WUSA 2026 ANNUAL MEMBERS' MEETING
DATE: March 25th, 2026
TIME: 5:27pm – 9:13pm
LOCATION: SLC Great Hall – 200 University Avenue W, Waterloo, ON, N2L 3G1

1. PRELIMINARIES

1.1. Call to Order & Opening Remarks

With quorum reached, the Chair, Damian Mikhail, called the meeting to order at 5:27pm (EST).

The Chair opened the meeting by addressing procedural matters relevant to its conduct. He shared there had been several pre-vote/proxies submitted by students and noted the discretion to void the pre-votes where an amendment made to a motion on the floor is too significant.

He introduced Vice-Chair, Rory Norris and shared a list of expectations to the Assembly, reminding everyone to treat one another with respect.

1.2. Territorial Acknowledgement

The University of Waterloo is on the traditional territory of the Neutral, Anishinaabeg, and Haudenosaunee peoples. Our organization operates on the Haldimand Tract, land promised to the Six Nations, which includes six miles on each side of the Grand River.

1.3. Updates to Previous Motions

Damian Mikhail provided the following update on motions considered at previous Annual Members' Meetings (AMM).

1.3.1. University Athletics & Recreation Report

An assessment and review of the University's Athletics and Recreation services is available to the Assembly on the WUSA website. The Chair stated that there was overall positive feedback from students with few notes of growth in facility upgrades, niche programming, and usage metrics.

1.3.2. Recording Studio

Preliminary research shows a high demand ranging from an estimated forty to sixty student groups. The surveyed groups indicated usages such as music recording, podcasting, and academic projects around media. The Chair noted that costs could be around $500,000-$550,00 alongside annual operating costs of $15,000-$28.000. The next steps would be the incoming Board to evaluate the priority alongside confirmation of the capital budget.

1.3.3. Gender Affirming Care

The Chair shared that advancements for operational and legal support began in September 2025, feeling as this was a big win for the Assembly.

1.3.4. Senator Honorariums

Feedback from the University's Secretariat is that they are unable to provide financial compensation to student senators. However, WUSA and the Secretariat are looking to find means of non-financial compensation such as non-academic credits or certifications to recognize the work of Senators.

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1.3.5. SLC Student Lounge Plan
The Chair shared there had been many advancements on getting plans escalated through University pipelines, as well as connecting with students to hear their changing needs and wants for students' spaces. He noted that students could go to "wusa.lounge.ca" to share further feedback on and find updates on the proposal.

1.3.6. Establishment of Queer Living Learning Community
The Chair referenced that the Office of Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Anti-Racism had published a *Trans and Non-Binary Equity Strategy* which advocated for gender-inclusive infrastructures within residences. He noted Campus Housing had also updated 128 washrooms within V1 and REV to improve shower privacy, and newer residences incorporated full-height shower doors. As an update to the core of the motion, it was stated that the consideration of Living Learning Communities had been shifted onto the Student Success Office, with WUSA continuing to work collaboratively.

1.3.7. Improve Campus Tunnel and Bridge Wayfinding and Accessibility
WUSA had been in conversation with Plant Operation to review potential wayfinding as well as the Safety Office and Special Constable Services to determine barriers to campus safety. As a result, WUSA launched its pilot WalkSafe trial, currently in effect, which would be assessed for its effectiveness and to help identify next steps.

1.4. Agenda Approval

Be it Resolved that *the Assembly approves the agenda meeting of March 25th, 2026, as presented.*
Moved by Arya Razmjoo. Seconded by Samir Sharma.

The Chair recognized there would be a potential amendment coming to the floor due to conflicts in time as the mover of the motion would be unable to attend, given the motion's current placement in the agenda. As a result, Omar Gaballa requested that item 5.8 Improving Student Advocacy Access Through LSPIRG Membership to take the place of 5.1.

Be it Resolved that *the Assembly amends to move 5.8 to the start of consideration – Moved by Omar Gaballa. Seconded by Keenan Muzyka.*

Motion passed*.*

Be it Resolved that *the Assembly approves the agenda meeting of March 25th, 2026, with item 5.8 to be moved to the beginning of the consideration of motions section.*

Motion passed*.*

1.5. Minutes Approval

Be it Resolved that *the Assembly approves the minutes of the previous Annual Members' Meeting held on March 26th, 2025, as presented.*
Moved by Samir Sharma. Moved by Skylar Duggan.

