Wilfrid Laurier University Students' Union
Meeting of the Board of Directors

Location: Zoom
Date: January 31, 2023
Time: 6:00pm

The Strategic Ends of the Students' Union

The Organization exists to represent, advocate for, and support the primary stakeholders, the students of Wilfrid Laurier University, and to provide them with a holistic university experience and an enhanced student life. The costs of these benefits will be justified by the results.

In no specific order of priority, students will benefit from:

An affordable, accessible, and high quality academic experience

A safe, sustainable, and empowering environment
Diverse inclusive social interaction

Products and services that cater to the financial needs of students

Land Acknowledgement
We acknowledge the traditional territory of the Neutral, Anishnawbe and Haudenosaunee people

Start	Duration	Agenda Item	Type	Presenter	Policy Reference
6:00 PM	2 mins	Call to Order and Indigenous land acknowledgement	adm	Chair Del Giudice	
6:02 PM	1 min	Regrets	adm	Chair Del Giudice	GP #2c.8
6:03 PM	2 mins	Adoption of Agenda **MOTION** that the Board of Directors adopt the agenda as presented.	D	Chair Del Giudice	
6:05 PM	1 min	Conflicts of Interest	adm	Chair Del Giudice	GP #2c.2
6:06 PM	4 mins	Comments from the Chair of the Board & CGO	fi	Chair Del Giudice	
6:10 PM	4 mins	Comments from the President & CEO	fi	President Symington	
6:14 PM	4 mins	Comments from the Executive Director & COO	fi	ED Champagne	
6:18 PM	4 mins	Report of the Election Results	D	Chair Del Giudice	GP #2j.5
6:22 PM	10 mins	Fall Term Financial Report	D	D:FA Turner	
6:32 PM	30 mins	President's State of the Union	fi	President Symington	
7:02 PM	20 mins	In Camera Session	fd	Chair Del Giudice	BMD #2d2
7:22 PM	2 mins	Announcements	fi	Chair Del Giudice	
7:24 PM	2 mins	Action Items Summary	adm	Chair Del Giudice	
7:26 PM	1 min	Adjournment **MOTION** that the Board adjourn the June 13, 2022 meeting	adm	Chair Del Giudice	
Total 1hr 27 mins					

LEGEND:
fi, For Information
fd, For Discussion
D, Decision required
adm, Administrative task

WILFRID LAURIER UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' UNION

The Board Report

Executive Director & COO
President & CEO
Tuesday January 31, 2023

General Updates: Student Executive

1. **VP Programming & Services Brantford:**
   a. Bi-Weekly Trivia and Bingo programming in place for the remainder of the semester
   b. Taylor swift's dance party a success, exploring more night time programming opportunities, utilizing other spaces for students (Hudsons)
   c. Health and Wellness Month 2.0 Programming in March
   d. Sexy Week Bingo in February
   e. Foot Patrol Averaging 10 walks/drives per night
   f. Foot patrol space enhancements are nearly complete

2. **VP Student Services Waterloo:**
   a. Working with marketing to promote the service of the Emergency Response Team for events and general on-campus service
   b. Food Bank Waterloo is bringing back the Boar's head event on February 6th - hoping to bring students together within the Laurier community for an affordable meal provided by Wilfs and the SU Food Bank

3. **VP Government (&) Stakeholder Relations:**
   a. Wrapping up Local Advocacy Week (Met with MP Brantford, Larry Brock, MP Waterloo, Chagger, Mayor of Waterloo and City Councillors etc)
   b. Mobilizing GSR volunteers for get out the vote this week
   c. Visions for transit advocacy plan, promoting different ways for students to get home for reading week, collab with sustainability office

4. **VP Clubs & Associations:**
   a. Focus for January in Clubs Department was Training & Semester Budget Allocations
   b. Two Mandatory training sessions, five optional drop-in sessions
   c. Jan 25th deadline for Budget Allocations, now working with team to approve and disseminate funds
   d. Faculty Association Elections
   e. All FA confirmed President or Co-Presidents
   f. Excellent job from Faculty Association on promoting the vote and engaging students
   g. Looking Ahead
   h. Recovering workload from being short-staffed throughout month of January
   i. Departmental project work including updating MOU with Faculty associations, clubs handbook, clubs appreciation gala etc.

