

**UWSA Board Meeting**  
**November 29 2016 – 5:30 PM**  
UWSA Board Room – 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 Internal Affairs: David Fanhbulleh

Accessibility Director: Mohamed Behi

Arts Director: Adrienne Tessier

Business and Economics Director: Mitchell van Ineveld

Chief Elections Commissioner: Hollie Swart

Community Liaison Co-Director: Andrew Vineberg (Arrived at 6:42p.m.)

Community Liaison Co-Director: Abigail Pudwill

Environmental Ethics Director: Oladele Ojewole

LGBT\* Director: Jacq Pelland

Science Director: Mohammad Abo Aoun

Status of Women Director: Jade DeFehr

**Number of Students in Attendance:**

Reporter for Uniter

**Board Absent:**

Vice President of Student Affairs: Laura Garinger

Aboriginal Students' Director: Daphne Comegan

Education Director: Allan Dunkeld

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International Students' Co Directors: Kurné Williams and Caroline Pires

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

University of Winnipeg Senate: David Wiebe

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The regular monthly meeting of the University of Winnipeg Students' Association Board of Directors (UWSA BOD) was held on Tuesday, November 29, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the UWSA Board Room. The President and Chair were present. The minutes of the last meeting were friendly amended to replace "Vineberg" following Community Liaison Co-Director: Andrew under Attendance instead of "Vineburg". The minutes were approved as corrected. The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:43 p.m. The Order of Business was moved and amended to include RISE, and Opposing Kinder Morgan Pipeline under Items for Discussion; and CFS Annual General Meeting, and Montreal Massacre under Communications. The motion to adopt the agenda as amended was moved by the Arts Director and seconded by the Vice President Internal Affairs. The motion was carried.

**Communications**

The President presented on the CFS Annual General Meeting held on the weekend of November 18, 2016. Motions were passed on Budget, Campaigns (including homelessness, mental health, experience summit and legal expenses), Policy, and OSD. A written report will be coming from National Representatives on the Annual General Meeting. If anyone would like details of the motions, email the President to contact CFS. If anyone wants to get involved in any of the motions, contact the President to provide a contact.

The Status of Women Director presented on the Montreal Massacre Vigil held Thursday December 8, 2016 in memorial for the Montreal Massacre. The Women Trans-Spectrum Center is looking for more volunteers and it is encouraged to

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volunteer for a minimum of one hour if available. The Status of Women Director will verify if men are able to volunteer.

Board Members involved in Divest UWinnipeg presented on Bank Exit Action held December 5, 2016. There is a call out for Standing Rock Solidarity actions. There will be a march to the underground mall to condemn the banks invested in the Dakota Access Pipeline. A Facebook event will be created.

### **Consent Agenda**

It was moved by the Vice President of Internal Affairs to approve all written reports as omnibus. It was seconded by the LGBT\* Director and carried.

It was moved by the Vice President External Affairs to approve open session minutes as omnibus. It was seconded by the Vice President of Internal Affairs and carried.

The Environmental Ethics Director provided an Oral Report. On November 16, Meet Me at the Hive held a successful event for students. The goal for the future is to increase the amount of students engaging in Meet Me at the Hive. Divest UWinnipeg attended Meet Me at the Hive and are working to pressure the University to divest from fossil fuels. Divest UWinnipeg engaged with students on campus and it was found students have varying views but an overall hope for the university to go green.

The Chief Electoral Officer provided a summary of the report on the Fall 2016 UWSA By-Election. Recommendation during communication with the Board included increased promotion through professors, re-working package for nominees, increased participation in debate, debates held in Riddell Hall, and to

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update polling station locations. Recommendations for future locations included the University of Winnipeg Selkirk Avenue Campus, the Buhler Building, and Menno Simons. Chief Elections Commissioner communicated a need for clearer By-Laws on the use of social networking sites during campaigning. It was moved by Business and Economics Director to accept the Fall 2016 UWSA By-Election report. The motion was seconded by Environmental Ethics Director and carried.

### **Items for Discussion**

#### **Under UWSA Executive Review Process**

The Chair of the Board presented on the new By-Laws and Policy outlining the amendments found under 7.02 Roles Within Committees, 6.08 Duties of the Chair of the Board of Directors Executive Review and 9.4 Executive Review Policy. It was moved to ratify by the Vice President of Internal Affairs

Whereas the Chair of the Board is responsible to construct an effective and informative Executive Review Report.

Whereas the Executive Review Report should engage both Directors as well as Staff throughout the process

Whereas the Executive Review Report should assist and provide guidance to Executive Directors to strengthen their roles and responsibilities.

Be it resolved that the Board will ratify the following by-law amendments proposed by the By-laws and Policy Committee.

To move By-Law 7.09 to under By-Law 6.08.

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To Remove “and Executive Review ad hoc Committee from 7.02 in the Bylaws.

To amend section 7.02 to remove “The only exceptions are in the case of the By-Laws and Policy Committee and Executive Review ad hoc Committee, where the Chair of the Board of Directors shall act as Chair of said Committees”.

