



SENATE STUDENT CAUCUS
Minutes of Meeting

Date: Monday, September 19, 2022

Time: 2:32-4:08am

Room: Room 203, Anthony P. Toldo Health Education Centre

Committee Members: Laila Albalkhi (co-Chair), Dave Andrews (Chair), Dora Cavallo-Medved, Sarah Glassford, Jennifer Johrendt, Ruth Kuras, Phebe Lam, Bianca Lenarduzzi, Jody Ralph, Michael Rossi, Hussein Samhat

Absent: Ehab Elsaid (regrets), Muthukeerhana Kaliappan (regrets), Dave McEwen, Alice Nelson (regrets), Donna Patterson (regrets), Adam Pillon (regrets), Lauren Pupulin (regrets), Christine Vanderkooy (regrets)

In Attendance: Danny Anger (Senate Governance Officer), Renée Wintermute (University Secretary).

Formal Business

1 Approval of Agenda

MOTION: That the agenda be approved.

J. Ralph/H. Samhat
CARRIED

2 Minutes of the meeting of April 1, 2022

MOTION: That the minutes of the meeting of April 1, 2022, be approved.

J. Ralph/P. Lam
CARRIED

3 Business arising from the minutes

NOTED:

- In response to a question raised regarding the status of the RBC Kiosk in the CAW Centre, it was noted that a temporary Kiosk is currently operating behind the Starbucks in the main atrium of the CAW Centre, while negotiations are in place to set up a permanent location on campus.

4 Outstanding business

Nothing to report.

Items for Information

5 Reports/New Business

5.1 Senate Student Caucus Mandate and Meeting Schedule
(See document SC220919-5.1 for more details.)

NOTED:

- Members were informed that Laila Albalkhi was elected to the position of Student Co-Chair.
- A brief overview of Senate Student Caucus membership, terms of reference, and duties of the Co-Chair was provided.

- The mandate of Senate Student Caucus is to bring issues of concern from students directly to the Senate when the items are the under purview of Senate.
- For matters not within the purview of Senate, the Associate Vice-President, Student Experience will refer the matters to, and liaise with, the appropriate persons or bodies.
- Depending on the nature of the item, Senate may refer matters to a Senate Standing Committee or other body for further consideration and/or policy development.
- The 2022-2023 meeting schedule was discussed.

5.2 Report of the Student Co-Chair

NOTED:

- The two main initiatives to be addressed this year will be: 1) on-going communication with students through different communication channels, and 2) connecting with the varying student groups on campus to identify student initiatives or concerns.
- With the assistance of the Office of Student Experience, Senate Student Caucus will be increasing its community reach by promoting itself and its mandate through social media (*i.e.*, using the Office of Student Experience Instagram, Facebook, Student Experience website). It was noted that students will be encouraged to communicate through these social media platforms to identify student issues.
- Senate Student Caucus will continue with the successful initiative that launched last year: 'Video Awareness Campaign'.
- This year the Student Co-Chair will continue to schedule meetings with Faculty society presidents and leaders from all Faculties so all student voices and concerns can be heard.
- With the assistance of the Office of the Student Experience, Senate Student Caucus will be hosting a booth in the CAW Centre to increase awareness of the committee's mandate and initiatives.
- In response to a question raised regarding the availability of rooms on Campus for Co-Chair office hours, it was noted that the UWSA may have some open space to provide.

5.3 Report on Student Affairs and Life on Campus

Student Experience

NOTED:

- The Office of Student Experience (OSE) provided an in-depth report regarding student affairs and life on campus.
- Co-Chair, Laila Albalkhi was congratulated for being the 2022-2023 3M National Fellowship Winner.
- The Student Success and Leadership Centre launched a successful Welcome Week, which was well received by students.
- The OSE hosted a Carnival-style Picnic for students in year 2 and 3, which saw over 600 students attend.
- September 18, UWindsor Men's Football held its first ever sold-out event with over 4000 students, faculty/staff and community members in attendance.
- On September 30th, the AEC will host Orange Shirt Day and a community walk starting at the art gallery. On October 3rd there will be a traditional sharing circle with the intention for community voices to be heard.
- Residence move-in day was a successful initiative seeing 663 students move into Alumni, Cartier, and Laurier. Several rooms have been blocked off as 'isolation rooms' for students who contract COVID-19.
- WECHU is taking up most of the Residence West Building, it is expected that one of the floors will be provided to the Student Health Centre to provide integrated care/wellness.
- The Student Success and Leadership Centre had 172 students registered in the Jump Start Transitioning Program; however not that all attended the program.
- On September 11, 250 Outstanding Scholars were announced at the orientation.
- The Office of Student Experience will be providing an orientation session for 1st year students and a re-orientation for 2nd year students who were not on campus last year.

- There has been a large influx in students seeking Counselling services. Currently, the centre is booking meetings 3 weeks out, and has added temporary help to reduce the waiting time. In response to a question raised regarding the process for students booking counselling services, there is an email triage that will prioritize the student concerns based on the severity of the intake form.
- Projects coming up for 2022-2023 include a Beach Volleyball court, Turtle Island logos on UWindsor Athletic jerseys, GSS Menstrual equity for all genders, daycare back on campus for staff and students, a Compassionate Care Harm Reduction program, Canada Homeshare to pair senior citizens with students who need housing, and the BARK program which brings emotional support pets to campus.
- The BIDE (Belonging, Inclusivity, Diversity and Equity) Institute is a student led initiative out of the Office of Student Experience and works closely with the Office of the VPEDI. BIDE welcomed a new Executive Director of Community outreach who will be handling all the communication and outreach programs.

Additional Business

6 Question period/Other Business

NOTED:

- The Law Library is in the basement of Leddy west and the library is seeing large numbers of students back in the library to study and use their resources. The library has freshened its looks since the COVID shutdown by installing easy-chairs and whiteboards in the collaborative rooms. There are several mindfulness rooms that are available to students. The library is launching a couple key initiatives to help students orient themselves with the physical spaces around the library, including: 1) an online portal that has a number of FAQs that have been asked by students; 2) a guide that outlines ways that the library can help students; and 3) Leddy library scavenger hunt.
- In response to a question raised regarding the declining stock at the food bank, it was noted that a campus-wide effort should be launched to help bring in non-perishables to fill the food bank.
- In response to a question raised regarding the mask policy and compliance, it was agreed that social media posts from UWSA, GSS and OPUS could help reduce the issue of non-compliance.

7 Adjournment

MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED