



WLU Student Publications Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2018, WLUSP Board Room

Attendance: Andreas Patsiaouros (President and Publisher), Lisa Irimescu (Vice President), Noa Salamon (Board Member), Rosalind Horne (Board Member), Alan Li (Board Member), John Pehar (Treasurer)

1. Call Meeting to Order

Call to Order at 7:20PM

2. Approval of Agenda (March 8, 2018)

Motion: Noa

Second: Alan

All in favor, Passes

3. Approval of Minutes (January 16, 2018)

Andreas: change spelling of Hayley Watson's name

Motion: Alan

Second: Rosalind

All in favor, Passes

4. Chair Report

Andreas: The EIC office in the basement has been fixed and is ready to be put in use once again. We will be using this opportunity to make a more spacious and functional office by placing furniture that is smaller and less crowding.

Upon being elected as the 2018-2019 WLUSP President and Publisher, Terrence Mroz has started hiring Department Heads. Orientation, budget creation and hiring of editors, management, etc. will take place shortly.

Tickets have been purchased, and three members of The Cord's editorial board will be making their way to Leduc, Alberta for extensive coverage of University Curling Nationals.

We are in the process of planning a final workshop for the year as well as in the early stages of our annual Volunteer Appreciation night at Chainsaw.

Lakyn and myself have been working closely with Lisa to revise outdated WLUSP policies. We will have full revisions made for the next board meeting for pending approval.

5. Finances

John: The total revenue has increased 70% as student fees have been raised. Our net income has increased \$33,000 from last year. The last two years we were in a deficit, so it's good to see a positive net income. Overall, we are in a good financial position.

Alan: On the two columns at the top it says we are counting from the May to December. Why is this?

John: We are looking at the first two fiscal periods of the year as we incur different expenses during different times of the year.

Alan: I noticed our event income and expenses increased substantially. Do you have more information on that?

John: That would be attributed to Steel Rails, as they spent more and generated more money last summer.

6. CPI Increase & Student Fees

Andreas: If we do the increase, we will make slightly more money per year.

Rosalind: Since there hasn't been an increase in a couple years, I think it's a better idea to increase a little every year rather than do a large increase all at once. I agree it would be a good idea to increase the fee.

Alan: Would we have to hold a referendum for this?

Andreas: No we do not.

Alan: If students have issue with the fees, what do they do?

Andreas: If there were enough students that wanted to opt out, they could put in a referendum question.

Alan: Why haven't we raised fees in previous years?

Andreas: I'm not sure.

John: It may be because we are adjusting for inflation.

Motion to increase student fee: Alan

Second: Noa

All in favor, Passe

7. Strategic Plan 2018

Andreas: We have made a couple revisions to the strategic plan, but overall we feel the original plan makes sense.

Rosalind: Is this strategic plan still under the original timeline that it was intended for, or was it extended as some of the items have not been completed yet?

Andreas: Yes, the dates have been extended to match this new timeline.

Alan: Did you make any changes to the SWAT Analysis?

Andreas: Just small changes like the number of departments.

Rosalind: When would be the next time we conduct another strategic planning session?

Andreas: The next one would be conducted in 2022, as these are set to occur every 5 years.

John: I think the intention is every 5 years you have a formal review, but maybe Lakyn would have a better idea of how this worked in previous years. I feel that we should revisit this next meeting.

Motion to table discussion until the following board meeting: Alan

Second: Lisa

All in favor, Passes

8. Final Remarks

We are planning VA's, so hopefully everyone can come out to that. We will be transitioning for incoming departments, so WLUSP is focused on that right now. The new board will be meeting in April to have their budget approved.

9. Adjournment

Motion: Noa

Second: Alan

All in favor, Motion Passes

Meeting adjourned at 8:11PM on March 8th, 2018.