



SENATE STUDENT CAUCUS
Minutes of Meeting

Date: Wednesday, November 26, 2025
Time: 2:30pm-3:03pm
Room: Room 209 Assumption Hall & MS Teams

PRESENT: Munty Al-Bazaz, Aiden Carr, Savenna Chawla, Yajur Chaturvedi, Sarah Glassford, Craig Greenham, Catherine Heard, Shetina Jones, Nivethan Karalasingam, Bianca Lenarduzzi, Michael Macdonald (Chair), John Marcarian, Husam Morra, Sherry Morrell, Victoria Soluade.

ABSENT: Atlas Waite, Lindsay Miller, Peter Savoni, Sahil Benipal, Trantum Kaur.

IN ATTENDANCE: Alison Zilli (Associate University Secretary).

1 Approval of Agenda

MOTION: That the agenda be approved.

Sarah Glassford/Bianca Lenarduzzi
CARRIED

2 Minutes of the meeting of October 1, 2025

MOTION: That the minutes of the meeting of October 1, 2025, be approved.

Sarah Glassford/Shetina Jones
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

NOTED:

- Given that many students are unsure of what steps to take when struggling academically or non-academically, UWSA is working with its Board of Directors and executive team to create a clear pipeline for addressing student issues and concerns.
- Students have raised concerns in residence such as problems with the new dining hall, lack of hot water, garbage disposal, and Wi-Fi.
- Student concerns were also raised regarding transparency in Senate decision-making and how information, such as updates to bylaws are communicated to instructors.
- Students are suggesting that the requirement for 24 hours between three exams (Bylaw 54) be changed to two full calendar days instead.

5.2 Report on Student Affairs and Life on Campus

(See document SC251001-5.2 for more details.)

Student Experience

NOTED:

- The new dining hall in the Rodzik Hall residence building has officially opened, with a formal opening event to be scheduled later.
- Concerns from students about the food and its quality are being looked into.
- There have been many personnel changes among the staff who have shifted roles following last year's cuts, but the Office of Student Experience is now almost fully staffed.

Ancillary Operations

NOTED

- The Director of Ancillary Operations provided a comprehensive update on the Bookstore, Printshop, Parking Services, UWinCARD office, and Food Services, including updates on initiatives, hours of operation, and staffing.
- Work continues on transitioning the UWinCARD to digital credentials.
- The University is exploring the possibility of installing coffee vending machines at CAW, Leddy and Odette.
- The document was received for information.

6 Question period/Other Business

6.1 Food Security Working Group – Update

NOTED:

- Last year Senate raised the issue of food security, highlighting the growing concerns surrounding student access to food which was supported by faculty who emphasized that food security is a significant issue requiring coordinated action.
- A Food Security Subcommittee was established to conduct an environmental scan and address issues such as food literacy and stigma.
- In collaboration with the campus food pantry, the subcommittee is working on introducing food lockers, which allow students to privately pick up pantry items using a password-protected locker system.

7 Adjournment

MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned.

Husam Morra/Catherine Heard
CARRIED