Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting was held by videoconference.

1.0 PRELIMINARIES

1.1 Call to Order

B. Easton presided as Chair and called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

1.2 Approval of the Agenda

The Chair reviewed the agenda.

1.3 Territorial Acknowledgement

Pursuant to Federation Policy 50, Indigenous Engagement and Inclusivity, the Chair acknowledged the territory upon which WUSA operates.
1.4 **Oral Conflict of Interest Declaration**

In accordance with Procedure 2, §II (6), the Chair posed the following question: "In relation to any of the items of business on the agenda for the meeting, does any Director have an actual, perceived, or potential conflict of interest?"

K. Sharma raised executive conflict of interest with making the executive committee a committee of the Board, which Chair B. Easton approved.

It was noted that Director K. Sharma would be looking into legal action against RAISE and WUSA, related to the August 9, 2020 Special Council Meeting.

1.5 **Remarks of the Chair**

There were no noted remarks from the Chair.

2.0 **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL BOARD MEETINGS**

**ACTION:** Vice-President Alana Guevara to have the following outstanding meeting minutes transcribed by INaMINUTE Ltd for audit purposes.

- May 14, 2020 Regular Board Meeting
- June 9, 2020 Regular Board Meeting
- June 19, 2020 Special Board Meeting
- July 6, 2020 Special Board Meeting

3.0 **REPORTS**

3.1 **Executive Reports**

The following is a report from each Executive.

3.1.1 **President**

Over the past month she had the opportunity to continue work with the anti-black racism group. They have met with Jim Rush, Feridun, Sandra Banks and Chris Read and have created a list of advocacies. They advised that WUSA would be a large part of working with the University on this and would provide student feedback. An oral report would be uploaded for Directors.

It was noted that the Executive Committee had made a resolution to provide a quote for the record about the allocation of funding toward social services and surrounding concerns. They did not want to call a special meeting of council to discuss this item as it was during exams. The Executive discussed and approved the calling of a special meeting of COPS instead. Some Directors raised concerns that this was not explicitly remunerated so they
proceeded with calling a special meeting of council. The reason it was not pushed until the August meeting was because it was a matter of government relations.

It was recommended that, in future, more consultation should be done to avoid the backlash that they were now seeing.

3.1.2 Vice President, Operations & Finance
A. Guevara noted that she had been working with GRG for a plan for the fall term and with the staff to ensure it proceeded for August 15, 2020 and August 20, 2020. She indicated that it would be a college pass for Conestoga College and would be referenced to as a term pass. The $300 pass would be ready to be sold at turnkey between August 15 and September 20, 2020. The EasyGo GRT fare card passes would be available to be sold starting August 21, 2020 onward and students would be able to top them up with fair amounts if they felt the $300 was not sufficient. The WUSA package boxes were being filled and sealed, with there being 1,700 completed in two (2) days.

3.1.3 Vice President, Education
M. Town updated that she was working on the government relations related to the government advocacy, federal budget submissions, and COVID-19 support packages. The Board procedure was still being worked on.

3.1.4 Vice President, Student Life
Work was currently being performed on the anti-black racism group on matters relating to decisions made at the council meeting.

K. Sharma noted for the minutes that he would have preferred that VPSL would have been present at the meeting due to a potential discussion about services, and that their input would have been valued. To which A. Eyre agreed given the issues that occurred at the recent meeting and student testimonies that have come forward about the services there needed to be a serious discussion about ensuring they remained professional and about students attacking council members on social media.

3.2 Committee Reports

The following is an oral report from each committee Chair.

3.2.1 Executive Committee
A. Guevara provided the decision made at the executive committee for the article on defunding police. Executives vacations had been agreed upon.

3.2.2 Strategic and Long-Range Planning Committee
A. Simpson requested an honorarium for those students she was working with on consultation through ISA, which was approved by the committee and would come from the strategic and long-range plan budget.
ACTION: A. Simpson and K Sharma to work on an honorarium based on the consultation versus volunteer issue.

3.2.3 Planning Student Spaces and Works Committee
The committee had not met since last meeting.

J. Hunte departed at 6:36 p.m.

3.2.4 Executive Structure Review Committee
The Executive Structure Review Committee meeting had postponed work until fall 2021 and were waiting for the staff job description review.

J. Hunte returned at 6:39 p.m.

4.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

The Chair advised there was no new business arising from the previous minutes to report.

5.0 GENERAL ORDERS

5.1 Long Range Plan Consultation

A motion for a 30 minute consultation for the Long-Range Plan had been submitted by President A. Simpson. The motion was later withdrawn.

5.2 Board of Publications Procedure

On a MOTION by A. Simpson, it was resolved to approve the new Board of Publication Procedure and the committee of Board procedure, as presented.

A. Simpson withdrew the motion, advising that she had received additional comments from imprint, which she would like to consider before Board approval.

On a MOTION by A. Simpson, it was resolved that the Board approved amendments to Board Procedure 31, as presented (draft Board of Publications and Committees of Board Procedures).

A. Simpson withdrew the motion, as she had included the Committee of Board with the Board of publications.

On a MOTION by A. Simpson, seconded by B. Easton, it was resolved to split the motion.

The motion was carried.

On a MOTION by K. Sharma, seconded by B. Easton, it was resolved that the Board of Publications procedure be referred back to the President A. Simpson for further review and discussion at next meeting.

