UWFA Council – 24 May 2024, 12.30 p.m.

In attendance: P. Miller, L. McGifford, D. Telles-Langdon, S. Popowich, J. Thiessen, C. Colorado, A. Brickey, R. Bullock, J. Friesen, M. O’Gorman, S. Kohm, P. Ives, C. Rohne, J. Scoles, K. Zoppa

Regrets: B. Dobchuk-Land, J. Maillet, L. Batchelor

1. Approval of Agenda A. Brickey/J. Friesen
 CARRIED
2. Minutes of 27 March 2024 C. Rohne/C. Colorado
 CARRIED
3. President’s Report
4. Executive Director’s Report

MOTION: to go in camera J. Friesen/R. Bullock
 CARRIED

MOTION: to go out of camera C. Colorado/K. Zoppa
 CARRIED

1. Signing Authority

MOTION: BIRT the signing authority of Michael Breward on behalf of the UWFA is revoked.
 K. Zoppa/R. Bullock
 CARRIED

MOTION: BIRT Melanie O’Gorman is granted signing authority on behalf of the UWFA.
 J. Thiessen/K. Zoppa
 CARRIED

1. CAUT Defense Fund

MOTION: BIRT Melanie O’Gorman is appointed as Director on behalf of the UWFA on the CAUT Defense Fund. J. Thiessen/J. Friesen
 CARRIED

1. Academic Freedom Fund Donation – tabled to June for further discussion
2. MOFA – P. Ives
3. Solidarity Donation Authorization: AMPL

MOTION: BIRT the University of Winnipeg Faculty Association Council expresses its strong solidarity with AMPL-AMPD and authorizes $250 in support per week of their labour action until Wednesday, June 12, 2024. J. Thiessen/C. Colorado
 CARRIED

1. Proposed Motion

MOTION: BIRT The University of Winnipeg Faculty Association Council supports the rights of students and workers across Canada acting in solidarity with Palestinian people. In particular, we recognize the UW student anti-war protestors who have set up an encampment on our campus. We affirm their fundamental right to peaceful protest as inheritors of the long and important history of student activism and movements for social justice. We urge the Administration to listen to their list of demands. We reject the security response – a locked down and less accessible campus – as contrary to the mission and values of our University. UWFA supports the rights of all academics, students, unionists, and activists to speak out against all forms of violence and oppression without fear of intimidation or reprisal.

AMENDMENT: to replace “to listen to their list of demands” with “to engage in dialogue with the protestors” J. Friesen/K. Zoppa
 CARRIED

AMENDMENT: add “who are” between “Canada” and “acting” C. Rohne/K. Zoppa
 CARRIED

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 K. Zoppa/J. Thiessen
 CARRIED

1. Adjournment