

SENATE STUDENT CAUCUS
Minutes of Meeting**Date:** Monday, November 15, 2023**Time:** 2:32-3:21 pm**Room:** Room 209, Assumption Hall**Committee Members:** Natalie Atkin (Chair), Dora Cavallo-Medved, Ehab Elsaid, Sarah Glassford, Shae Harasym, Ghallia Hashem, Sean Horton, Shetina Jones, Ruth Kuras, Lauren Pupulin, Michael Macdonald, Sherry Morrell, Suki Randawa (co-Chair), Walter Rischke.**Absent:** Donna Patterson (regrets), Jennifer Johrendt (regrets), Bianca Lenarduzzi (regrets), Brahmjot Singh (regrets), Andrew Ward.**In Attendance:** Danny Anger (Senate Governance Officer)**1 Approval of Agenda****MOTION:** That the agenda be approved.S. Glassford/W. Rischke
CARRIED**2 Minutes of the meeting of November 15, 2023****MOTION:** That the minutes of the meeting of November 15, 2023, be approved.W. Rischke/S. Glassford
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 of the Student Co-Chair**

NOTED:

- Student members expressed concern with the “UWINSITE” system, particularly regarding courses reaching capacity before students can enrol, affecting their progressing through their programs.
- Concern was also raised regarding the need for improved system functionality and possibly re-evaluating enrolment prioritization to ensure fairness and efficiency.
- In response to a question regarding the visibility of course schedules for upcoming semesters, affecting students' ability to plan their academic trajectory effectively, it was suggested that both Fall and Winter course schedules be made available at the beginning of the academic year for better planning.

AGREED:

- The Registrar will be invited to the January 2024 meeting to help resolve and shed light on some of the issues discussed.

5.2 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, most notably the efforts surrounding Mental Health and Wellness on Campus.

AGREED:

- Members agreed that the availability and accessibility of mental health resources for students, especially during recent months have been notable and well received. However, there was a large emphasis on the importance of continued support and possibly expanding resources to accommodate the increasing demand especially at Downtown Campus locations.

Ancillary Operations

NOTED:

- The Director of Ancillary Operations provided an overview of current initiatives.
- A new policy has been launched requiring departments to use the printshop for all their printing needs including posters, lawn signs, stickers, etc.
- The bike repair kit outside of Essex Hall has been replaced and a new one has been installed.
- Parking Services is making efforts to increase parking pass availability for the Winter term.
- Campus Services has introduced new technologies such as the "Get" app for meal plan management and the "Everyday" app for mobile ordering at campus eateries.

AGREED:

- Members agreed that the need for improved safety measures for students using public transportation, including the installation of a crosswalk near a busy bus stop, should be a priority for the University in its discussions with the city. It was noted that the city has plans for the crosswalk installation, but immediate solutions like relocating bus stops could also be considered. Recently, the city has installed the crosswalk at Law School and University Ave.

Additional Business

6 Question period/Other Business

NOTED:

- There is a rising concern regarding food insecurity among students and the ability of the food pantry to meet the demands.
- Members suggest creating a recipe book to provide affordable, nutritious meals and reaching out to local businesses for support and donations on a larger scale.

7 Adjournment

MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned.

S. Harasym/S. Glassford
CARRIED