

Federation of Students, University of Waterloo, Fall General Meeting

Tuesday, October 22, 2019

Student Life Centre Great Hall, University of Waterloo

The General Meeting failed to meet quorum, thus, the minutes below will be for information only. The General Meeting will be following the structure of a town-hall.

President Michael Beauchemin calls the meeting to order for information purposes only, at 5:26PM.

1. Opening remarks from the chair (Information)

President Beauchemin opened a discussion period by acknowledging the Indigenous land on which the University of Waterloo is situated with the following:

“The Waterloo Undergraduate Student Association acknowledges that we are living and working on the traditional territory of the Attawandaron, Anishnaabeg, and Haudenosaunee peoples. The University of Waterloo is situated on the Haldimand Tract, land promised to the Six Nations, which includes six miles on each side of the Grand River.”

President Beauchemin briefly introduced Robert’s Rules of Order (RONR). He distilled the information down to three key parts: new points, direct response, and point of clarification. He encourages members speak up and to use hand motions for the above

President Beauchemin indicated the RONR cheat sheets located in the Great Hall, SLC and encouraged members to read RONR online if they are interested.

President Beauchemin noted that the meeting would begin with member submitted proposals because the General Meeting failed to meet quorum.

Secretary’s Note: Notes for the discussions on member-submitted proposals are listed below and do not constitute official minutes from the fall 2019 term General Meeting.

Member-Submitted Proposals

Conduct of Remembrance/Armistice Day Commemorations (discussion)

President Beauchemin read out the submitted proposal: *“Nasir is concerned at the lack of acknowledgement of Remembrance Day at the University of Waterloo. He hopes that WUSA will commemorate the occasion and pay a proper homage to the day.”*

Nasir Nurbhai explained that he submitted the proposal to commemorate an important day in Canadian history. He noted a desire to have a Remembrance Day notice on the screens located in the SLC, and he hoped that this would encourage students to donate

money to the Canadian Legion. He said that if all 40,000 students gave a small donation to the Canadian Legion, it “would be great”.

President Beauchemin introduced Megan Collings-Moore, a chaplain at the University of Waterloo. Megan said that for the past few years, the chaplains have held a Remembrance Day observance with a two-minute traditional silence. Megan has asked Turnkey to showcase the Remembrance Day ceremony live from Ottawa on the screens in the SLC. She said the chaplains further try to commemorate this day by bringing in coffee, sweets, and buttons for students and staff members.

President Beauchemin asked if there’s a good way to get involved in this event, and how students could have an impact in taking ownership in this event.

Megan Collings-Moore said there’s a planning committee to oversee this process, after which President Beauchemin asks members if there are any further questions for Megan.

A student member from the audience said that they are unsure what the Canadian Legion does and asked where the donated money goes.

Megan Collings-Moore responded by saying she is not fully aware and said some of the funding goes to educational purposes. Nasir Nurbhai said he also partially knows the details but mentioned that the Legion helps veterans in the hospital to ensure that they are comfortable and well-taken care of.

A student member asked if there were any way to make professors to do a two-minute silence to commemorate Remembrance Day.

Megan noted that chaplains would not be able to enforce this.

A student member said that if students advertise for the Canadian Legion, the White Poppies for Peace campaign should also be recognized. They have a similar campaign to the Canadian Legion, but it is particularly geared for those affected by any war such as those who have been displaced by war, and it is therefore not restricted to veterans. The student further noted this campaign promotes peace.

Another student member expanded on the point raised above.

Another student member said WUSA encourages students to attend municipal events and wants Waterloo students to attend such events to respect our fallen soldiers.

No further discussion occurred on this item.

Exam Scheduling Prior to Course Selection (discussion)

President Beauchemin read the submitted proposal from Jonathan Hernes: “*Johnathan raises the issue that students are unable to know any information about the scheduling of exams when they are choosing their classes.*”

President Beauchemin explained that Jonathan was absent from the General Meeting and an uncertainty if the General Meeting could proceed with this item in Jonathan’s absence. He asked the members if this is an item they wish to discuss, to which the room generally consented to move on.

