



SENATE STUDENT CAUCUS
Minutes of Meeting

Date: Wednesday, October 2, 2024

Time: 2:35-3:10 pm

Room: Room 209 Assumption Hall & MS Teams

Committee Members: Natalie Atkin (Chair), Sarah Glassford, Shae Harasym, Ghallia Hashem, Sean Horton, Jana Jandal Alrifai (Co-Chair), Shetina Jones, Ruth Kuras, Bianca Lenarduzzi, Michael Macdonald, Adam Merheb, Lindsay Miller, Milad Moradi Haydarloo, Suki Randhawa, Nadia Rodwyn.

Absent: Amangel Bhullar, Trantum Kaur, Sherry Morrell (regrets), Peter Savoni (regrets).

In Attendance: Danny Anger (Associate University Secretary).

1 Approval of Agenda

MOTION: That the agenda be approved.

M. Macdonald/J. Jandal Alrifai
CARRIED

2 Minutes of the meeting of March 20, 2024

MOTION: That the minutes of the meeting of March 20, 2024, be approved.

M. Macdonald/G. Hashem
CARRIED

3 Business arising from the minutes

Nothing to report.

4 Outstanding business

Nothing to report.

5 Reports/New Business

5.1 Report of the Student Co-Chair

Nothing to report.

5.2 Report on Student Affairs and Life on Campus

Student Experience

NOTED:

- Students are facing difficulties in assessing compassionate grounds and accessing academic accommodations, particularly for those students impacted by the conflict overseas.
- The UWSA and Student Advisors are working collaboratively to assess and address student academic, social, and emotional needs, and will report back to Caucus or the relevant are, as appropriate.
- Student members raised concerns about the IGNITE employment program, stating that the financial compensation has not kept up with the increased minimum wage.
- A series of events have been held since the start of the school year, including suicide awareness and prevention campaigns. More events, such as Care Week, are planned for the upcoming weeks.

Campus Services

NOTED:

- Commuting students struggle with finding available parking spots, despite overflow lots. Parking costs were also discussed.
- Updates were provided on the progress of the new dining hall and residence building with construction on track for completion by Fall 2025.

AGREED:

- To address parking issues on campus, members encouraged consideration of shuttle services for commuting between the downtown and main campus.

6 Question period/Other Business

Nothing to report.

7 Adjournment

MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned.

J. Jandal Alrifai /G. Hasem

CARRIED