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Motion passed.

1.6. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

The following members declared conflict of interest on agenda items as detailed below.
Samir Sharma: 4.1 and 5.5
Rory Norris: 4.1, 5.1, and 5.5
Muhammad Kanji: 4.1 and 5.5
Andrew Chang: 5.1
Jacob Lewis 4.1 and 5.1
Arya Razmjoo 4.1
Iman Khan: 4.1
Majdalen Azouz 4.1 and 5.5
Katherine Wang: 4.1
Omar Gaballa: 4.1
Mark Jejeran 4.1
Becky Chen 4.1

Damian Mikhail noted that for those in conflict with items 4.1 and 5.5 would have to refrain from voting

2. PRESENTATIONS

2.1. Governance Reform Report

Muhammad Kanji presented the WUSA 2025-2026 Governance Reform changes, noting the reform was commissioned at the 2025 AMM and overseen the past year. Highlights of the presentation are featured below.

- The problem statement highlighted friction areas around advocacy agility, standardizing input pathways, fragmented coordination, and heavy workloads of Officers.
- The reform process was orchestrated in four tiers, beginning with review of the 2021-2022 Governance Reform Report, data gathering, consultation from internal and external stakeholders, and implementation of reforms.
- He noted that within the second and third steps, there had been feelings of student disconnect from advocacy, numerous disconnected strands of advocacy, coordination gaps, and issues with continuity.
- To help address the gaps, the recommended reform initiatives are to create an additional officer role, a unified advocacy committee, and works on liaising with student communities.
- Muhammad Kanji elaborated on the new Advocacy Committee which would comprise of At-Large students, with Society/Faculty representatives, Undergraduate Senators, and members of the WUSA Board.
- The new committee would operate by having recommendations escalated to Board with a two-business-day objection window, with recommendations taking provisional effect if no objection is raised. He attested that the new model would allow for a quicker turnaround on advocacy initiatives.

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The Assembly was then allowed to ask questions, beginning with Asher Zand who asked if the presentation addressed rising WUSA fees. Muhammad Kanji answered that fees would be increasing and explained that funding of the second Vice President role will be +$0.70 cent/per student and the second fee is increased compensation for the officers with +$0.21/per student – both are contained motions to be considered later in the meeting.

Jacob Lewis asked that if the Advocacy Committee and the structure of Board's objection window would potentially limit the scope of initiatives. Muhammad Kanji answered that all motions remain subject to a provisional stage where Board will reapprove the decision at a regular meeting.

Sourojeet Adhikari asked why a new Officer role was being created, of which Muhammad Kanji explained that as part of the data collected during the reform process, the Officers were asked to time track their working hours. The results showed working weeks well over forty hours and that the President retains a bloated portfolio. Such bloating meant that student life aspects of role were not being filled. Damian Mikhail shared his lived experience in the role, noting that often he was working over 40+ hours and still unable to do all the work that was demanded of him.

Sourojeet Adhikari followed up on what the President's weekly hour and portfolio looked like. Damian Mikhail noted he often worked closer to fifty-four hours a week. Muhammad Kanji spoke to the specific time tracking in which time wasn't always consistent as some weeks saw spikes in hours while others saw dips, however it always averaged out to forty hours a week. The rationale for the new Officer, had been to primarily address the working hours but also that simply the President isn't able to address the entire portfolio even when overworked.

Sourojeet asked on whether this data was like other Officers and Board Members, citing he had spoken to Directors who stated they had spent eighty hours a week working. The Damian Mikhail answered that, to his knowledge, no Director had worked eighty hours a week and that eighty hours a month is even on the higher end. M. Kanji looked to provide context on the new Officer position and stated that not only would certain things be removed off the President's docket, but there would be addition of engagement with societies and work related to SLEF.

3. APPROVAL OF BYLAW CHANGES & FEES RELATED TO BOARD COMPOSITION

Moved by Misha Khan. Seconded by Muhammad Kanji.

