grateful that we have come together, along with the Windsor community to help support these students and their families and friends. I have witnessed an abundance of courage and compassion, I am overwhelmingly touched, and this truly keeps me going.

Turtle Island Aboriginal Education Centre

- Turtle Island Aboriginal Education Centre, there is ongoing - student conversation on Discord – Online socials (such as game and movie nights) <https://discord.gg/BpJtXxQRQH>
 - PowWow scheduled for first week in June 2022

The Student Success and Leadership Centre

- The Bounce Back and Bounce Back 2.0 Programs– retention programs are ending soon.
- UWill Discover Conference this week, today was the last day, were over 170 student presentations, as well as various discussion panels on mental health and wellness, and EDID presentations.
- VURE Voices in Undergraduate Research Experience –The students who are working as research assistants in the VURE program, are in a listening phase of gathering information, they are conducting several interviews across campus, with various leaders/faculty/staff in the UWindsor community, and while they were doing these interviews and gaining insight into voices in research, there was a discussion on experiencing secondary trauma or indirect trauma for those doing research, they will be submitting a report to the next group of VURE students for action items.
 - Important part of the process is listening to the student voices from their perspective, to begin the conversation about support for those in research who suffer from secondary trauma or indirect trauma while working as an RA or OS
- Also with the OS program, we are looking at alternative opportunities for students who don't get into the OS program. With this type of admission process we look towards more of a student wellness and a growth mindset approach to student development.
- Lancer Gaming - Lancer Gaming – Lenovo, \$20,000;
- Head Start - June-August-finalizing the faculty head start dates. As well as finalizing the UWin 101 session and Parent/Caregiver/Support sessions for incoming students.
- Welcome Week -Proposed September 3rd-10th -
- LEAD student volunteers- year-round, mostly operated September-April: Upper year students help support incoming students at orientation events and most recently, Winter 2022 Orientation. LEAD also hosts

socials/events, including events aimed at supporting charitable causes throughout the year, one in Winter 2022 and Fall 2022, current one was Relay for Life; raised over \$30,000

Central Academic Advising

- Continue virtual appointments and drop ins, effective, we have had about 1966 appointments since the university reopened January between our three advisors.
- Taking on a collaborative approach to advising, Our Advisors will continue to meet regularly with academic advisors within faculties.

Student Accessibility Services

- Continue to support students. Advisors are available by appointment in person or virtually.

Student Health, Counselling, and Wellness Office

Direct Mental Health Support

- Currently offering both virtual and in person appointments as of February 2022
- **Extended Hours:** Our hours are 8:30-4:30 however we do have a staff on contract who is working evening and weekend hours at least until June, we will re-evaluate the need to continue these extended hours.
- **We have Embedded therapists** in some faculties (law, nursing, engineering), including our four-legged Co-Therapist in Engineering, Winnie, UWindsor's only 4 legged employee.
- Due to staff change, as well as the increase in student using mental health services,
 - Hired three new part-time temporary clinical therapists to help meet increased demand for mental health services adding 40-50 appointments per week.
 - We are currently down one full-time Psychologist position and hope to fill that as soon as possible.
- Student Health Services – physicians providing mental health appointments and also have psychiatrist one day per week.
- Initial intake appointments are still being offered with 24-72 hours of student reaching out for assistance
- 24/7 mental health support also being offered by MySSP through phone/text

Wellness

- **Resilience Workshop.** Currently we have a graduate psychology student is working on developing a workshop on resilience that can be delivered by peer leaders.