General Updates: Directors

1. **Director, Finance and Administration:**
   a. Finance:
      i. $280k payment made to WLU as a onetime principal payment against our demand loan was made this week.
      ii. We received our final funding for the fall semester of approx $450k

   b. Operations:

i. Bank Machines around campus to be filled this week on a six month trial

c. Hospitality:
   i. Pasta dishes available starting last week

2. **Director, Marketing Communications:**
   a. SU Elections & VP Hiring have been main marketing focus for January
   b. Volunteer Hiring opens January 27 @ 12 pm (Brantford Hiring/Waterloo Hiring)
   c. AVP hiring closes Sunday February 5 @ 11:59 pm
   d. SU House Olympics programming; form opens February 13 - keep an eye on SU socials for more information

3. **Director, Member Services:**
   a. Working on Incoming Transition initiatives
   b. Troubleshooting ICT problems and working on conversion to named accounts for Student Leadership Team starting in May 2023
   c. Working to bring Imaginus poster sale back this term
   d. Wrapping up winter term Health and Dental Plan opt out and family opt in
   e. Continue to work on Waterloo and Brantford office refresh projects with Brantford painting to start in February
   f. Supporting Human Resources and Administration portfolios.

4. **Director, Policy Research & Advocacy:**
   a. LaurierVotes debrief and future planning;
   b. Transitioning Governance Coordinator into Board support role following the conclusion of LaurierVotes;
   c. Assisting the Government and Stakeholder Relations department with policy paper writing for the Ontario Undergraduate Students' Association (OUSA) Winter General Assembly in March;
   d. Met with OUSA Home Office representatives during their campus visit on January 23, 2023;
   e. Working with the VP:GSR on a budget submission to the Government of Ontario Department of Finance;
   f. Working as part of the organization's incoming transition team to plan our student executive onboarding process;
   g. Ongoing research and monitoring of post-secondary education issues and trends.

5. **Director, Strategic Initiatives**:
   a. Strategic review of Food Bank and food security programming on both campuses outlining high-level definitions/goals/values for future development.
   b. Transition programming ongoing for both current student exec and planning for incoming executive.
   c. Policy development with Director, Policy Research & Advocacy surrounding artist solicitation, sponsorship/vendor agreements and transition programming.

6. **Director, Student Experience:**
   a. Working on incoming transition for pre-elect and new VP team
   b. Working on getting the Foot Patrol Van program up and running
   c. Updating Faculty Association Agreements for review and signature
   d. Approving the many Club related events in the Nest. Assessing the risk management.
   e. Working on the House Olympics Program
   f. Orientation Week 2023 planning has already begun.

****More information related to reports/briefs can be provided at the Board's request****

2023 #LaurierVotes Results

Voter turnout: 15.32%
Total student voters: 2,980

Wilfrid Laurier University Students' Union President and Chief Executive Officer

Available positions: 1
Candidates: 1

Megan Spenler

Yes: 92.72%
No: 7.28%

Wilfrid Laurier University Students' Union Board of Directors

ACCLAIMED (6 positions)

Mohammad Abu-Rshaid
Patrick Baldinelli
Sebastien Corrie
Daniel Rubinoff
Gabrielle Russo
Alfredo Duncan Spizzirri

Remaining available position: 6
Candidates: 12

ELECTED:

Josh Hamilton (402 votes)
Colton Phillips (354 votes)
Madison Tsoutsoulas (280 votes)
Hailie Ellis (236 votes)
Jack Sloan (211 votes)
Amir Noori (176 votes)

Single Transferable Vote Results

Round 1)

- Winners:
  - **Josh Hamilton**
  - **Colton Phillips**

Round 2)

- Winners:
    - **Josh Hamilton**
    - **Colton Phillips**
- Eliminated:
    - Cole Dermott

Round 3)

- Winners:
    - **Josh Hamilton**
    - **Colton Phillips**
- Eliminated:
    - Daniel Corona

Round 4)

- Winners:
    - **Josh Hamilton**
    - **Colton Phillips**
- Eliminated:
    - Nicholas Betivoiu

Round 5)

- Winners:
    - **Josh Hamilton**
    - **Colton Phillips**
- Eliminated:
    - Christopher Matheson

Round 6)

- Winners:
    - **Josh Hamilton**
    - **Colton Phillips**
    - **Madison Tsoutsoulas**
- Eliminated:
    - N/A

Round 7)

- Winners:
    - **Josh Hamilton**
    - **Colton Phillips**
    - **Madison Tsoutsoulas**
- Eliminated
    - Mason Fitzpatrick

Round 8)

- Winners:
    - **Josh Hamilton**
    - **Colton Phillips**
    - **Madison Tsoutsoulas**
- Eliminated:
    - Zachary Goodwin

Round 9)

