

Board of Directors
Emergency Meeting Minutes
March 30, 2020

Primary Meeting

Date: March 30, 2020
Time: 10:30 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.
Place: Digital

Overflow Meeting:

Board Secretary: Tyler B. Hampton, Corporate Secretary
Minutes Taker: Tyler B. Hampton



ATTENDENCE

Name and Position	Present	Regrets*	Absent
	[“X” if present / “R” if calling or skyping]	[“X” if absent with regrets / time of arrival if late with regrets]	[“X” if absent w/o regrets / time of arrival if late w/o regrets]
Rebecca Stirling, Chair of Board	X		
Phillipe Bériault, Director			X
Daniel Grimmer, Director		X	
Tyler Hampton, Director, CoSec	X		
Jason Luong, Director	X		
Dmitrii Marin, Director	X		
Kareem Mostafa, Vice Chair	X		
Jen Reid, Director	X		
Nick Revington, Director	X		
Twesh Upadhyaya, Director		X	
Naima Samuel, Director, President	X		
David Billedeau, Vice President, acting chair of Council	X		
Kevin McKay, General Manager	X		

*A time in the Regrets or Absent column indicates a director arriving at that time, after the meeting was called to order

Current Committees	Committee Members
Board Executive (Winter)	Stirling (Chair), Samuel, Mostafa, Hampton, Marin, Revington, Upadhyaya
Joint Policy Review	Reid (Chair), Marin (deputy chair); [Robbins, Parker]
Audit and Financial Risk	Mostafa (Chair), Samuel, Upadhyaya
Governance Oversight	Revington (Chair), Stirling, Samuel
Recruitment Task Force	Grimmer, Revington, McKay, Hampton

AGENDA

Emergency Meeting to discuss Spring Term 2020 Fees, starting with a report from GSA Management

MINUTES

Welcome and Opening Remarks

10:30

Stirling takes the Chair and calls the meeting to order at 10:30 AM. Hampton acts as secretary and Hampton records the minutes.

Discussion Items: GSA Fees

The president presented a report on GSA incidental fees for the Spring 2020 term. On Friday the GSA president met with WUSA executives and uWaterloo administrators discussing what fees will be assessed. On principle, if a service is not being offered in Spring term, then the fee will not be assessed. If a service is being offered with significant changes to service levels, we could consider assessing a reduced fee. UW has informed the GSA they are very much against assessing reduced fees and strongly prefers an all or nothing approach. Essential services and core services will continue. GRT service may be reduced or ridership will be reduced. Academic and wellness support will be modified. Representation, advocacy, and advising (including legal and tax aid) will continue. The most affected will be social initiatives and grad house services. The grad house will be closed for Spring term, since on-campus classes were already discontinued. Recommendation also for endowment and grad initiative fees to be discontinued. Enrollment may even be lower for Spring term: some students are deferring for the fall, so revenue on association fees may even be affected. Loss of revenue may cause a budget deficit of about \$30k.

Recommendations from the Management Team:

Assess: Health, Dental, GRT, Essential Services, Representation (2), Advising

Do not assess: Academic Support, Wellness Support, Graduate House, Social Initiatives

Questions from Directors: Will fee structure be changed? The Board approved a consolidated fee in January, so should we present the SCI-era discretized fees? Despite Board approval, the UW Board of Governors were not able to review and approve changes at their Feb 4 meeting. Generally the consolidated fee would have been assessed at the beginning of the academic year (Sept) anyways. President has asked for Board of Governors to consider in April. Fees that would be presented to students, even in their broken-out form, they could be mandatory. May add an element of transparency seeing which fees are assessed and why.

Motion to extend meeting by 30 minutes (Samuel/Marin). Approved Unanimously.

Question about Health and Dental fee: if services cannot be accessed (during quarantine, social distancing), is it reasonable to assess the full fee? Yes, if the government's restrictions on business loosen in the middle of the Spring term, students could still access these services.

If the University can implement the GSA Board's grouped Association Fee, the social initiatives fee will be assessed. If University cannot group our fees as requested, we will not ask for social initiatives fee to be assessed.

BIRT the GSA Board approves Management's proposal for the fee structure, as previously approved by the GSA Board in January, for Spring 2020, with mandatory payment for all fees assessed excluding Academic, Wellness, and Graduate House. (Marin/Hampton) Approved unanimously.