Proposal for Fed Bus to Ottawa (discussion)

President Beauchemin read the motion from Helen Engelhart: “*Whereas the Fed Bus to Ottawa leaves at 1:30 PM on the Friday before Reading Week, thereby leaving before midterms are over, and Whereas this causes many midterm conflicts and thus prohibits many students from signing up for the bus even though it is the most convenient way home, now therefore, Be it resolved that the time that the Fed Bus to Ottawa departs before breaks be changed to the morning after midterms end, so that any student living in Ottawa can sign up for the bus without midterm conflicts.*”

President Beauchemin asks if Helen is the room. Helen asked for the item to be skipped, noting that her questions had already been answered in depth by Vice President, Operations and Finance, Seneca Velling and President Beauchemin.

President Beauchemin advanced to the next member-submitted proposal, with the General Meeting’s ascent.

No further discussion occurred on this item.

Cyclist and Pedestrian Protection (discussion)

President Beauchemin read the submitted proposal from Nasir Nurbhai: “*Nasir brings forth the idea of designated bike lanes around campus, including a lane that would pass straight through campus and avoid both pedestrian and automobile traffic.*”

Nasir noticed that on campus there are problems arising from cyclists and pedestrians not having segregated travel space. Nasire asked if there were something that the University of Waterloo could do to create a safer space for cyclists.

A student member asked Nasir where on campus he would wish to enforce designated bike lanes and where these routes would connect.

Nasir responded that he was thinking about having bike lanes within the north side of campus.

Another student member said bikers and pedestrians have similar issues, such as getting into an accident, and being observant of other cars on the road.

Vice President Velling said that Ring Road should be a one-way road because under the current road layout, students are likely to be hit by cars. He said having a one-way road on Ring Road and replacing one of the traffic lanes with a bike lane would help ensure the safety of students.

A student member said WUSA should consider the current bike lock stations and moving them to structurally discourage bikers biking in high-traffic areas.

Another student member noted this recommendation exists in the University of Waterloo's Master Plan.

Another student member believed the bigger issue is that road rules are not enforced as much as they should be on Ring Road.

Another student member said there are many pedestrians on campus walking across the road, and that we must be also cognizant of drivers who often have to wait several minutes until pedestrians cross. Another student member suggested replacing the stop signs near the Davis Centre with traffic lights.

No further discussion occurred on this item.

Secretary's note: Upon reaching quorum, the President Beauchemin called the meeting to order and official record of the proceedings began to be taken, as seen below.

CALL TO ORDER: 5:56PM

President Beauchemin called the meeting to order and referred back to his opening remarks before advancing to the approval of the agenda.

2. Approval of the Agenda (decision)

President Beauchemin assumed the agenda. The Board of Directors recommended the agenda for adoption.

Moved by Seneca Velling, Katherine Arnold.

Motion adopted.

3. Approval of the Minutes from the March 21, 2019 General Meeting (decision)

President Beauchemin stated that the Board of Directors recommended this motion for adoption.

Moved by Seneca Velling, Stephanie Ye-Mowe.

Vice President, Velling would like the name of the audit firm that the organization previously used, “MNP”, be corrected from “MMP” in the March 2019 General Meeting minutes.

A student member recommended the minute-taker correct the spelling of names for Engineering students written in the March 2019 minutes.

Connor Plante, Chair of the Board, asks that the minute-taker adjust the March 2019 minutes from “Connor calls for the *agenda* to be adjourned” to “Connor calls for the *meeting* to be adjourned.”

A student member questioned why students’ first and last names were written in the beginning of the March 2019 minutes and why only their first names were used towards the end of the minutes. The member asked that it be fixed.

Motion adopted.