As the seconder, Muhammad Kanji spoke that the Vice President, Student Experience role was needed to help expand the awareness around WUSA and its work, as discussed in his prior presentation. He felt as the power of the role came from connecting with students and ensuring they had healthy student experiences on campus.

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Be it resolved that *the Assembly approves the Bylaw changes related to the composition of the Board of Directors.*

Be it further Resolved that *the Assembly approves the WUSA Membership fee to increase by $0.70 per student per term to support the Board Composition change. Moved by Misha Khan. Seconded by Muhammad Kanji.*

Motion passed.

4. ORDINARY BUSINESS

4.1. Election to the Board of Directors

Be it resolved that *the following individuals, as elected in the 2026 WUSA election, be ratified as officers of the Corporation for terms commencing on May 1, 2026, and concluding on April 30, 2027:*
Samir Sharma – President
Majdalen Azouz – Vice-President, Student Experience
Rory Norris – Vice President, Government Stakeholder Relations

Be it further resolved that *the following list of individuals, as elected by the 2026 WUSA election, be ratified as Directors of the Corporation for terms commencing on May 1, 2026, and concluding on April 30, 2027:*
Mujtaba Haider
Becky Chen
Iman Khan
Katherine Wang
Jacob Lewis
Omar Gaballa
Muhammad Kanji
Arya Razmjoo
Mark Jejeran
Remington Aginskaya-Zhi

Moved by Merochini Manohar. Seconded by Rae Lam.

Motion passed.

4.2. Reception of the Audited Financial Statements for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year

WUSA's Finance Director, Naryan Chatterjee presented audited financial statements for Members to have an accurate and transparent understanding of how student fees are collected and used. He assured the Assembly that the accounting had been verified by the auditors, PriceWaterhouseCoopers.

The Finance Director began by presenting two separate reports: Statement of Operations (Income Statement) and the Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet). From the financial statements, he shared that in the financial year, WUSA had

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maintained a $1.3 million surplus. Secondly, he highlighted the revenue flows for WUSA - its student fees, commercial operations, interest income, and investments.

Point of Order form Asher Zand called for a quorum check. The Chair looked to the Governance Team to affirm the request, who noted quorum was still upheld.

Vincent Carungcong asked why a Statement of Cash Flows had not been presented alongside the other two statements. Naryan Chatterjee answered that the statement in question is accessible on the full report that is available on the WUSA website; this presentation was meant to be a high-level summary.

Josh Till, still unsure if quorum was upheld, asked for reconfirmation of attendance. Michael Cimetta and Esther Wingate, WUSA's Governance Team, shared quorum was still met as the online platform indicated that 145 people were still in attendance (this includes those in the room and online attendees).

Whereas *the Board at its meeting on October 29, 2025, approved the Audited Financial Statements for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2025.*

Be it resolved that *the Assembly receives the Audited Financial Statements for the 2024-25 Fiscal Year as presented.*
Moved by Rory Norris. Seconded by Andrew Chang.

Motion passed.

4.3. Reappointment of Auditors

As Chair of WUSA's Audit Committee, Andrew Chang spoke in favour of the motion by first announcing his role and noted that the process featured an RFP process in which six auditing firms were consulted and interviewed. He noted that the recommendation has been approved by staff, the Audit Committee, and Board.

Be it resolved that *PricewaterhouseCoopers be reappointed as the Corporation's auditors for the 2026-27 Fiscal Year.*
Moved by A. Chang. Seconded by S. Duggan.

Motion passed.

5. CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS

5.1. Improving Student Advocacy Access Through LSPIRG Membership
Moved by Omar Gaballa. Seconded by Misha Khan.

The mover of the motion, Omar Gaballa shared that he felt that there were gaps and pains in advocacy growing on the University of Waterloo (UW or UWaterloo) campus. The Chair gave context to the Assembly that if implemented, the Board of Directors would be tasked with creating a Memorandum of Understanding with Laurier Students' Public Interest Group (LSPIRG), voicing there was still room for interpretation on what the program would look like.

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Damian Mikhail also introduced Kathy Rath, who serves as the Organizational Development and Community Engagement Coordinator for LSPIRG, noting that she was present to answer questions.

