

**UWSA Board Meeting**  
**June 20, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.**  
The HIVE – 515 Portage Avenue

**In attendance:**

Shafagh Daneshfar – Chair  
Kevin Settee – President  
Daphne Comegan - Director, ASC Co-President  
Boniface Mason - Student  
Andrew Vineberg – Co-Director  
Abigail Pudwill – Co-Director  
Mohamed Abo Aoun - Director  
Sadie-Phoenix Lavoie – Vice-President External Affairs  
Jade DeFehr - Director  
Mitchell van Ineveld – Director  
Adrienne Tessier – Director  
Laura Garinger – Vice-President Student Affairs  
David Fanhbulleh – Vice-President Internal Affairs  
Dele Ojewole – Director  
Allan Dunkeld – Director  
Mohammed Behi - Director  
Matthew Brett – Guest  
Sam Sardy – Events Assistant  
Karolya Vargscarr – General Manager, Scribe

**Regrets:**

Daniel BigGeorge – Co-Director  
Jacq Pelland – Director  
Laura Gurbhoo – Co-Director  
David Wiebe - Director

**1. Opening**

Chair called the meeting to order at 7:13 PM

**2. Approval of the Order of Business**

SP.Lavoie added the following items to the Open Session agenda:

- Blanket Dance Communication
- Fossil Free Canada
- Friends of SL40
- Cop22

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K.Vargscarr and S. Daneshfar added the following items to the Closed Session agenda:

- Executive Committee Minutes
- Hiring Recommendation: Foodbank Assistant Coordinator
- Student At Large Appointment

**Motion to approve amendments to the agenda omnibus.**

**Moved: L.Garinger/A.Tessier**

**Motion carried.**

**Motion to approve the Order of Business.**

**Moved: A.Vineberg/A.Tessier**

**Motion carried.**

### **3. Communications**

#### **a. Introductions**

Introductions took place, including Directors, Staff, Students, and Guests.

#### **b. CFS National General Meeting**

K.Settee, SP.Lavoie, and M.Vaninveld spoke to highlights of the meeting, including separating National Aboriginal Caucus meetings from other CFS meetings, discussions on the National Day of Action, and changes that have occurred at post-secondary institutions on the east coast, particularly in Newfoundland, related to access and funding.

CFS also approved a declaration to unite students around the world, in the drafting of an International declaration. Climate change and economic transitions from fossil fuels into a low carbon based economy, labour rights, indigenous, rights, and childcare were also discussed. There was a service-based focus on women's health products for orders from the Ethical Purchasing Portal that are now available.

#### **c. PATH Update**

K.Settee circulated the PATH documents generated by the Board Retreat held at the end of May and took the group through the goals that were articulated. K.Settee outlined the PATH process and explained the need to hold each other accountable, particularly regarding the positive and possible goals, as outlined:

1. UWSA Brochure: for outreach and student engagement by Directors

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2. “Meet me at the HIVE!”: Monthly communications, with food, for people to come meet on campus and to meet the Board.
3. Physical Event Calendar: Posted in the HIVE, maybe even on the chalkboard.
4. Continuing to build a stronger social media presence
5. Host a UW RISE
6. Having a physical, regular safe space for RISE
7. Regular reserved gym time
8. Lobby to re-instate Bill 3
9. Merchant’s Corner Space/Services Plan in Place

K.Settee made it clear that this isn’t it, but that the process was good and that more work, more motions, and more ideas can be put forward all year.

**d. Board of Regents**

A.Vineberg shared that the next meeting of the BOR is on Monday, June 27 at 3:30 p.m. in Convocation Hall. Students are always allowed to go to these meetings, but at this meeting someone from the Administration, the President presumably, will be delivering the results of the risk assessment regarding the DivestUWinnipeg campaign that the CFS, UWSA, and different voices have been raising regarding withdrawing the University’s investment in fossil fuels. The risk assessment had an oversight committee that will be leveling a recommendation on this issue to the BOR. After the recommendation the BOR will vote to approve it or not, or it will be tabled, but the recommendation is extremely important to the Divestment campaign and to many folks who have been pushing this for a long time.

A group will meet at Thursday at 2:00 p.m. in the HIVE to discuss what kind of mobilization should happen and what conversations this will start.

S.Lavoie added that we don’t know if the BOR will be allowed to consider this or not, but there will be a plan either way. If students can be there S.Lavoie would like to flood the room, to show the support Divestment has from students. If Directors go there it would be helpful.

**e. Blanket Dance**

SP.Lavoie shared that a Second Annual Blanket Dance will occur on the front lawn. This fundraiser is for the Families First Foundation where they provide supports for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women. This Saturday from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., where Aboriginal Day Live is.

**f. Cop22**

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Canada Youth Commission has asked SP.Lavoie to attend a UN Summit and would like to attend on behalf of the UWSA. It costs \$4000, but would like to go and will figure out the fundraising for that.

**4. Consent Agenda**

**Motion to move Consent Agenda omnibus.**

**Moved: A.Tessier/M.Behi**

**Motion carried.**

**5. Items for Discussion**

**a. Art of Resistance Tour**

Presented by meeting guest M.Brett. M.Brett presented the motion and a budget.

M.Brett further motivated that the UWSA logo could be on the poster, and that it will take place in the HIVE, regardless of funding. This group would also like to do more events, like workshops on art and activism, workshops about mining in Canada, spoken word and hip hop, etc.