- **Winners:**
  - **Madison Tsoutsoulas**
  - **Josh Hamilton**
  - **Colton Phillips**
  - **Haile Ellis**
  - **Amir Noori**
  - **Jack Sloan**

Wilfrid Laurier University Board of Governors

Available position: 1
Candidates: 2

ELECTED:

Mohammad Abu-Rshaid – 1,220
Noah Espiritu - 928

Wilfrid Laurier University Senate

ACCLAIMED:

Sophia Guardado
Noah Espiritu

Wilfrid Laurier University Faculty Associations

LAZARIDIS STUDENTS' SOCIETY (LAZSOC) CO-PRESIDENT

Celine Cheung & Alya Najla

Yes: 90.82%
No: 9.18%

FACUTLY OF SCIENCE STUDENTS' ASSOCAITION (FOSSA) CO-PRESIDENT

ELECTED:

Jordyn Heron & Safiya Abudani – 558
Jana Abu-Alhaija & Zeena Kailani – 374

FACULTY OF MUSIC STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION (FOMSA) PRESIDENT

Madeline Lawrence

Yes – 84.72
No – 15.28

ARTS UNDERGRADUATE SOCIETY (AUS) PRESIDENT

Salena Sharma
Yes – 94.06%
No – 5.94

HUMAN AND SOCIAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION (HASSA) PRESIDENT

Maham Wyne

Yes – 95.56%
No – 4.44%

FACULTY OF LIBERAL ARTS STUDENTS' SOCIETY (FLASS) PRESIDENT

Amy Che

Yes – 89.47%
No – 10.53%

BACHOLOR OF SOCIAL WORK STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION (BSWSA) PRESIDENT

Sayak Sneddon-Ghosal

Yes – 96.55%
No – 3.45 %

BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION (BTMSA) PRESIDENT

Pery Au

Yes – 87.88%
No – 12.12%

BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION (BTMSA) VICE-PRESIDENT

Joshua Shiman

Yes – 93.55%
No – 6.45%

Referendum Questions

Referendum Question # 1 – KPMG

Do you support the selection of KPMG as the auditors for the Students' Union for the 2022/2023 fiscal year?

Yes – 91.73%
No – 8.27%

Referendum Question # 2 – Grand River Transit U-Pass

Do you support the renewal of Grand River Transit's Universal Transit Pass (U-Pass) Program with the Students' Union for unlimited use of GRT buses and ION trains?

Effective September 1, 2023, the U-Pass Fee would be assessed at $113.30 per term, with an annual increase of no more than 5% until August 2025.

Yes – 87.99%
No – 12.01%

Referendum Question # 3 – Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act

In order to become compliant with the now implemented Ontario ***Not-for-Profit Corporations Act***, do you support the following set of required language changes to the Students' Union Constitution?

- Change all references from the "*Corporations Act*" to the "*Not-for-Profit Corporations Act*."
- Change all references from "*Annual General Meeting*" to "*Annual Meeting*,' and from "*Special General Meeting*" to "*Special Meeting*."
- Amend Article II, Section 2 subsection "c" from "*Nominate and second candidates for the Board of Directors*" to "*Nominate candidates for the Board of Directors*."
- Amend Article III, Sections 6 & 7 to change the "*Annual Meeting*" or "*Special Meeting*" member notice period from a minimum of 15 days and 30 days to a minimum of 10 days and a maximum of 50 days.
- Amend Article III, Section 12 to include that each member has the right to exercise their vote at an "*Annual Meeting*" or "*Special Meeting*" through telephonic or electronic means if the corporation makes such means available.
- Change all references in Section 6 from "*he or she*" to "*A person*" or "*their*."
- Amend Article IV, Section 6 "*A Director shall be automatically removed*," subsection "b" from "*If he or she is found by a competent authority to be of unsound mind*" to "*a person who has been found under the Substitute Decisions Act, 1992 or under the Mental Health Act to be incapable of managing property*."
- Amend Article IV, Section 6 "*A Director shall be automatically removed*," by adding a subsection "*A person who has been found to be incapable by any court in Canada or elsewhere*."
- Amend Article IV, Section 6 "*A Director shall be automatically removed*," subsection "d" from "*If he or she enters into bankruptcy*" to "*A person who has the status of bankrupt*."
- Amend Article VII, Section 1 subsection "a" to include that the Chief Governance, who shall serve as Chair of the Board, must also be a director.
- Amend Article IX Section 1 subsection "b" from "*Carry out the duties as would a reasonable person in the circumstances*" to "*exercise the care, diligence and skill that a reasonably prudent person would exercise in comparable circumstances*."
- Amend Article IX Section 1 subsection "c" from "*Comply with the Corporations Act, its regulations, any amendments to the Act or its regulations, all other applicable laws, the Letters Patent, and the By-Laws*

of the Corporation" to "*Comply with this Act and the regulations, and the corporation's articles and bylaws*."