Muhammad Kanji spoke in favour of the motion to allow for more pathways to advocacy and was in favour of the fact that the fee allowed students to opt-out. However, he felt that due to the opt-out feature, a referendum would be appropriate to better gauge opinions.

Skyler Duggan had a question for Kathy, seeking for more clarification on what the group was and what it would bring to the UW campus. Kathy Rath mentioned that there were chapters at different peer universities that helped to support student-based advocacy and social/environmental justice. She shared that currently; membership was composed of Laurier students who had not opted out of a $24/year fee, noting that numerous UW students had chosen to pay the fee and opt into their services as well. She mentioned that each university was unique but emphasized there had been prior demand from UW students and that UW students who do not opt out would only be paying $4.50/term.

Samir Sharma amended that the motion to read that the fee to be collected will be 'up to' $4.50, to recognize the full-year schedule of UWaterloo students in comparison to the two-term academic year at Laurier. The amendment was taken as friendly by the motion mover.

Be It Resolved That *the assembly directs the Board of Directors to initiate an MOU with LSPIRG that outlines the collection and administration of a student fee on the Laurier Students' Public Interest Group (LSPIRG)'s behalf to open a UW office of LSPIRG to serve UW students. UW students will be able to opt out of membership if they choose through normal processes.*

Be It Further Resolved that *the MOU ensure UW students are equitably represented in LSPIRG governance processes.*

Be It Further Resolved That *the assembly authorizes the Board of Directors to collect an optional, up to $4.50 per student incidental fee per term for University of Waterloo students (at Main and Kitchener campuses) to become members of LSPIRG, through a LSPIRG-UW branch. This fee will thereafter be adjusted accordingly with CPI.*

Motion passes.

5.2. WUSA Accountability Act
Moved by Samir Sharma. Seconded by Alex Pawelko.

As mover, Samir Sharma stated that students deserved to see the work being done by student-leaders, noting there had been concern around inactive student leaders.

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Point of Information from Jacob Lewis who, as a prospective director, asked if they were able to vote or if they were held back by a conflict of interest.

The Chair and Governance Team clarified there wasn't enough conflict to be prevented from voting and that prospective Directors could vote.

Muhammad Kanji spoke in favour of the motion and looked to see if there was a possible extension to university committees, such as faculty-specific petitions committees.

S. Sharma clarified that the motion specified working alongside the University Secretariat and that any expansion would adhere to university policy alongside confidentiality rulings.

Tanraj Dulai looked to clarify if the motion would also include Society representatives who sat on WUSA committees.

In response, Samir noted that his motion looked to expand to any applicable university-wide committee including Society meetings themselves.

Be it Resolved that *the assembly direct the Executive Director to create and manage a publicly accessible tracker for student leader attendance;*

Be it Further Resolved that *the assembly direct the corporation to work with the secretariat to include senate and university committee attendance data; and,*

Be it Further Resolved that *this tracker include Directors, Senators/Governors, and all undergraduate members on both University and WUSA committees.*
Moved by Samir Sharma. Seconded by Alex Pawelko.

Motion passed.

5.3. Club Funding Increase
Moved by Damian Mikhail. Seconded by Alex Pawelko.
As mover of the motion, Damian Mikhail, handed the role of chair off to Vice-Chair, Rory Norris.

The mover began discussion by explaining his 2025-2026 campaign to be elected included club funding. He noted that club funding has been static at $75 dollars, however clubs are heavily utilized by UWaterloo students for social life and community. He noted the 2025-2026 Board had passed a pilot program that offered this on a short-term basis under which clubs grew by a 73% increase in verified club membership.

Iris Tapley spoke against the motion and questioned why the funds for student life always came from students rather than the University of Waterloo reserves.

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Damian Mikhail answered that the university has not looked over student life and clubs remain under WUSA's portfolio. He noted that while he understood the frustration, he noted that a minimal cost for each member would allow for significant change for all.

Alex Pawelko shared context that the University of Waterloo's finances came from tuition and that any additional funding to student life would also be raised through tuition, meaning students would have to bear the cost either way.

Director, Skyler Duggan asked a question noting he was initially skeptical of the fee but wondered why $200 was the best amount to give clubs and how the amount was decided upon.

