



SENATE STUDENT CAUCUS  
Minutes of Meeting

**Date:** Friday, February 14, 2020

**Time:** 9:35-10:25am

**Room:** 209 Assumption Hall

**Committee Members:** Biane Deghaiche, Bernarda Doctor, Mr. Ryan Flannagan, Dr. Sean Horton, Dr. Jennifer Johrendt, Prof. Ruth Kuras, Dave McEwan, Quessia Mugabo, Donna Patterson, Dr. Katherine Quinsey (Chair).

**Absent:** Dr. Shashi Jasra, Dr. Bharat Maheshwari, Sharon Munro, Bhargav Pandya, Jay Patel, Dr. Geri Salinitri (regrets), Amber Shaheen, Lena Sleiman.

**In Attendance:** Ms. Renée Wintermute (University Secretary), Mr. Danny Anger (Senate Governance Officer), Judy Bornais.

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**Formal Business**

**1 Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION:** That the agenda be approved.

S. Horton/ D McEwen  
**CARRIED**

**2 Minutes of the meeting of September 13, 2019**

**MOTION:** That the minutes of the meeting of November 8, 2019 and E-Vote of January 15, 2020 be approved.

J. Johrendt/S. Horton  
**CARRIED**

**3 Business arising from the minutes**

NOTED:

- The motion to amend the SC student membership to include representation from the Native Student's Alliance, replacing the at-large position, was carried by e-vote in January and sent to the Bylaw Review Committee and the Senate Governance Committee for consideration. SGC approved the amendment and it is on the February 14, 2020 Senate Meeting agenda under bylaw revisions.

**4 Outstanding business**

Nothing to report.

**Items for Information**

**5 Reports/New Business**

**5.1 Report of the Student Co-Chair**

NOTED:

- The co-chair reported on the UWSA "students' priorities survey", in which they are hoping to get 1000 responses.
- UWSA is actively engaging in outreach to their students with weekly coffee hours to hear their concerns.

## 5.2 On and Off-Campus Job Opportunities and Career Readiness for Students

(See document SC200214-5.2 for more details.)

NOTED:

- The presentation focused on job preparedness and opportunities through career development (advising, employer connections – job fairs, resume writing and interview skills workshops) and experiential learning (volunteer opportunities, job shadowing program, jobs on campus (work/study)).
- In 2019 the Career Development and Experiential Learning Office had over 2300 career advising appointments. 70% of the appointments are with International students.
- UWindsor IGNITE (work/study) program filled over 450 position in 2019.
- In addition to the on-campus jobs posted through the office, other areas such as food services also post jobs on their websites.

## 5.3 Report on Student Affairs and Life on Campus

### Student Experience

NOTED:

- Muslim Chaplaincy has successfully launched and is housed in the Education Gym.
- NSSE survey is operating this year and is aimed at first and fourth-year undergraduates. Students will receive 5\$ on their UWin card once completed. In 2017, 56% of the student body completed the survey.
- Second round of applications for Mental Health Initiatives funding are being reviewed; SafeTalk (suicide prevention), Wellness Wednesdays in Science; alcohol and drug support, and a therapy dog for the Faculty of Engineering are some of the projects approved in the first round of submissions.
- Results from the survey “Thriving in Action”, conducted in collaboration with other Southwestern Ontario Universities, show that UWindsor is on par or doing better than other comparator institutions in supporting LGBTQ+ students, though there is room for improvement. Work has begun on developing a programming specific to LGBTQ+ students during orientation.
- The Office of Student Experience is beginning to conduct a comprehensive environmental scan, together with other Southwestern Ontario institutions, in terms of services for, and recruitment of Indigenous students.
- Preliminary discussions are underway to establish an e-sports varsity program.

### Campus Services

NOTED:

- The Student Centre renovation design went out to tender and has returned under budget. Planned to start in the last week in April, the main level will undergo a complete renovation (seating, lighting, ceiling, updating, charging stations). The Marketplace will be closed for the summer. Alternatives for food and coffee include the Crocodile Grill, CEI Tim’s and other locations.
- Demand for parking continues to be high. 350 students were lined up the first morning of Winter semester for 110 spaces.

## Additional Business

### 6 Question period/Other Business

Nothing to report.

### 7 Adjournment

**MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned.**

S. Horton/D. Patterson  
**CARRIED**