4. Waterloo Undergraduate Student Association Fees and Finances

a. Presentation of the Audited Financial Statements (decision)

Vice President, Operations and Finance, Seneca Velling, presented the audited financial statements on behalf of the Board of Directors. Vice President, Velling spoke to two parts of the financial statements: the balance sheet (statement of financial position) and the income statement (statement of operations). He explained that the balance sheet reveals the value of items that the organization owns, which are net assets, and the amounts owed to others. The income statement indicates the operations of the organization for a full year (such as a profit or loss). Vice President, Velling then explained the various funds highlighted in the statement.

The General Fund (funded by a mandatory \$60.64 fee for full-time students and \$18.20 fee for part-time students). In the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year, the General Fund ran a loss of \$132,600. The organization’s operations for commercial units and student services flow through the General Operating Fund. Vice President, Velling explained that the money in this fund is free to be spent as the organization sees fit, in the manner determined by Students’ Council and approved by the Board of Directors.

The Health & Dental Fee, UPASS Fee, Student Refugee Program, and Orientation Funds are separate as these fees are collected from students who choose to participate in each program. The Societies Fund is the aggregate of all Societies’ finances. Vice President, Velling explained that the organization has no direct control over the expenditure of monies from these funds, so they are classified as ‘restricted’.

Overall, the organization’s net assets increased by \$1.3 million, whereas the previous year, the organization saw an increase of \$959,000. From the 2018 to 2019 Fiscal Years, Societies saw an increase in net assets of \$141,600. Vice President, Velling explained that the amount of money the organization loses annually is decreasing year-over-year. Vice President, Velling emphasized the need for the organization to be careful with its cash, particularly given the new Student Choice Initiative (SCI), as the organization is experiencing a negative working capital, which

resulted in internally financed loans (involving the Health and Dental Fund and the General Fund). He highlighted the work that the Board of Directors and the Budget & Appropriations Committee have been actively doing to address these working capital issues. He stated that while the organization's auditors recommend, "Continuing addressing working capital matters" moving forward, addressing deficit overnight is very difficult for a not-for-profit corporation like WUSA, because it cannot budget a profit for the year.

A student member inquired about the premium on the legal fees recently introduced. Vice President, Velling explained that the premium is \$9.56 per term for regular stream students whereas it is a little over \$17 for co-op students. The price difference is a result of regular students paying double in the winter term (\$19) and \$10 in the fall term. Co-op students only pay such fees per academic term. Vice President, Velling noted that students are only charged when they are on an academic term.

No further discussion occurred on this item.

4. b. Appointment of the Auditor (decision)

President Beauchemin read the motion out loud: *"Be it resolved that the Assembly appoints PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC), LLP as the Auditor for the Corporation for FY2020 through FY2022, as recommended by the Board of Directors."*

The Vice President, Operations & Finance presented, on behalf of the Auditor Request for Proposal (RFP) Selection Committee of the Board, the selected and recommended candidate from the outcome of the RFP process for the Waterloo Undergraduate Student Association. Vice President, Velling mentioned that Students' Council passed a corporate policy entitled Value-For-Money, which highlights the need to run standardized procurement processes for major expenses. The Board of Directors passed a procedure to initiate an RFP for large programs, services, vendors, and capital acquisitions. Vice President, Velling noted that because the organization had not rotated their auditors in quite some time, this year, an RFP was put out for the auditor and PwC was selected.

President Beauchemin asked the members if they wished to complete the finance-related motions before food was served, to which members agreed.

A student member sought clarification on the selection process of the auditors, and if the bid was the best value-for-money. Vice President, Velling says the organization is required, by corporate policy, to select the bid that emphasizes the most value-for-money, but not necessarily one that is cheaper or has a more competitive price.

A student member asked if the organization was permitted to disclose the other firms who submitted their bids, to which Vice President, Velling stated that he could not disclose this information.

A student member sought clarification from Vice President, Velling, asking if the members present were to make a decision based on the Board's recommendation only, with no other evidence of recommendations available.