D. Mikhail answered that since the amount hadn't been raised in over a decade that this had considered inflation and that the decision was made by evaluating what would make the greatest impact. He noted $200 was the amount that incentivized clubs to participate in training and gave them the ability to throw meaningful events.

Iris Tapley thanked the mover and seconder, for their clarification but noted that the UWaterloo had a myriad of ways of collecting money and encouraged the student union to advocate on utilizing university reserves for students' needs.

Be It Resolved that *the Assembly approve a $1.39 increase to WUSA membership fees per student, per term, to support the $200 termly clubs' allotment.*
Moved by Damian Mikhail. Seconded by Alex Pawelko.

Motion passed.

SECRETARY NOTE: *Prior to continuing down the agenda, the role of Chair was handed back to Damian Mikhail who noted that it was 7:08pm, a reasonable time to recess for dinner.*

The Assembly motioned to recess at 7:08pm for a 30-minute period and reconvened at 7:38pm. Moved by Muhammad Kanji. Seconded by Alex Pawelko.

5.4. Bylaw Changes

Samir Sharma noted that in his tenure as Director, he had revised the bylaw to ensure the content is up to date with current practices. The changes included clarity around Officers and Non-Officers Directors, election procedures, removal of Officers, and signing authority.

Be it resolved that *the Assembly approve the Bylaw changes as presented.*
Moved by Skylar Duggan. Seconded by Samir Sharma.

Motion passed*.*

5.5. Increase in Officer Compensation
Moved by Skylar Duggan. Seconded by Alex Pawelko.

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Skylar referred to the time tracking exercise embarked on by the Officers which showed that the current compensation rates weren't reflective of the workload for the roles. He noted that the proposed rates were reflective of workloads, average co-op pays and that the increased compensation would help maintain the quality and competitiveness of the role.

The seconder, Alex Pawelko noted that he observed the work of Officers, Damian Mikhail and Remington Aginskaya-Zhi, and had seen them work over 50+ hours a week.

The Chair, Damian Mikhail, mentioned that the change would not take place until the next governing year and would solely affect the incoming Officers.

Arya Razmjoo moved an amendment to propose a $0.31 fee increase to ensure a 9.5% increase for all the Officer roles, rather than solely the President.
Seconded by Rae Lam.

Arya spoke to the amendment noting that the role of the Vice-Presidents were equally as demanding, that all were deserving a livable wage, and that the roles are regarded as equal.

Muhammad Kanji provided context on why there had been a proposed disparity, citing the Officer time tracking which showed a greater workload for the President, whereas the Vice-President had averaged to about forty hours a week. He also referenced peer student associations which had differing wages between the President and Vice-Presidents on the merit of varying workloads.

Skyler Duggan wanted to share context to the Assembly voicing that while the President may have an increase workload, that the new Officer role had been created to address such. In response, the Chair felt it necessary to clarify that the while the President's portfolio was adjusted with the new Officer role, it would primarily be work the role hadn't been able to address.

The Chair used his discretion to regard the amendment was too adrift from the original motion to count proxy voters.

Be it Resolved that *the Assembly approves an amendment to the motion reading as, "Be it Resolved that the Assembly approves a $0.31 per student per term increase in membership fees to support the increase of Vice Presidents' and President's 12-month compensation to $66,282,50 (9.5% increase).*
Moved by Arya Razmjoo. Seconded by Rae Lam.

Motion passed.

Speaking on the amended motion, Muhammad Kanji felt as there wasn't enough justification to support such a raise in compensation. He noted that in comparison with

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peer students' associations, WUSA still paid the highest, and that workload was addressed with the new Officer role.

The Chair provided context that time/workload was only one of five considerations to justify the increase and again the new Vice-President Student Experience would not be entirely reportioning the President's portfolio.

Muhammad Kanji agreed there should be a review of compensation but disagreed on the timeline and proposed a waiting time to observe how the three officers operate and how it affects working hours. He disagreed with the formula compensation was calculated in by averaging and considering all faculty last co-op and graduating pay rates but recognized that many past Officers wouldn't have been within that demographic.

Jacob Lewis spoke that he noted of the three Officers positions, two were acclaimed, and the other only had two running. He felt as higher wages would help make elections competitive again giving students more choice of their student leaders.

