

**UWSA Board Meeting**  
**April 25 2017 – 6:00 PM**  
UWSA Board Room & Garbonzo's – 515 Portage Avenue

**Board In Attendance:**

Chair of the Board: Shafagh Daneshfar

Secretary of the Board: Alexandria Ireland

President: Kevin Settee

Vice President External Affairs: Sadie-Phoenix Lavoie

Vice President of Student Affairs: Laura Garinger

Aboriginal Students' Co-Director: Daphne Comegan

Accessibility Director: Mohamed Behi

Arts Director: Adrienne Tessier

Environmental Ethics Director: Oladele Ojewole

LGBT\* Director: Jacq Pelland

Status of Women Director: Jade DeFehr

**Number of Students in Attendance: 0**

**Board Absent:**

Vice President Internal Affairs: David Fanhbulleh

Aboriginal Students' Co-Director: Lloyd McDougall

Business and Economics Director: Mitchell van Ineveld

Community Liaison Co-Director: Andrew Vineberg

Education Director: Allan Dunkeld

Science Director: Mohammad Abo Aoun

Part-Time/Mature Students' Co-Directors: Laura Gurbhoo & Hazim Ismail

University of Winnipeg Senate: David Wiebe

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The regular monthly meeting of the University of Winnipeg Student Association Board of Directors (UWSA BOD) was held on Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in The UWSA Board Room. The President and Chair being present. The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m. The Vice President of Student Affairs moved to amend the Agenda to place Closed Session to the beginning of the meeting, to removed March BOD Meeting Minutes from Closed Session, to add Manitoba Budget to Communications, to add Circle to Communications, and to add CFS AGM to Communications. The motion to amend was seconded by the Environmental Ethics Director and was passed unanimously. Agenda passed unanimously.

**Communications**

**MB Budget**

The President and the Vice President of External Affairs presented on the UWSA statement "The 2017 Manitoba Budget is Adversarial Towards Students". The President discussed the budget as one of the worst attacks on student in the past two decades by the government. Some of the notable attacks include the tuition fee Income tax rebate will be gone for 2018 with a \$46 million dollar cut for graduated students. The government is eliminating the tuition fee income advance by the end of April. The changes in the budget are pushing the university to increase scholarship money through private corporations. The operating grant for the University of Winnipeg will be frozen for the coming year and the university is looking at a 4 million dollar deficit. It was moved by the Vice President of Student

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affairs to move into camera and seconded by the Vice president of External affairs.

The motion into camera passed unanimously. It was moved by the Vice President of Student Affairs to move out of camera and seconded by the President. The motion out of camera passed unanimously.

**Circle**

The Vice President of External Affairs presented on Circle. The National Circle of First Nations, Métis and Inuit Students is the new name for the National Aboriginal Caucus for the Canadian Federation of Students. From May 19 to 21 the Circle has their annual meeting in Regina, Saskatchewan.

**CFS-MB AGM**

The Vice President of External Affairs presented on the CFS-MB AGM. The CFS-MB AGM is on April 27 in Brandon, Manitoba. The provincial day of action will be heavily talked about and nominations for Provincial Executive positions will be put forward.

**Consent Agenda**

**Reports**

**Oral Executive Report**

The President provided an oral report. Major updates from the Executive include the daycare construction beginning in May, a job description for Merchants Corner will be created by the next BOD, and a push for increased understanding by students on government operations in anticipation of the budget cuts for successful government lobbying and student pressure. The President will be continuing their work on rallying against tuition fees and divestment after the end of their term with

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the UWSA. The President said thank you to everyone for the productive year. This year saw the Indigenous Course Requirement, the Daycare expansion, continued work in divestment, continued work from ASC, RISE, Grassroutes, political advocacy and continued accessibility work. The President gave congratulations to everyone for the UWSA accomplishments and urged for continued supports towards students due to the provincial budget cuts with difficult years to come.

The Vice President of External Affairs discussed their reflections on the year. They felt like there was a lot of thing they wanted completed and didn't have time or the space in the budget. They are worried about the securing of divestment. The Vice President of External Affairs hopes for more work on the Indigenous course requirement. They hope that the next BOD can take initiatives towards the RISE conference and recognizing Indigenous spaces. They are really happy for their year on the executive committee and as much doubt as they had they felt like it was a very productive year. The Vice President of External Affairs is very sad to be leaving but will always continue to care and work on students' issues. The Vice President of External Affairs said thank you to everyone for being amazing to work with.

