

UWFA Council Minutes – 23 September 2022, 12.30 p.m.

In attendance: P. Miller, L. McGifford, M. Breward, J. Thiessen, L. Sinclair, I. Burley, K. Zoppa, I. Fraser, E. Elhami, D. Telles-Langdon, C. Colorado, J. Scoles, A. Brickey

With permission of the Chair: Matthew Flisfeder

1. Approval of Agenda J. Thiessen/M. Breward
CARRIED

C. Colorado expressed concern that neither mover of the original IHRA motion is present.

2. Approval of Minutes of 15 June 2022 I. Burley/J. Thiessen
CARRIED

Approval of In Camera Minutes of 15 June 2022 K. Zoppa/J. Thiessen
CARRIED

MOTION: to go in camera K. Zoppa/E. Elhami
CARRIED

MOTION: to go out of camera K. Zoppa/J. Thiessen
CARRIED

MOTION: that the UWFA Council recommend the table offer to the Collegiate Bargaining Unit.
K. Zoppa/J. Thiessen
CARRIED

4. President's Report: PM reported on Collegiate bargaining; campus mask mandate; COVID FAQs from Communications Committee; realignment of internal grants/research office; MFL Executive meeting; Western Regionals

5. Presentation on IHRA Working Definition of Anti-Semitism – M. Flisfeder

Motion to Rescind UWFA Support for the CAUT Anti-IHRA Campaign

Given that UWFA council passed a motion to support the CAUT anti-IHRA campaign without prior informing of the membership that this motion was to be brought to council for a vote,

and given that this motion concerns an issue related to the struggle against antisemitism, an issue that directly affects Jewish faculty at The University of Winnipeg,

and since no reasonable opportunity was provided to allow Jewish faculty to prepare to address council on this motion and to speak to it, therefore, unreasonably excluding Jewish faculty from a decision regarding an issue that directly affects the Jewish community, thereby discriminating against Jewish members of UWFA,

and, also, given that the anti-IHRA campaign discriminates against Jewish faculty and the Jewish community by unreasonably excluding the diversity of Jewish voices in the struggle against antisemitism, in particular,

be it resolved that UWFA Council rescinds its support of the CAUT anti-IHRA campaign effectively immediately.

J. Thiessen/
DEFEATED

6. Executive Director's Report

MOTION: to go in camera

M. Breward/J. Thiessen
CARRIED

MOTION: to go out of camera

I. Burley/M. Breward
CARRIED

LM: waiting on Menno Simons LOU; CAS pay issue with respect to EI legislation; accommodation issues and online teaching; Ryan Bullock has been appointed to UWFA Council to serve the rest of Chris Wiebe's term; search committee appointments.

7. Treasurer's Report: M. Breward went over Management Letter from Exchange.

MOTION: that the UWFA Treasurer be appointed as trustee for the CAUT Defense Fund for 2 years from 1 November 2022.

J. Thiessen/E. Elhami
CARRIED

8. Errol Black Fundraiser

MOTION: that UWFA buy a table at the Errol Black Fundraising Brunch for \$750.

J. Thiessen/I. Burley
CARRIED

9. UWFA Fall AGM Date

MOTION: that the UWFA Fall AGM take place on 29 November 2022 from 12.30 – 1.30 via Zoom.

M. Breward/J. Thiessen
CARRIED

10. Other Business: PM noted that the EDI MOU that made the SET not mandatory was effective immediately.

C. Colorado brought up recent ad hominem attacks from Members against UWFA Council and staff; suggested education at next GM about how to treat volunteers and staff. Tabled for next meeting.

11. Adjournment