Remington Aginskaya-Zhi noted that the average faculty co-op rates and the comment that many Officers had been from lower years both serve as testaments that the rate wasn't competitive enough to attract older year students and evidence that it should be raised.

Skyler Duggan called the question on the motion, to which there was no further discussion.

Be it Resolved that *the Assembly approves a $0.31 per student per term increase in membership fees to support the increase of Vice Presidents' and President's 12-month compensation to $66,282,50 (9.5% increase)*
Moved by Skylar Duggan. Seconded by Alex Pawelko.

Motion passed.

5.6. SLEF Bylaws
Moved by Samir Sharma. Seconded by Merochini Manohar.

Samir Sharma, spoke to the motion with a presentation of the proposed bylaws in which he noted the work of the Student Life Endowment Fund (SLEF) over the past year. His presentation shared that through SLEF and Equity, Opportunity, and Innovation (EOI), 171 applications had been funded, around a 70% application success rate.

He noted that the motion was to revise outdated bylaws that was still aligned with WUSA's old governing structure. He voiced that the implementation of bylaws would work to promote and continue the work of SLEF, sharing all the work that had occurred in the past year.

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Be it Resolved *That the Assembly approve the new Student Life Projects Endowment Fund Bylaws.*
Moved by Samir Sharma. Seconded by Merochini Manohar.

Motion passed.

5.7. Pay What You Can Funding
Moved by Iris Tapley. Seconded by Tanraj Dulai.

Rida Sayed spoke to the motion by citing personal experience where there is often a line for the Pay What You Can (PWYC) program, noting WUSA research often finds food insecurity as one of the greatest stressors for students. He noted PWYC began as pilot program that saw high usage and the motion would look to sustain the program for long-term.

Skyler Duggan stated that while the program is a good initiative, he worried that the program may not be going to those who need it as much as others, potentially due to the first-come-first-served format. He cited personal observations that those in line didn't always seem to be those in need. He felt as there was a better way for WUSA to administer the program and truly target students-in-need, potentially through coupons and mandate staff to find an alternative distribution.

Muhammad Kanji said that he understood the prior sentiment but still felt the service was crucial. He noted the program has received university-wide acclaim and that it should be best to keep full access to the service to best maintain accessibility. He noted it was a small number/fee to help feed 100 people a day.

Samir Sharma began by citing an experience he heard during election campaign, where he had spoken to students on non-paid co-ops that hadn't been able to eat without the PWYC program. He felt as the small fee increase was integral to support the campus community.

Zain Khurram spoke in favour of the motion and noted that peer student associations had attempted to mirror the program. Secondly, he acknowledged the negative comments around abuse but felt that the greater takeaway should be ensuring food as a human right and supporting those who truly need the program.

Muzammil Sheik felt as the program was great, speaking on empathy for others, and that while those who may not be facing food insecurity would be paying a small fee to support others.

Merochini Manohar provided background context that helped support the program by giving shoutout to Kumar Patel and the 2025-2026 Board.

Be it Resolved that *the Assembly approves a $1 per student per term increase in membership fees to support the continuation of the pay-what-you-can (PWYC) program.*

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Be it Further Resolved that *a program status report will come back to AMM 2027 for the membership to understand progress and any necessary future program scaling. Moved by Iris Tapley. Seconded by Tanraj Dulai.*

Motion passed*.*

5.8. Amendments to Corporate Social Responsibility Policy
Moved by Aman Serhan. Seconded by Rida Sayed.

Prior to beginning, Damian Mikhail stepped down as Chair, handing it to Rory Norris, voicing that his personal connection to the motion at hand would affect his neutrality as Chair.

Vice-Chair Rory Norris referred to the personal expectations set at the beginning of the meeting and emphasized respect with/for speakers in moments of debate.

As seconder, Rida Sayed spoke to the motion by sharing that as a Board Member, he endorsed the motion and felt it aligned WUSA with the 2024 Responsible Partnerships and Investments Referendum in which over 83-86%% of voters voted in favour of similar divestments. For reference, he shared that peer student association such as McMaster University and the University of British Columbia had adopted similar motions. Lastly, he clarified the intent of the motion by saying it had been carefully written to uphold legal and fiduciary duties.