The motion was carried.
On a MOTION by A. Eyre, seconded by K. Sharma, it was resolved to amend Board Procedure 31, remove section G.c.iii.9 "Determine advocacy stances in relation to current events where no instruction is given by policy;“ as there was a perceived conflict of interest by the Executives.

K. Sharma noted the perceived conflict of interest pertained to the Executives voting and approving of the procedure, which would be taking away power from the Board.

B. Easton ruled in favor of the motion, indicating that the Executives would not be permitted to vote but would be allowed to be present to gain their input.

On a MOTION by A. Eyre, seconded by K. Sharma, it was resolved to call the question. The motion failed.

On a MOTION by K Sharma, seconded by B. Easton, it was resolved to table the second part of the original motion to the next regular meeting of Board. The motion was carried.

On a MOTION by K Sharma, seconded by B. Easton, it was resolved to refer the Board of Publications back to President A. Simpson. The motion was carried.

J. Hunte departed at 7:24 p.m. and returned at 7:25 p.m.

5.3 Resolution on Policy 0 Compliance

On a MOTION by A. Eyre, seconded by B. Easton, it was resolved that:

Whereas WUSA Policy Number 0 ‘Administration of Policies’ stated that any Corporate or advocacy policy “must be approved by the Students’ Council, subject to the procedures of Council and devolution of authority”; Whereas the reputation of WUSA is affected by the advocacy stances it holds; Whereas COPS procedure states that the committee has the power to “Make decisions on behalf of the Students’ Council between regular meetings of Council, provided decisions do not justifiably warrant the consideration of the Students’ Council”; and Whereas major advocacy stances warrant the consideration of Students’ Council.

the Executive must receive explicit approval from a vote of Council before adopting a new major advocacy stance. This applies for advocacy stances that have significant reputational impact, questionable alignment to the objects of the Corporation, or policies normally submitted as an advocacy policy in proper procedure to the Council and be it further resolved that the Executive shall consult with the Board of Directors, when appropriate, where such stances may have questionable alignment with corporate objects or pose potential risks, as outlined in Board Procedure 24: Risk Management.
A. Eyre withdrew the motion and indicated that the motion was initially made because the Executives did not follow proper procedure pertaining to policy development. Since then, the special meeting of council had since met and went through the correct method of proposing policy.

6.0 OTHER BUSINESS

On a MOTION by A. Eyre, seconded by K. Sharma, it was resolved that:

Whereas there were irregularities in the voting process on the Students’ Council meeting held on August 9, 2020, including:

a. Name-calling of Councillors by WUSA part-time staff members and Executive(s).

b. Targeted pressure and/or harassment of at least one (1) WUSA Councillor online through an official WUSA service’s social media, in addition to at least one (1) WUSA staff member.

c. Implicit threats that disagreeing Councillors would be publicly labelled as racists.

d. A failure to require a secret ballot on the final motion.

Whereas the targeted pressure and implicit threats against Councillors breaks the democratic principle of open debate and representation of constituents, whereas the targeted pressure and implicit threats against Councillors may have affected the results of the vote, whereas the Board of Directors has the power to call referenda as per Section 11(b)(i) of the Elections and Referenda Procedures that the Executive hold a non-binding plebiscite on the policing advocacy stance. The wording of the plebiscite would be determined by the Executive. Be it further resolved that the Executive consult with Human Resources, Management, and counsel (as deemed appropriate), to review and work with staff and services to learn from failures in decorum at the prior meeting of Council, and ensure, going forward, interactions remain professional when attending Council meetings. And Be it resolved that the Executive temporarily pause the implementation of the motion passed by Council on August 9, 2020 until the completion of the plebiscite.

On a MOTION by B. Easton, seconded by A. Simpson, it was resolved to postpone the above noted motion to a later date.

The motion was carried.
K. Sharma abstained.
J. Hunte opposed.

7.0 PRELIMINARIES

Discussion was documented in the private and confidential meeting minutes.

7.1 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Discussion was documented in the private and confidential meeting minutes.

7.2 ORAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

Discussion was documented in the private and confidential meeting minutes.
7.3 REMARKS OF THE CHAIR

Discussion was documented in the private and confidential meeting minutes.

8.0 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETING

Discussion was documented in the private and confidential meeting minutes.

9.0 REPORTS

Discussion was documented in the private and confidential meeting minutes.

10.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Discussion was documented in the private and confidential meeting minutes.

11.0 GENERAL ORDERS

Discussion was documented in the private and confidential meeting minutes.

12.0 OTHER BUSINESS

Discussion was documented in the private and confidential meeting minutes.

K. Sharma departed at 10:41p.m.

By request of the Board, the following motion was to be documented in the standard and public minutes of the meeting.

*On a MOTION by B. Easton seconded by A. Simpson, it was resolved that the Executive consult with Human Resources, Management, and counsel (as deemed appropriate), to review and work with members, staff, councilors, Directors and services to learn from failures in decorum at the prior meeting of Council, and ensure going forward interactions remain professional when attending Council meetings.*

*The motion was carried.*

13.0 PUBLIC SESSION

There were no discussions of note for the public session.

14.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements to be made.
15.0 CLOSE OF MEETING

As there was no further business to discuss, B. Easton closed the meeting at 11:21 p.m.

The motion was carried.