

UWSA Board Meeting
July 21, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.
The HIVE – 515 Portage Avenue

In Attendance:

Shafagh Daneshfar – Chair of the Board
Andrew Vineberg – Community Co-Liaison
Mohamed Abo Aoun – Science Director
Sadie-Phoenix Lavoie – Vice-President External Affairs
Jade DeFehr - Status of Women Director
Adrienne Tessier – Arts Director, Scribe
Laura Garinger – Vice-President Student Affairs
David Fanhbulleh – Vice-President Internal Affairs
Jacq Pelland – LGBT* Director
Hazim Ismail - Part-Time/Mature Students Co-Director
David Wiebe – UWSA Senator
Daniel BigGeorge – Aboriginal Students’ Co-Director
Dele Ojewole – Environmental Ethics Director
Tiffani Sawatsky - Health Plan Coordinator, Guest
Victoria King, CKUW Volunteer Coordinator, Guest

Regrets:

Mohammed Behi – Accessibility Director
Mitchell van Ineveld – Business and Economics Director
Abigail Theano-Pudwill – Community Co-Liaison

Absent:

Kevin Settee – President
Daphne Comegan - Aboriginal Students’ Co-Director
Allan Dunkeld – Education Director
Laura Gurbhoo – Part-Time/Mature Students Co-Director

1. Call to Order – 18:04
2. Approval of the Order of Business

Motion to add items d-h to Communications
Moved by L. Garinger/ Seconded M. Abo Aoun
Carried

3. Communications
 - a) CKUW Presentation
V. King gave the Board an overview of the radio station, its history, and what it offers. She engaged with the board on the importance of campus and community radio, both as students and as members of the UWSA Board. The Student Powered Radio Marathon is November 10th this year. Board members are welcome to participate, and are encouraged to spread the word to students. Note that CKUW is a student group, but one seat on

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the board is a UWSA member (This year, that seat is occupied by Laura Garinger). Three students also sit on the board. If interested, contact Victoria at volunteer@ckuw.ca. Or, stop by their studio in the Buffeteria!

- b) Health Plan Presentation
T. Sawatsky (health plan coordinator) discussed rebranding of the health plan and a change in communication strategies. Previously, the only communication with students regarding the health plan was about opt-out dates. As of this year, they are Opt-“change” dates (to include students adding spouses or dependents to plans, as well as those opting out entirely). Overall, the UWSA is looking to have a student face on the program, and have directors and executives on posters in order to advertise the services offered (i.e. massage, vision care, dental care). If interested, talk to Tiffani. health@theuwsa.ca. These posters would be featured during Roll Call, on social media and in print. Any feedback or ideas are welcome!

- c) Budget Update
VPIA reported that the budget is currently being amended. Once this is completed, he will have a full quarterly update to the board.

- d) Prairie Rise Summit
VPEA is working with CFS member locals from Manitoba and Saskatchewan to begin the planning for a Prairie RISE summit this upcoming year. A meeting is currently in the process of being scheduled. A document is online for anyone to contribute ideas.

- e) Bill 204
VPSA reported on ongoing lobbying efforts in favor of Bill 204, including attending the first reading, and meetings with the Progressive Conservative caucus and Minister for Status of Women.

- f) UWPSA
UW Psych Students Association is planning a film festival on mental health issues for the month of January. They are looking for UWSA support and advertisement. The Science Director will update the board as plans are made.

- g) Divest UW update
Community Co-Liaison gave an update on the UW Divest group, including the recommendations presented at the last BoR meeting. Next steps for the group include a change of tactics to a protest-based approach. This is going to take the form of 100 Days of Action at the beginning of the school year.

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Arts Director asked how the group exists on campus (ie. campaign or student group), Community Co-Liaison VPEA said that at this time it would stay as a campaign of the UWSA, but depending on the actions planned and the funds/resources required, that status may change.

h) Inclusive Gym Initiative survey update

The Status of Women Director gave an update on the survey that will be sent out to students regarding inclusive gym hours. It is currently being reviewed by professors who specialize in ethical research practices. If anyone is interested in looking at the survey, contact the Status of Women Director or the LGBT* Director.

4. Consent Agenda

a) Reports

- i. Executive Report – for approval
- ii. Executive Hours – for approval

b) Open Session Minutes

- i. June BOD Meeting Minutes
- ii. Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
- iii. Bylaws and Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Motion to amend the reports as follows:

Board of Directors minutes: “SP Lavoie” under Communications. Two motions with missing content;

By-Laws and Policy: Amend “S. Daneshvar” to “S. Daneshfar”;

Executive Committee minutes: Amend to read “particularly” under “Service Centre”

Moved by L. Garinger/Seconded by J. Pelland

Carried

Chair reinforced the need to receive Directors’ reports for every meeting.

Motion to approve omnibus

Moved by S-P. Lavoie/Seconded by D. Ojewole

Carried

5. Items for Discussion

a) Chief Electoral Commissioner Posting

Arts Director outlined the roles of the position. This is an existing position in order to run our elections.

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Motion to add “Little to no professional experience with the UWSA, including previous membership on the UWSA Board of Directors” under Preferred Qualifications.

Moved by A. Tessier/Seconded by S-P. Lavoie
Carried

Motion to approve job posting as amended

Moved by S-P. Lavoie/Seconded M. Abo Aoun
Carried

- b) Secretary of the Board Posting
Arts Director presented on the new position. This is a new position as of this year. The Secretary will be responsible for taking minutes at meetings and helping the Chair of the Board.

Motion to approve the job posting

Moved by L. Garinger/Seconded by D. Ojewole
Carried

- c) Mission Statement
VPSA described the discussion at the By-Laws and Policy committee about needing to amend the mission statement of the UWSA. This has been consolidated into a graphic with out vision, values, mission, and partners (“Engage”). This would act as a useful marketing tool for the UWSA, and could be displayed at service centers and retail outlets. It is universally loved by all who attended.

Motion to approve the new Mission Statement

Moved by L. Garinger/ Seconded by H. Ismail
Carried

6. Closed Session

7. Other Business

- a) Committee appointments
Chair noted that there are still openings on the internal committees, and that some Directors do not have internal committee appointments. There are still positions available on Student Life, Finance & Operations, and Campaigns and External Relations. The Chair also noted that Directors can sit on By-Laws and Policy as well as another internal committee.

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The Science Director is now on By-Laws and Policy, the ASC Co-President is now on Student Life, and the PTM Co-Director is now on Campaigns and External Relations.

8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn

Moved by S-P. Lavoie/Seconded by M. Abo Aoun

Carried at 19:50

Recorded by:

Adrienne Tessier