University of Windsor

SC260318M

SENATE STUDENT CAUCUS
Minutes of Meeting

Date: Wednesday, March 18, 2026
Time: 2:30pm – 3:30pm
Room: Room 209 Assumption Hall & MS Teams

PRESENT: Munty Al-Bazaz, Sahil Benipal, Yajur Chaturvedi, Saveena Chawla, , Craig Greenham, Bianca Lenarduzzi, Shetina Jones-Smith, Nivethan Karalasingam, Tranum Kaur, Bianca Lenarduzzi, Michael Macdonald (Chair), John Marcarian, Husam Morra, Sherry Morrel, Peter Savoni, Victoria Soluade.

ABSENT: Catherine Heard (regrets), Helen Yousif (regrets), Atlas Waite (regrets), Lindsay Miller-Branocacki (regrets), Sarah Glassford (regrets).

IN ATTENDANCE: Alison Zilli (Associate University Secretary).

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1 Approval of Agenda

MOTION: That the agenda be approved.

Husam Morra/Bianca Lenarduzzi
CARRIED

2 Minutes of the meeting of January 21, 2026

3 MOTION: That the minutes of the meeting of January 21, 2026, be approved.

Husam Morra/Saveena Chawla
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:

- The Canadian Federation of Students Ontario led a rally on March 24th at Queen's Park to protest the tuition fee framework and the reduction of the grant portion of OSAP's from 85% to 25%, resulting in repayable loans of 75%. University students have been actively protesting with rallies on campus.
- To date, UWSA has received over 600 applications for the Student Support Fund, which offers students the opportunity to apply for one-time funding to support student-led initiatives. So far, 32 applications have been approved.
- Students have raised concerns with cheating on examinations and a sense of unfairness regarding lack of reporting and accountability.
- Student concerns were raised regarding information relating to how Senate decisions are communicated. To help address this, the UWSA is pursuing a centralized system to improve communication and awareness around Senate bylaws and decisions.

5.2 Report on Student Affairs and Life on Campus

Division of Student Affairs

NOTED:

- The Student Success and Leadership Centre is being realigned to reflect its original purpose and logical structure; addressing roles and functions that did not fully align with its intended focus.
- The Centre for Student Learning Excellence, which houses Student Accessibility Services and Academic Advising is planning a reorganization of its space and relocation. The International Student Centre (ISC) has moved to new space in the former Joyce Centre.
- In support of student health and wellness, the Division is offering wellness sessions with identity-based coordinators (i.e., Jewish Advisor, Palestine Coordinator, and Black Student Support Coordinator)
- The Writing Support Desk will be revamped and integrated into a new structure.

Ancillary Operations

NOTED:

- The Director of Ancillary Operations provided an update on initiatives, hours of operation, and staffing for the Bookstore, Printshop, Parking Services, UWinCARD office, and Food Services.
- The Rodzik Dining Hall is open to non-resident students through the All You Care to Enjoy program.
- Coffee vending installations at CAW, Leddy, and Odette are awaiting quotes and departmental approval before proceeding.

5.3 Food Security *(Food Drive for UWSA Campus Pantry)*

NOTED:

- The Food Security Working Group, the Office of Sustainability, and the UWSA are partnering to host a campus-wide food drive in March in support of the UWSA Campus Food Pantry.
- Members were informed that approximately 40% of post-secondary students have experienced some level of food insecurity.

6 Question period/Other business/Open Discussion

Nothing to report.

7 Adjournment

MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned.

Husam Morra/Bianca Lenarduzzi

CARRIED