The Vice President of Student Affairs was sad that the executive did not have a chance to present to the membership at the AGM on their work for the past year. However, the Vice President of Student Affairs believes there is a lot to show for the work over the year and congratulated the UWSA BOD for their accomplishments. The majority of board goals for this year were successfully completed!

The Status of Women recommended the Executives to release a statement of accomplishments this year.

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The Environmental Ethics Director reflected on the great year and wishes everyone the best. They believe more outreach to marginalized students is needed for representation during decision-making that impacts their experience.

**Director's Report**

**ASC Report – ORAL**

The Aboriginal Student Council Co-Director reported on the great year despite a slow and rocky start. ASC updated the former Constitution to a new Terms of Reference and reconstructed the TOR. ASC hosted many successful events such as the Karaoke Off! They completed a lot of house keeping including redoing the office, plans to repaint, move in a couch and provide space and supports for more students. ASC is working to have all the department chairs in the university to advocate for students to have their course requirement loads decreased because it's creating a barrier for students to complete their education. Students are dropping out after one year due to the workload. The ASC is in a bit of a limbo because they found March ASC elections are inaccessible due to the busy time of year and a changing to have elections in September when students are excited to get involved in the university. ASC is on track and is confident for the next year! ASC is pushing for online access to the ASC TOR on the UWSA webpage to increase their transparency. ASC is helping with the green space on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor and working to get a sweat space on campus.

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It was moved by the Environmental Ethics Director to move all reports and minutes as omnibus and seconded by the Art's Director. The motion to omnibus reports and minutes was passed unanimously.

**Items for Discussion**

**Daycare Budget – For Approval**

Budget was not available. It was moved by the Art's Director to table to Daycare Budget to the Executive Committee and seconded by the President. The motion to table the budget was passed unanimously.

**Bike Lab Spring/Summer Plan – For Approval**

Approval of the Bike Lab Spring/Summer Plan was unanimous.

**Youth Parliament**

The President provided a reading of a letter from Deborah Tsao, Deputy Speaker (Director of Finance).

“Hello,

I'm From the Youth Parliament of Manitoba, an organization that puts on an annual Winter Parliamentary session for youth aged 16-20 to become engaged with political discourse, develop professional and public speaking skills, and most importantly, to become aware of different issues facing diverse youth across Manitoba.

I'd like to invite the UWSA to attend Speaker's Night, the annual fundraising gala of YPM. We would like to strengthen our ties with the larger Winnipeg community, particularly since many of our members and alumni are students at the University of Winnipeg.

This year, we are using Speaker's Night to strengthen and expand our accessibility efforts. Last year, we started an initiative called the **Reconciliation Fund**, which provides financial support to Indigenous youth to attend our event. Youth Parliament is currently making efforts to become more inclusive and accessible to people who normally would have trouble affording formal clothing, or the travel costs necessary to come to Winnipeg.

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We are confident that our extended community can come together to help us make Youth Parliament's annual Winter Session accessible to any youth in Manitoba who wants to attend.

This year's gala will take place on **Thursday, May 4**, at the **Winnipeg Winter Club**. We are proud to announce that our keynote speaker this year will be **Senator Marilou McPhedran**, Canadian Lawyer, women's/human rights activist, and former professor at the University of Winnipeg.

The even will start at **6:00pm** with cocktails, followed by dinner at **7:00**. Tickets are \$100 each, or \$750 for a table (seats 8). As always, if you are unable to attend but would still like to support, you can **sponsor a member** of YPM to attend the event in your stead. Tickets and details available at: [speakersnight.ypmanitoba.ca](http://speakersnight.ypmanitoba.ca)

Take care,

Deborah

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Deborah Tsao  
Deputy Speaker (Director of Finance)"

The Art's Director is on the BOS of the Youth Parliament. The Art's Director discussed that they are working to support accessibility with having the cheapest Youth Parliament programming in Canada. They are working on creating partnerships to support Indigenous students to attend for free. The funds raised at Speakers Night will help off set the costs. This supports youth programming and helps students become experts in government, which the President stated was needed due to the budget attacks on students. The UWSA has the option of buying sponsor tickets to allow for someone else to go in their place for free.

The President moved to approve up to \$200 to buy tickets to support Youth Parliament and was seconded by the Aboriginal Student Council Co-Director. The motion passed with one abstention from the Art's Director.

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**Adjournment**

It was moved by the Environmental Ethics Director and seconded the Vice President of External Affairs to adjourn the last monthly meeting of the UWSA BOD of the 2016-2017 term. Adjournment was passed unanimously. The regular monthly meeting of the UWSA BOD was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.