

MOTION: WOMEN, TRANS, AND NON-BINARY STUDENTS' DIRECTOR NAME

WHEREAS at the Fall 2017 SGM, the membership passed the following motion: “Be it resolved that before the next UWSA AGM, the UWSA, in conversation with Students, the Women-Trans Spectrum Centre, the Status of Women Director, the LGBT* Centre, and the LGBT* Director explore more inclusive possibilities to replace the title of the Status of Women Director. Be it further resolved to change the title to ‘Women, Trans, and Non-Binary Students Director’.”

WHEREAS throughout the Fall 2018 academic term, the following discussions and opportunities for student input took place:

- Suggestion boxes were placed in the Rainbow Lounge and Women-Trans Spectrum Centre
- An online suggestion form was posted and shared on UWSA social media from November 5, 2018 to January 16, 2019.
- The UWSA received e-mails from students with suggestions for a new title
- An open discussion group in the Hive was organized and advertised
- The VPSA, VPEA, WTSC Coordinator, Rainbow Lounge Coordinator, LGBT* Co-Directors, and Women, Trans and Non-Binary Students Director met numerous times throughout the Fall and Winter terms

WHEREAS the previous title and description for Status of Women Director used transphobic language and excluded non-binary students who may also experience misogyny and/or other forms of gender-based oppression

WHEREAS the UWSA by-laws currently state that the LGBT* Director must represent the interests of “lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and * students,” overlapping with the interim title of Women, Trans, and Non-Binary Students Director

And WHEREAS students have expressed concern that under the interim title, candidates for the position of Women, Trans, and Non-Binary Students Director may not be able to properly represent the interests of trans men

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Women, Trans and Non-Binary Students Director be renamed the “Women and Non-Binary Students’ Director”

BE IT FURTHER RESOVLED THAT the qualifications in the UWSA by-laws state, “Candidates for the position must identify as a woman or non-binary person” and that any references to “women students” be replaced with “women and non-binary students.”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the by-law 6.18 (iv), “The Women, Trans, and Non-Binary Students’ Director shall act as liaison with any federal or provincial women's groups that they deem appropriate,” be replaced with, “The Women and Non-Binary Students’ Director shall act as liaison with any governmental, grassroots, or local advocacy groups that they deem appropriate.”