Vice President, Velling clarified that the Board had a fiduciary duty to select an auditor. He stated that the General Meeting is responsible for a confirmation vote, and that the selection process was intended to reflect the outcome of the RFP. He further noted the Board's satisfaction with PwC's price point and level of work exhibited.

A student member asked what the threshold was for large purchases by the organization. Vice President, Velling noted that, as per policy, anything exceeding \$50,000 requires an RFP.

No further questions.

Moved by Seneca Velling, Jason Small.

Jason Small moved an amendment to the blank space to reflect the selection of PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP.

Moved by Jason Small, Mark Frain.

Motion adopted.

Motion to adopt the amended motion passes.

Noted in Opposition: Katherine Arnold, Hussein Sufan

4. c. Creation of a Capital Improvement Fee (decision)

President Beauchemin reads the motion out loud: *"Be it resolved that the General Assembly approves the creation of a dedicated fee to support capital maintenance, improvement, and expansion for student spaces (e.g. Student Life Centre), including future compliance requirements under changes to accessibility legislation as may be required, in an amount not exceeding \$15.00, contingent on the successful adoption of a capital program by the Students' Council."*

Moved by Seneca Velling, Connor Plante

Vice President, Velling presented the capital improvement proposal before the Assembly. He stated that harmful bacterial and fungal matter are a part of the university's capital maintenance, whereas this particular capital plan looks at upgrading furniture, lighting, bathrooms, and other cosmetic upgrades or modernizations that the SLC building may need. \$9.7 million is required just for such renovations that WUSA is already aware of. Vice President, Velling discussed the mental health and well-being of students as considerations for renovating the building. The motion is to vote to allow Students' Council to create a fee of up to \$15 fee and this fee would only be used for these purposes, "capital improvement". Vice President, Velling clarified that the fee would not go into force immediately but rather that he would be asking that Students' Council approve a capital plan.

A student member asked if the \$15 fee would include brail signage for the visually impaired.

Vice President, Velling said signage requirements under the law would be included in the plan.

A student member asked about WUSA's current involvement with the SLC-PAC expansion.

Vice President, Velling said that WUSA did the groundwork of the SLC-PAC expansion (such as hosting the referendum). He stated that the expansion was taking a long time due to serious issues such as mildew, soil erosion, incorrect water pipe locations, etc., and that there had been trouble with contractors, noting that strikes occurred that halted the expansion project.

Vice President, Gerrits asked if WUSA oversaw the actual management of the project, timelines and negotiations with the general contractor.

Vice President, Velling answered in the negative and stated that WUSA was simply the financier of the project for the mortgage. He noted, however, that the cost management for the project was overseen by the university with the contractors.

A student member asks if this would be a mandatory fee if Students' Council adopted the plan subsequent to the General Meeting.

Vice President, Velling said it would be mandatory but that further discussions with Students' Council would be required as well as consideration of whether the university would classify it as a building fee. He stated that if this fee counted as a building and property fee, it would be mandatory; however, a capital plan had not been developed or implemented to answer this question at the time of the General Meeting.

A student member inquired as to the nature and provenance of capital maintenance for the SLC before the motion was proposed and the capital plan developed.

Vice President, Velling said the cost came out of WUSA's operating budget, that the organization paid for capital projects, such as renovations or repairs. However, due to this, service levels have decreased because of the need to fund capital maintenance out of the same monies apportioned for student benefit. With this motion, Vice President, Velling noted his hope to have a capital budget and an operating budget.

The member asked a follow-up, that were the motion to be implemented, if there would be a system of ranking for what requires renovations or repairs first.

