

UWSA Board Meeting
January 25 2017 – 6:00 PM
2M70 – 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 Students Affairs: Laura Garinger

Vice President Internal Affairs: David Fanhbulleh

Aboriginal Student Council Co – Director: Lloyd McDougall

Arts Director: Adrienne Tessier

Business and Economics Director: Mitchell van Ineveld

Community Liaison Co-Director: Andrew Vineberg

Environmental Ethics Director: Oladele Ojewole

LGBT* Director: Jacq Pelland

Status of Women Director: Jade DeFehr

Number of Students in Attendance: 0

Board Absent:

Accessibility Director: Mohamed Behi

Community Liaison Co-Director: Abigail Pudwill

Education Director: Allan Dunkeld

International Students' Co-Directors: Caroline Pires & Kurné Williams

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

Science Director: Mohammad Abo Aoun

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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 Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 2M70. The President and Chair being present. The minutes of the last meeting were friendly amended to add “Vice President Student Affairs: Laura Garinger” to Board Absent. The minutes were approved as corrected. The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m. The Order of Business was moved and amended to add Pace Directorship to Discussion; UIC Directorship to Other Business; to move Angela Davis Sponsorship from Discussion to Communications; to add Divestment to Communications; to add Budget Summary to Other Business; to add R.I.S.E. to Discussion; to add Indigenous Affairs Office to Communications. The motion to adopt the agenda as amended was moved by the Vice President of External Affairs and seconded by the Vice President of Student Affairs. The motion was carried.

Communications

Angela Davis-Sponsorship – Discussion Held During Communications

Molly McCracken from Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives Manitoba (CCPA) presented on offering the UWSA BOD an opportunity to sponsor Dr. Angela Davis presenting in Winnipeg through CCPA. The event will be held at KNOX United Church in partnership with Black Space and Queer People Of Colour on May 6, 2016. CCPA would like to create a relationship with the UWSA starting with sponsorship for the event hosting Angela Davis. The event offers tickets at a General admission cost of \$30, a Student admission cost of \$20, and Admission and Post-talk Reception with Angela Davis at a cost of \$100. Additionally there will be a limited number of

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reduced rate tickets available at a “pay what you can” rate. Only 100 student tickets will be available for purchase and only 40 at the reduced rate. Angela Davis’s fee is 25,000 US\$ therefore the CCPA is in need of partners and sponsors to make the event happen. Questions were raised about block buying tickets to distribute to students.

It was moved by the President and amended by the Vice President of External Affairs to sponsor Davis at the Defender Level with \$3000 and to save time to consider to block buy tickets at a later date. The motion was passed.

Students in Rise

The Vice President of External Affairs presented on Students in Rise hosted Feb 2nd by the Global College Student Advisory Council in room 2M70. The panel discussion features students leading activism efforts on campus. The event is to be held at 6 p.m. For more information go to the Global College Student Advisory Council Facebook page.

Pilot Project for Women and Non-binary People’s Gym Hours

The Status of Women presented on the pilot for women and non – binary people’s gym hours. The Status of Women stressed that if there are concerns on details in the Duckworth release or if there are any questions on the survey results to email her or check the UWSA Inclusive Gym Hours website. Starting September 2017 inclusive gym hours will be available.

Divestment

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It was announced by the Business and Economics Director and Community Liaison Co – Director that the Board of Regents Rally is Monday January 30 at 4:45 p.m. starting in the Hive. The Board of Regents meeting will be held at room 2m70.

Indigenous Affairs Office

The President presented on the Indigenous Affairs Office. It was proposed to Kevin Lamoureaux to have a sweat lodge on campus. There has been conversation on the idea for the last couple of years. Some potential locations in discussion are the space of contemplation in the library or an abandoned location near McFeetors Hall that is owned by the University of Winnipeg. No location is yet confirmed however it is something to be excited for! Lamoureaux may come to the UWSA in support of Indigenization.

Consent Agenda

Reports

Executive Report – For Approval

Executive Hours – For Approval

Director’s Reports – For Approval

Reports were submitted by the Arts Director, Business and Economics Director, Environmental Ethics Director, and Status of Women. The Business and Economics Directors amended their report to remove “January 18th – 20th – Class talks promoting UWSA services and inviting sharing of concerns/feedback”.

Community Liaison Co – Director Andrew Vineberg provided an oral report stating they have been helping promote the CFS MB international students gathering Saturday January 28 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event is free with no

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deadline for registration. They called for the BOD to promote the event to international students. For more information contact Part-Time/Mature Students' Co-Director: Hazim Ismail.