Return to Campus. In addition to the Return to Campus toolkit under development, (e.g, coping, practical tips for adjusting, etc.), we're planning to distribute care packages to students. Also, many parts of the toolkit is in collaboration with other areas on campus, like the Peer support Centre and LEAD volunteers from the SSLC

- The **Lancers Recover Program** is a peer-support program at the University of Windsor that provides an intentional and supportive space for students who identify as being in recovery. Dr. Onawa Labelle, in 2020 founded UWindsor Lancers Recover, and just last Fall, 2021, Lancers Recover became institutionalized as part of the **Office of Student Experience.**
 - For those of you who don't know, the Lancers recover program is the first collegiate recovery program in all of Ontario and the second to be established in all of Canada. In the time that has passed since we started the program in 2020, additional programs have popped up in Canada and at least three others are in the developmental stages.
 - With a focus on social connection, through a supportive wholistic well-being approach, the Lancers Recover team will continue to provide weekly recovery meetings, and one-on-one peer meetings with personalized recovery resources and support. As students transition back to on campus.
 - Currently, there are 2 to 4 monthly social events, for example, online film viewing, kayaking trips, apple picking, yoga for recovery, crossfit sessions, and nature walks.
 - We also launched the Recovery Ally Training offered to all students, staff and faculty aimed at de-stigmatizing the recovery identity.
 - Recovery meetings and events are open to students and anyone at the University of Windsor who is interested in or seeking any pathway to recovery

BIDE Institute

- In 2021, the BIDE Institute was established, and through the four pillars of belonging, inclusivity, diversity, and equity, **BIDE**, a student led institute, provides student support, advocacy, and connection delivered from passion, perspective, and experience.
- The 2021-2022 **BIDE** team is made up of 11 student leaders and is supported by the Office of Student Experience and the Office of VP-EDI. We also have support across campus, from several faculties, like Engineering, Science, HK, FAHSS, Leddy Library, Alumni Association, UWSA,
- What you need to keep in mind is that these initiatives are completely developed and implemented by students. They know what they need as students and are meeting those needs themselves. It is remarkable to stand on the sidelines and watch them take creative action and collaborative leadership. It is so inspiring.
- Some **BIDE** programs and initiatives that support students that I would like to highlight are:
 - **2SLGBTQ+ Drop-in Centre** Drop-in centre Creates safer space for students of the community, with students who have been trained to specialize in issues relevant to students in the community. Currently operating in CAW Room 240 but hope to transfer to Wellness lounge once renovations are completed. Three 2SLGBTQ+ Student Peer Councilors have been hired.
 - **Wellness Lounge**
 - The location for this lounge will be on the second floor in Dillon Hall, in the former location of Campus Pride.
 - The renovations are underway for the space.
 - We are holding consultations with students to discuss what they would like the space to look like, as well as some resources they would like to have available.
 - Last week for the **EDID week**, the BIDE Institute held an in person event in the Essex Hall theatre where John Elliot and Amina Abdul were the guest speakers on the topic of Cultural Awareness and Belonging, we had 80 attendees in person and virtual, many of the senior leadership team were present.
- **As we transition to 100% back on campus, BIDE will be supporting students with Care Packages:** a collaboration with Alumni Association to create care packages for UWindsor students.
- **The #UniteUWin Campaign will bring the Lancer community together through kindness, healing, and courage.**
- Finally, the **30 + 30 days of Kindness campaign**, When we practice kindness to ourselves or to others, we experience positive mental and physical changes. Which is the mission of the 30 plus 30 days of kindness campaign. The first 30 days focuses on recognizing what kindness is, how one can show kindness to ourselves, each other, and the community. The following 30 days focuses on acts of kindness. For a total of 60 days, there will be opportunity to submit kindness messaging and acts of. Every submission of kindness will have the chance to win inspiring gifts in hopes of continuing to spread kindness beyond the 60 days. It is the campaign's hope that through kindness awareness we can re-sensitize us to one another and shine a small light in what are some dark times by lifting spirits and reminding us that there is good all around.
- Happy and proud to announce that From Feb 17 to March 22 in 34 days, we have received over 1,044 responses to how we can be kind and acts of kindness, we have already given away two of our major prizes, an apple watch and a tablet, with also many gift cards won already as well, amazon, indigo, Starbucks.... Looking to wrap this up in the coming weeks.