Vice President, Velling said he and the Research and Policy Officer developed a capital proposal that was viewed by Students' Council and the Board of Directors. He specified that the proposal was not a full program, but that it did identify the governance behind the plan and how it could work. In example, Vice President, Velling noted that the suggestion was for the SLC Management Advisory Committee to approve the capital improvement plan for the SLC and then there would be an accompanying budget, developed by the Budget & Appropriations Committee that would implement the plan. Vice President, Velling affirmed that students would set the plan

and the Budget & Appropriations Committee would budget around the priorities set by students. Lastly, he noted that both Students' Council and the Board approve WUSA's budget.

The member asked a final follow-up, noting that using WatCards to gain access to rooms in the SLC posed safety concerns for her, citing a Turnkey policy that keys not be accessible between the hours of 3:00 AM and 7:00 AM. She suggested that this idea should be discussed further with Turnkey, including Scott Pearson, before including it in the capital plan.

Vice President, Velling said he spoke with staff management and Scott Pearson, the SLC Manager, regarding this matter; however, that this was a preliminary idea and more consultations would be required.

A student member asked who would oversee dividing the capital projects: Council or Board.

Vice President, Velling says that his hope was to abolish the SLC Management Advisory Committee and replace with a student spaces and works committee to over see this process. He stated that Council sees and approves budgets (made by the Budget and Appropriations Committee), at which point it goes to Board for approval. Vice President,, Velling noted that the organization has as bicameral budget approval process.

No further questions or comments.

Motion adopted.

Noted In favour: Seneca Velling.

4. d. Student Life Centre Fee Transparency Proposal (information)

Vice President, Velling said that this proposal was intended to increase the accountability for students' money. He began by explaining that the Student Services Advisory Committee (SSAC) determines ancillary fees for university services, such as the Athletics & Recreation or Campus Wellness Departments, which were created as a university service for certain operating costs. He further explained that under SCI, there would be three SLC fees (operating costs fee, staff costs fee, and facilities fee) on a student's tuition statement, two of which were created by SSAC, and one of which arose from the WUSA fee. Vice President, Velling proposed the elimination of the university's student service fees for the SLC and an increment of the WUSA fee by the same amount (no fee increase to students). Vice President, Velling told the members that they have control over those fees for transparency and accountability purposes.

A student member asked what the change between the optional vs. mandatory fee would be, with regards to current practice and how it was being proposed to the Assembly.

Vice President, Velling noted that there would be changes, as it is a compulsory fee. He assured the members that WUSA would be moving this fee from the university governance structure to the student governance structure.

President Beauchemin initiated a straw poll on the item: The Assembly was generally in favour.

President Beauchemin called for a recess.

President Beauchemin called the meeting back to order at 7:03 pm.

5. Amendment to the Bylaws

a. Amendment to Bylaws Article 4: Dues (decision)

Recommended for adoption by the Board of Directors.

Moved by Connor Plante, Matthew Gerrits.

Board Chairman Plante informed the Assembly of the Board's recommendation of adopting the amendments presented to Article 4. The Chairman stated that our bylaws were not in compliance with the Student Choice Initiative.

Vice President, Velling relayed that WUSA's auditors recommend the Assembly move forward with this motion.

No further comments or questions.

Motion adopted.

5. b. Amendments to Bylaws Article 5: General Meetings (decision)

Recommended for adoption by the Board of Directors.

Moved by Connor Plante, Seneca Velling.

Chairman Plante explained that, with this amendment, members of Council would be able to carry up to five proxies for their constituents at General Meetings. A member would submit their proxy to the WUSA office and a councillor elected from the members' constituency would be assigned to the proxy.

Vice President, Gerrits spoke on behalf of his proxy, who noted that this amendment giving councillors more proxies had not passed at the last two General Meetings, with this being the third one. Vice President, Gerrits' proxy inquired about the history of failure at past General Meetings.

Chairman Plante explains that quorum was lost at the Winter 2019 General Meeting which prevented this motion from being considered, and something like that could have been avoided if Councillors held proxies.

President Beauchemin stated that before the item on the floor was considered at the previous General Meeting in Fall 2018, quorum was also lost.

No further comments or question.