M.Brett fielded questions from directors regarding budget, resources, and experiences with the group. The one event confirmed in the HIVE is on the 6<sup>th</sup>, a Mesoamerican painting will be on display, with some hip hop and spoken word related to Mesoamerica and mining in the background, but the artists are open to other acts as well.

**Motion to donate \$250 to the Art of Resistance Tour's Winnipeg activities July 6 and 7.**

**Moved: M.Vaninveld/D.Ojewole**

**Motion carried.**

**b. TedX**

D.Ojewole provided a detailed request for sponsorship of a TedX University of Winnipeg Committee event to share research findings with the community. D.Ojewole outlined the benefits to the UWSA, in in-kind donations, including branding opportunities and the majority of the tickets going to students.

**Motion to move this request to Finance and Operations once the budget is amended.**

**Moved: D.Fanhbulleh/A.Tessier**

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**Motion carried.**

**c. Uniter Advertisements**

**Moved: A.Vineberg/M.Vaninveld**  
**Motion carried.**

A.Vineberg motivated that the intention was to bring transparency to the verbal agreement to partner on the ad.

A.Tessier requested proof from the Council of Canadians regarding this, and stressed concerns about agreeing to partner without budgeting or taking anything to committee. A.Tessier stressed that it's a bad precedent to set.

**Motion to table the discussion to Finance and Operations Committee.**  
**Moved: D.Fanhbulleh/D.Ojewole**  
**Motion carried.**

**d. Social Media Presence**

**Moved: A.Vineberg/M.Vanineveld**  
**Motion carried.**

A.Vineberg presented the Board Retreat discussion regarding social media, and the desire to continue to strengthen the UWSA social media presence, including a possible expansion. The purpose of the motion is to provide a transparent mandate for any member of the Board to take part in increasing this, though it is the duty of a position in the UWSA Local 153 who would take the lead, but would like to brainstorm ideas for what a robust social media campaign would look like, and bring those ideas to the Communications department.

M.Vanineveld, SP.Lavoie, and L.Garinger spoke against the motion and stressed the desire to bridge the gap with UWSA staff to have this discussion and to go from there. K.Vargscarr stressed that the opinion of bargaining unit work, the performance of an employee, including perceptions of the communications strategy could not be discussed at a Board Meeting in open session and encouraged discourse with the Communications Department regarding education about UWSA social media strategies and opportunities to expand.

**M.Abo Aoun called the question.**

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**Moved: M.Abo Aoun/D.Ojewole**  
**All in favor.**

**Motion to investigate avenues for an expansion of the UWSA's social media presence and to research the standards of social media presence which befit an organization of the UWSA's nature, position, and goals.**

**Moved: M.Abo Aoun/D.Ojewole**  
**All opposed.**

**Two abstentions: K.Settee and A.Vineberg**  
**Motion failed.**

**e. Fossil Free Canada**

SP.Lavoie provided context on the possibility of nominating a member of the team to the Escalation Core, and explained that there is a small review and vetting process, this application is a part of it. Training, liaison, and teleconference duties are involved, for about 5 hours per week.

**Motion to table this to the Campaigns and External Relations Committee to make a recommendation to the Board for the Escalation Core.**

**Moved: K.Settee/A.Tessier**  
**Motion carried.**

**f. Friends of SL40**

SP.Lavoie talked about the allies of Shoal Lake 40 in Chile and issues surrounding water injustices in Chile. Friends of SL40 has asked for help with printing costs for the Zine for photos of the water treatments.

**Motion to provide up to \$200 in in-kind support to Friends of Shoal Lake 40 for the July 16 event.**

**Moved: SP.Lavoie/J.DeFehr**

**A.Tessier called the question.**

**All in favor none opposed.**

**1 Abstention**

**Motion carried.**

**6. Closed Session**

**7. Other Business**

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**a. Student Support Program**

D.Fanhbulleh outlined the SSP for the Board. Students have been accessing this program at such a rate that the budget has gone from \$11,500 to \$8000, just in the summer months, and that some kind of criteria would be helpful to help govern how grants are given.

A.Tessier, M.Vanineveld, D.Comegan, and M.Abo Aoun discussed the need for criteria, changing the amount and frequency of support, as well as asking for additional context on the situations the individuals are facing.

**Motion to move the drafting of the SSP Application form to the Finance and Operations Committee to outline criteria for accessing emergency grants.**

**Moved: A.Tessier/M.Abo Aoun**

**Motion carried.**

**b. Committee Memberships**

**Finance and Operations Committee**

**Chair: D.Fanhbulleh**

D.Comegan

J.DeFehr

M.Behi

**Campaigns and External Relations Committee**

**Chair: SP.Lavoie**

M.Vaninveld

A.Vineberg

A.Pudwill

**Executive Committee**

**Chair: K.Settee**

SP.Lavoie

L.Garinger

D.Fanhbulleh

H.Ismael

A.Tessier

D.Ojewole

**Student Life Committee**

**Chair: L.Garinger**

M.Abo Aoun

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A.Dunkeld

**Bylaws and Policy Committee**

**Chair: S.Daneshfar**

L.Garinger

D.Fanhbulleh

**Senate**

K.Settee

SP.Lavoie

D.Fanhbulleh

L.Garinger

A.Tessier

**Board of Regents**

K.Settee

SP.Lavoie

D.Fanhbulleh

L.Garinger

**8. Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn at 10:08 p.m.**

**Moved: L.Garinger/M.Abo Aoun**

**Motion carried.**