LGBT* Director provided an oral report on their work with Part-Time/Mature Students' Co-Director: Hazim Ismail. They are gathering volunteers together to support people during their refugee claims. They requested volunteers to help write letters of reference, as it is a stressful process for refugees. They are looking for volunteers to act in support and they will be forwarding a Google document outlining the time lines available to provide supports.

It was noted to contact the Chair if anyone has questions or needs help in drafting their Director Reports.

It was moved by the Arts Director to approved the reports and minutes an omnibus and seconded by the LGBT* Director. The motion was passed.

Items for Discussion

Meet Me At the Hive (MMTH)

The Vice President of External Affairs opened discussion on Meet me at the Hive. There are opening on Wednesdays at lunch hour for MMTH events. The Vice President of External Affairs asked Board members to show up to MMTH events and promote events through friends and on Facebook. MMTH will have events until May and anyone who wants to book time is to contact the Vice President of External Affairs. It is recommended to book in advance to allow time for promotion, to generate momentum, and to be consistent.

Board of Regents Vacancies

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It was moved by the Business and Economics Director;

Whereas the lieutenant Governor in Council of the Province of Manitoba has the power to appoint 10 individuals to the University of Winnipeg Board of Regents as per the University of Winnipeg Act;

Whereas two of the ten government-appointed spots are reserved for U of W students;

Whereas both these seats are currently vacant, and have been so since September;

Whereas only 8 seats are set aside for students & student representatives on the Board of Regents, meaning that 2 vacant seats represents a loss of 25% of student representation on the board;

Be it resolved that the UWSA draft a letter to the Minister of Education, Ian Wishart, compelling the Government to immediately fill the 2 student seats for the 2016-17 term of the Board of Regents and to ensure that student seats are not left vacant in future years.

The motion was seconded by the President. The motion was carried.

PACE Directorship

It was moved by the Arts Director; and 2nd by Laura

Whereas PACE students became UWSA members in the 2016-2017 academic year;

And,

Whereas the UWSA Board of Directors governs all students that are members and thereby pay union dues to the organization;

Be it resolved that the position of PACE Director be created and presented for ratification at the UWSA Annual General Meet on March 29, 2017 and that a job

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description and Acknowledgement of Responsibility be presented to the membership to vote upon at that time.

The motion was seconded by the Vice President of Student Affairs. The movement was carried.

RISE

It was moved by the Environmental Ethics Director;

Whereas the Prairie Racialized and Indigenous Student experience summit is schedule to be held on March 17th to 20th 2017.

Whereas the organizing committee is comprised of all the CFS-MB locals and racialized student leaders.

Whereas RISE organizing committee meeting are rotated between three – member locals in Manitoba and meeting held twice a month.

Be it Resolved that the UWSA cover cost of refreshments of up to \$80 for the next RISE Committee meeting to be held on campus.

The motion was seconded by the Vice President of External Affairs. The motion was carried.

Other Business

Urban and Inner Cities Directorship

It was proposed by the Arts Director for the BOD to consider the creation of an Urban and Inner Cities Studies Director. While Urban and Inner Cities Studies is a part of the Arts Directorship, it was raised the issue that the Urban and Inner Cities Campus is located on Selkirk Avenue removed from the majority of the Arts

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programs. There were issues raised regarding the name of UIC Director as UIC is an Arts program. However, the focus was to recognize the need to break up the Art's Directorship as it is a large faculty and to recognize the unique needs and mobilization of UIC. The benefits of having a Director present at the Selkirk Avenue were discussed.

UIC has a student and a faculty level students association. With their independence it was discussed the development of the Director position name should be left up to the UIC program. The Directorship will be discussed at later UWSA BOD meetings.

Budget Summary

The Vice President of Internal Affairs presented a Budget Summary. As of December 31st the UWSA has \$48,000 surplus and are in a healthy financial position. The Vice President of Internal Affairs is expecting to finish the fiscal year (march 31st) on budget. If there are any questions on the budget please contact the Vice President of Internal Affairs.

The surplus of funds is from the agreement with the union and collections of fees from the university. The surplus is not due to under staffing but they are looking to hire more staff such as an assistant to the Communications Coordinator. However the Vice President of Internal Affairs is looking into further causes of the surplus and any concerns may be email to them.

Adjournment

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It was moved by the Environmental Ethics Director to adjourn and seconded by the Vice President of Student Affairs. It was carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.