Motion adopted.

Noted In abstention: Jason Small, Thomas Dedinsky.

Noted In favour: Mark Fraine, Katherine Arnold, Nick Fifle.

c. Amendment to Bylaws Article 9: Officers (decision)

Recommended for adoption by the Board of Directors.

Moved by Connor Plante, Seneca Velling.

Chairman Plante explained that this amendment had a slight change to duties of Chair of Board and the Secretary of the Corporation to ensure they uphold policies of the Corporation to best of their ability and to the best of their duties.

Vice President, Velling moved to amend the default Secretary of the Corporation from the Vice President, Student Life (previously, Vice President, Internal) to the Vice President, Operations & Finance, to read: 2(1): “The Secretary of the Corporation shall be the Vice President, ~~Student Life~~ *Operations & Finance* unless otherwise designated by the Board of Directors”

Moved by Seneca Velling, Amanda Fitzpatrick.

Vice President, Velling provides a brief overview of the amendment, stating that Vice President, Operations and Finance is responsible for legal records maintenance.

Amendment voted on:

Motion adopted.

Noted In abstention: John Hunte.

Back to the main motion as amended.

No further comments or questions.

Motion adopted.

Noted In abstention: Edward Yang, Seneca Velling.

d. Amendment to Bylaws Article 11. Elections and Referenda (decision)

Recommended for adoption by the Board of Directors.

Moved by Connor Plante, Jason Small.

Chairman Plante explained that this amendment pertained to the tabulation of votes in elections and their redistribution in the case of disqualification.

A student member thanked Chairman Plante for doing a great job.

Vice President, Gerrits asked what the status quo was and what would change under the new Bylaw amendment.

Vice President, Velling answered that under ranked voting, if a candidate were disqualified, votes would be transferred to the second choice. However, the current Bylaw states that if a candidate is disqualified and the votes have been tabulated, instead of transferring the votes, all those who voted for a candidate would then be counted in abstention. Vice President, Velling noted that this has never happened in the past, but that the amendment was brought forward to ensure it would never happen in the future.

No further comments or questions.

Motion adopted.

Member Submitted Motions:

10. Payment of Membership Fees While on Work Placement (discussion)

President Beauchemin read the motion aloud: *“Mikaela has been assigned to work 5 hours away from campus and all its amenities but is still being charged full ancillary fees and tuition. Mikaela requests that some thought be assigned to who is paying fees and why.”*

Vice President, Velling explained that the Executive brought forward a request to the Student Services Advisory Committee regarding 4th year Pharmacy student fees being made optional. He stated that an investigation into feasibility was underway and that an answer would be given in either November or December 2019.

Vice President, Velling moved, as an item arising from the discussion, a recommendation to WUSA to advocate to the university for 4th year Pharmacy fees to be optional.

Moved by Seneca Velling, Kanan Sharma.

No further comments or questions.

Motion adopted.

11. Clubs Fee and Clubs Funding (discussion)

President Beauchemin read the motion aloud: *“Hunter noticed that not the entire amount of the WUSA Clubs Fee on the quest statement goes toward the \$75.00 clubs guarantee. Hunter would like to discuss this and ask for an explanation of how clubs fees are spent on campus.”*

Hunter McHugh spoke to his motion, explaining that there existed a clubs fee of about \$2.50, and with 40,000 students at the university, he estimated to \$100k would be allocated towards

clubs. Of approximately 250 clubs, only \$75 is allocated per club (which is roughly under \$20k going to clubs). Hunter sought clarification on this calculation.

Vice President, Velling answered Hunter's questions, stating that money goes to the clubs system, such as full-time staff overseeing clubs storage, insurance for risk management for events on- or off-campus, and other general oversight. He stated that the university requires WUSA to have an insurance policy valuing at least \$11 million. He further explained that not all clubs use the \$75.