Syler Duggan noted that the motion was performative as fellow student associations who had passed such motions did not forfeit purchase of such products. He further noted that WUSA would be delegating their decision making to an external body related to global conflicts.

Dvir Zagury mentioned that the boycott list would create greater exhaustion and costs for students, which went against WUSA's goal to focus on students' true priorities rather than cherry-picking student interests especially with such a high cost.

Jaffer Razavi that within the International Court of Justice, the Israeli government was under investigation for genocide and that as a result students should not be complicit in such a matter.

Rida Sayed brought a motion to amend the final clause of the motion by adding wording that reads as, "Assembly votes otherwise except where the Board's legal and fiduciary responsibilities would prevent it."
Moved by Rida Sayed. Seconded by Damian Mikhail.
This was accepted as friendly by the author of the original motion, Aman Serhan.

Responding to the comment that the motion was a symbolic gesture, Amelia Upper noted that the description was not valid, as an imperfect action was better than no

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action and that WUSA's role is to ensure the wellbeing of all students, which this motion supports.

Remington Aginskaya-Zhi cited their experience with similar motions in student government and noted that many students have expressed discomfort with their fees supporting activities related to genocide.

Asher Zand questioned on how much the estimated cost would be for WUSA to implement. In response, Rida Sayed stated there is no concrete cost, but he noted that there would be no contractual penalties and there would be no such thing as removing "Coca Cola lines within the Bomber or throw out all the Dell Computers" he noted that future costs would be affected with the need to seek alternatives. Damian Mikhail spoke to the amendment of fiduciary duty to help mitigate the impact and meaning the Board would not be pushing alternatives that would be detrimental to WUSA's financial state.

Hana Karim referenced the prior referendum result in which 88.6% of voters supported UW reviewing its investment portfolio and cited the international laws violated by Israel to justify the motion. Damian Mikhail noted that the University acted following the referendum by reviewing by not renewing their partnership with Technion. He noted he was unable to advocate for the same expectation from university administration when WUSA itself continued to fund such companies.

Iris Tapley stated that students had a role to recognize global movements and student fees should be reflective of students' values.

Omar Gaballa responded to concerns about performativity by noting that the motion sets an example and standard for students entering the workplace.

Khallil Andy Hawari drew parallels to student activism during the Vietnam era and emphasized that UN findings indicate a high likelihood of genocide, noting this is not a matter of debate.

Responding to feedback from Skyler Duggan regarding the cost implications of implementing the motion, Damian Mikhail noted that the amendment to the motion permits the Board to rely on their fiduciary obligation while implementing.

Taaha Khan argued that future generations would ask those present what side they stood on, and that was incomparable to financial costs, noting numerous alternatives exists to mitigate financial implication.

Aman Serhan communicated their support for the motion and felt there was no need to continue conversation as both sides have fully expressed their opinions. She then proceeded to call the question. The Chair noted that the prior statements before calling the question invalidated the call.

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Ralph Vincent Carungcong stressed the performative nature of the motion, as large companies would not feel the financial loss of WUSA boycotting but rather students would see greater costs.

Omar El Sydabi called the question on the motion. Seconded by Misha Khan.

In-favour votes surpassed the 2/3 threshold – Motion then moved to a vote:

Be it resolved that *the Assembly asks the Board to instruct the Executive Director to amend the Corporate Social Responsibility Policy to ensure alignment with the BDS National Committee (BNC)-curated targets as outlined in the attached document "BDS Rules as applied to WUSA".*

Be it Further Resolved that *the Assembly acknowledges that no part of this motion removes or inhibits the ability for students and student groups to seek reimbursement for reasonable costs which do not meet BNC criteria.*

Be it Further Resolved that *the Assembly asks the Board to instruct the Executive Director to ensure that all aspects of this motion remain in effect until such time that the Assembly votes otherwise; except where the Board's legal and fiduciary responsibilities prevent it.*

Moved by Aman Serhan. Seconded by Rida Sayed.

Motion passed.

6. ADJOURNMENT

President, Damian Mikhail, said he was proud of the level of engagement from speakers and the new precedents set on what students can reasonably expect from their student unions.

With no further business, the Chair motioned to adjourn at 9:13pm (EST).

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