Yes – 91.92%
No – 8.08%

Referendum Question # 4 – Director Vacancy

In order to become compliant with the now implemented Ontario ***Not-for-Profit Corporations Act****, do you support removing Article V, Section 7, "The Board of Directors shall not have the ability to appoint any member of the Corporation to the Board of Directors," and adding Article IV Section 7, subsection "b" "III" indicating that "A quorum of directors may fill a vacancy among the directors"?*

Yes – 89.81%
No – 10.19%

Referendum Question # 5 – Annual Meeting

In order to become compliant with the now implemented Ontario ***Not-for-Profit Corporations Act****, do you support the following changes to how the Students' Union holds its Annual Meetings, which beginning in 2024 will directly follow the Students' Union elections?*

- *Amend Article III Section from "Each member of the Corporation will have the opportunity to vote for any candidate standing for election" to "Each member of the Corporation will have the opportunity to elect the Board of Directors."*
- *Amend the quorum requirement for Annual, Special, or General Meetings in Article III Section 18 from 10% to 50 members of the Corporation.*
- *Delete Article III Sections 19 and 20, which direct the use of the Single Transferable Vote and Optional Instant Runoff voting systems as going forward these requirements will be stipulated in the Students' Union's Policy Manual governance rules.*

Yes – 92.8%
No – 7.20%

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Schedule 2- Expenses

08 Periods Ending Dec.31, 2022

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Fred Nichols' Campus Centre	1,656,572	1,516,902	(139,670)
Health and Dental	1,598,560	2,670,920	1,072,361
Wilfs	908,298	1,451,381	543,083
Golden Grounds	32,197	38,097	5,900
U-Desk	48,002	47,901	(101)
Food court/leasing operations	129,648	149,266	19,618
Governance and Stakeholder Relations	53,726	40,769	(12,956)
Campus Clubs and Faculty Associations	38,355	100,375	62,020
Services and programming	479,004	683,253	204,248
Finance & Administration	17,521	32,595	15,074
Governance and Student Fees	-	6,910	6,910
President	41,769	57,673	15,904
Brantford BSC, Admin, Fees	151,129	225,835	74,706
Brantford Activities	80,710	187,650	106,940
Brantford Services	1,317	5,245	3,928
Brantford Operations	2,389	4,184	1,795
Total	**5,239,195**	**7,218,956**	**1,979,761**

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Statement of Operations by Department

08 Periods Ending Dec.31, 2022

	Revenue	Expenses	Profit/Loss
Fred Nichols' Campus Centre	-889,784	1,656,572	-$766,788
Health and Dental	-2,392,140	1,598,560	$793,581
Wilfs	-441,908	908,298	-$466,390
Golden Grounds	-22,811	32,197	-$9,386
U-Desk	-1,876	48,002	-$46,126
Food court/leasing operations	-359,521	129,648	$229,873
Governance and Stakeholder Relations		53,726	-$53,726
Campus Clubs and Faculty Associations		38,355	-$38,355
Services and programming	-8,445	563,419	-$554,975
Finance & Administration		17,521	-$17,521
Governance and Student Fees	-924,631	0	$924,631
President		41,769	-$41,769
Brantford BSC, Admin, Fees	-130,860	151,129	-$20,269
Brantford Activities	0	80,710	-$80,710
Brantford Services	0	1,317	-$1,317
Brantford Operations	0	2,389	-$2,389
Total	**-5,171,975**	**5,323,610**	**-$151,636**

WILFRID LAURIER UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' UNION

Schedule 1- Revenue

08 Periods Ending Dec.31, 2022

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Fred Nichols' Campus Centre	(889,784)	(779,621)	110,163
Health and Dental	(2,392,140)	(2,146,935)	245,205
Wilfs	(441,908)	(1,346,450)	(904,542)
Golden Grounds	(22,811)	(42,625)	(19,814)
U-Desk	(1,876)	(58,850)	(56,974)
Food court/leasing operations	(359,521)	(317,832)	41,689
Services and programming	(8,445)	(224,533)	(216,089)
Governance and Student Fees	(924,631)	(929,556)	(4,926)
Brantford BSC, Admin, Fees	(130,860)	(135,491)	(4,631)
Brantford Activities			-
Brantford Services			-
Total	**(5,171,975)**	**(5,981,893)**	**(809,919)**