Student member McHugh said he is the President of a club, and that he wouldn't charge membership fees, as this would affect his current membership. He further said that \$75 is still a small amount of money, and he would like this to be examined (a fee increase for clubs).

Vice President, Velling said he could explore the issue and a fee increase to increase funding to clubs. He mentioned that WUSA offers special funding for clubs for special projects through the Enterprise, Opportunity, and Innovation fund. He concludes by saying that because the clubs fee is optional under the Student Choice Initiative, money is not readily available.

12. Recognition of Recent Developments in E-Cigarette Dangers (discussion)

The author of this motion, Nasi Nurbhai, was not present and withdrew his motion.

No further comments or questions.

13. Discussion on UW Efforts to Improve Sustainability and Environmental Protection (discussion)

President Beauchemin read the motion aloud: "*Nasir wants to hear about what efforts are being made by the University of Waterloo and WUSA to develop sustainably and foster environmental protection as they move forward into the future. Nasir requests the presence of representatives of Plant Operations and the Sustainability Office to bring more information on the University's initiatives to members attending the general meeting.*"

The Sustainability Manager, Mat Thijssen, from the Sustainability Office spoke to this motion. Thijssen provided a brief background on what was occurring at the Sustainability Office (also available on university sustainability website). Thijssen explained that there exists a Presidents Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (PAC-ES), where decision-making occurs on recommendations regarding sustainability. He stated that many of the Sustainability Office's efforts come from the Environment and Sustainable Energy Strategy 2017-2025, which examines 27 areas, including energy, water, waste, and transportation,. The Sustainability Office is in the implementation phase of this sustainability strategy. Thijssen said the Sustainability Office is transparent and that all of this information is publicly available on website. He stated that sustainability requires more attention in the teaching and research areas on campus. A sustainability diploma is available to students on campus - a 4 course add-on that can be documented on a student's transcript. Many other programs are also available for students'

learning. Thijssen delved a little deeper into the efforts from the Sustainability Office and the impact the Sustainability Office has had on campus to date.

A student member asked how the University should treat investments towards fossil fuel industries, given that the University continues to invest in fossil fuel companies and industries.

Thijssen stated that he does not work on the investment portfolio as this is under the Board of Governors, but that some processes and discussions are in place.

A student member noted that the Graduate Student Association - University of Waterloo (GSA - UW) divested from the fossil fuel industries and asked why the University had not done this as well.

President Beauchemin explained that GSA was able to divest because they are much smaller and that if they lose some money in investments, then it would not necessarily affect them profoundly, noting that the University invests much more money.

Vice President, Velling provided some context, drawing upon the example of Apartheid in South Africa, where corporations were permitted by the government to boycott South Africa by divesting funds, without Directors endangering their status as fiduciaries. He stated that no such legislation existed at the time of the General Meeting for the environment in Ontario and that because of this, there are legal concerns and risks for the University's Board of Governors if they follow a similar route. To divest, legislation would be required for the Board to feel comfortable taking such action.

Student member asks if WUSA has any plans to advocate on the University's continued investment towards fossil fuel industries.

At this point, President Beauchemin interrupted this line of discussion and encouraged the student to reach out to Katherine Bradshaw if they wanted an official statement from WUSA.

A student member asked if there are plans to increase the green space on campus, particularly given that the SLC-PAC expansion construction created an area where the former green space had disappeared.

Thijssen said the plan for green space is documented in the Sustainability Office's Master Plan. He affirmed that common spaces (south, north common, etc.) were set aside to be green spaces on campus, amongst other areas on campus. He said that a proposal for green roofs was being discussed for the SLC-PAC, and that discussions with Arts and Environment were well underway. He concluded by saying it is hard to increase space but there were many commitments being made.

14. Where to Take Lost WatCards (discussion)

President Beauchemin noted that students may take WatCards to the Turnkey desk.

Chairman Plante presented a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Moved by Connor Plante, Katherine Arnold.

Motion Approved

The meeting adjourned 7:47pm

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