



## **SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING**

Wednesday, May 25, 2022

**5:00PM EDT**

Via Microsoft Teams

### **AGENDA**

1. Call to Order
2. Territorial Acknowledgement
3. Approval of the Agenda
4. Approval of New WUSA Bylaws
5. Member Proposal on COVID-19 Public Health Measures
6. Adjournment

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

President Easton in the Chair

**2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

WUSA acknowledges that our work takes place on the traditional territory of the Neutral, Anishinaabeg, and Haudenosaunee peoples. Waterloo is situated on the Haldimand Tract, land granted to the Six Nations that includes six miles on each side of the Grand River.

**3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Motion

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the General Meeting approve the agenda, as presented.

*Note: The General Meeting may only change the order of business, as the agenda contents have been approved by the Board of Directors.*

**4. APPROVAL OF NEW WUSA BYLAWS**

Motion

WHEREAS the 2020-2025 Strategic Plan and 2020-2021 Annual Plan have committed WUSA to a comprehensive review of the organization's governance; and,

WHEREAS the Board of Directors, the Students' Council, and the Executives have acted on these commitments by engaging professional consultants and legal counsel for advice on structural reforms to WUSA governance; and,

WHEREAS the Board of Directors and the Students' Council have approved new WUSA Bylaws to enact these structural reforms; then,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the General Meeting confirm the new WUSA Bylaws; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the General Meeting set Thursday, September 1, 2022, as the coming-into-force date of the new WUSA Bylaws.

**5. MEMBER PROPOSAL ON COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH MEASURES**

Motion

WHEREAS WUSA acknowledges the need for the juxtaposition of the creation of safe spaces for minority groups with the need to encourage healthy debate and discussion; and,

WHEREAS WUSA acknowledges the need to balance the physical health needs of UW members with their mental health needs; and,

WHEREAS WUSA acknowledges the authority of the municipal, provincial, and federal governments to make laws with which UW must comply; and,

WHEREAS WUSA acknowledges UW has a systemic bias against people needing accommodations, as seen in UW's system of asking for vaccination status without allowing

students to request accommodations in advance of "possible reinstatement of mandates" (thus disallowing students who require accommodation from the possibility of experiencing a seamless transition if mandates should be re-imposed); then,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT WUSA advocate to UW senior administrators (Board of Governors and Senate) to only impose mandates if required by governmental authorities, and only to the extent required by those authorities; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT WUSA advocate to UW senior administrators (Board of Governors and Senate) that as far as government allows, UW will take the least restrictive option on covid-19 policies and mandates going forward; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT WUSA advocate to UW senior administrators (Board of Governors and Senate) to stop lobbying the Council of Medical Officers of Health to recommend vaccine mandates by way of the Council of Ontario Universities, and instead, that UW only follow the least restrictive guidelines put out by the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health for Ontario; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT WUSA lobby the provincial and federal government to investigate the state of "covid-19 science" elsewhere in Canada and the world, to understand why Canada's science portrays different results than those of other developed nations; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT WUSA advocate to UW senior administrators (Board of Governors and Senate) to immediately stop collecting personal medical information from students, including the status of their covid-19 vaccinations.

## **6. ADJOURNMENT**

Scheduled no later than 7PM EDT.