To Remove “Ad Hoc Committee” from the Header of 7.09. To Remove “an ad hoc Executive Review Committee” and add “by the Chair of the Board with assistance from the General Manager” under 7.09i. To remove “This Committee shall be comprised the Chair of the Board of Directors who is also the chair of this committee, and a minimum of three other director. No executive director shall sit on this committee. The committee may seek assistance and/or advice from UWSA staff” from 7.09i. To remove “Ad Hoc Committee” and “complete” from 7.09ii. And to add “an April 30<sup>th</sup>” to the end of 7.09ii. To remove “Ad Hoc Committee” and “Membership” from 7.09iii. To add “the UWSA Board of Director and the UWSA Staff” after 7.09iii The Executive Review shall seek the feedback of the Membership. To remove “The Executive Review Ad Hoc Committee may also seek feedback from UWSA staff and other UWSA directors” from 7.09iii. To remove the section 7.09iv.

To remove “6.10” under 9.4 Executive Review Policy and add 6.08.

The By-laws with the listed amendments would read as follows:

7.02 Roles Within Committees

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Unless otherwise specified by By-Law, each Standing and ad hoc Committee shall appoint a Chair, a Vice Chair and a Secretary.

- i. The Chair of a Standing Committee shall be an Executive Director, and it is recommended, but not required, that the Chair of an ad hoc Committee be an Executive Director. The only exceptions are in the case of the By-Laws and Policy Committee where the Chair of the Board of Directors shall acts as the Chair of said Committee.

### 6.08 Duties of the Chair of the Board of Directors Executive Review

- ix The Executive Review shall be completed by the Chair of the Board with assistance from the General Manager.
- x The Executive Review shall demonstrate an annual review of the word of the UWSA Executive Directors and submit it to the Board of Directors no later than December 31 and April 30 of each year.
- xi The Executive Review shall seek the feedback of the membership, the UWSA Board of Directors and the UWSA staff as to the performance of the executive directors.

### 9.4 Executive Review Policy

#### Purpose/Preamble

To guide to UWSA Board of Directors and Chair of the Board of Directors in the implementation of the annual Executive Review. Policy Statement

As per By-Law 6.08, the UWSA Board of Directors shall complete an annual review of the work of the UWSA Executive Directors by no later than December 31 of each year.

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The purpose of this review is to establish an idea as to the performance of the executive directors in the areas related to their duties as outlined in the UWSA General By-Laws.

The Chair of the Board of Directors is responsible for the implementation and coordination of this review, in collaboration with directors.

#### Procedures

It is recommended, but not mandated, that the Executive Review follow the steps outlined below.

1. The Chair of the Board shall, in coordination with the General Manager, send a call to all directors and staff for feedback.
2. The Chair shall meet with individual directors and include their feedback
3. The final results, presented in a report by the Chair of the Board of Directors, shall be presented to the Board of Directors before December 31 and April 30 of each year.

By-Law 7.09 is to be removed, as the duties will fall under 6.08 of the By-Laws.

This was moved by the Chair of the Board of Directors and seconded by Vice President Student Affairs.

The motion to ratify was seconded Environmental Ethics Director. Ratified.

#### **Under UWSA Delegate Selection Process**

The Chair of the Board presented the Delegate Selection Process. After discussion the Vice President of External Affairs moved to Ratify the Delegate Selection Process provided by the By-Laws and Policy Committee reading:



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For CFS summits, forums and other Local 8-related conferences, delegates must be active with the UWSA of its initiatives;

At least one director shall be selected, for reporting purposes;

It must be accessible to UWSA members, given the nature of the conference (ie. community or constituency groups, etc);

For CFS General Meetings:

Priority will be given to delegates on the Provincial Executive, or actively involved in CFS campaigns and/or Local 8 initiatives. Delegates must be a member of the UWSA with at least one delegate that has been to one CFS National General Meeting will be selected for mentoring proposes but not limited to, priority is given to those that have not previously attended meetings.

For CFS General meetings:

Advertise as early as possible in advance of meeting on official UWSA communications channels;

CFS November AGM: October 1<sup>st</sup>

CFS Special General Meeting June: May 1<sup>st</sup>

CFS MB AGM: April 1<sup>st</sup>

UWSA Service Centres and collectives with their own UWSA allocated budgets shall select delegates with their own processes.

Any additional students can apply through the general UWSA delegate selection processes in an open competition.

It was seconded by the Ethics Director and ratified unanimously.

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**Under RISE**

The Vice President of External Affairs with discussion moved

Whereas the Prairie Racialised Indigenous Student Experience (RISE) Summit will be held in March 17-20 2017.

Where as the organizing committee is comprised of all the CFS-MB member locals, Indigenous, POC, Racialised student leaders and representatives.

Whereas the organizing committee requested that UWSA pay for the food for the next organizing meeting for up to \$100 through campaigns and external budget lines.

Be it resolved UWSA cover food costs of up to \$100 for the next RISE organizing committee meeting on Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>.

The motion was seconded by the LGBT\* Director and passed unanimously.

*Procedural interlude: The Chair of the Board stated that all future Board of Directors monthly meetings will be scheduled in advance without a doodle poll. Dates are to be available by the end of December. The Vice President of External Affairs urged the board to contact Laura for volunteering for Snowed In.*

**Under Emergency Motion Opposing Kinder Morgan Pipeline and Line 3**

It was moved by Economics and Business Director

Where as the Trudeau government approved the Kinder Morgan and Line 3 pipelines on Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016

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Whereas this decision has enormous implications nationally and globally in terms of keeping global warming below 2°C

Whereas these projects will have disproportionately large impacts on Indigenous communities and will certainly lead to violations of treaty and human rights.

Whereas many UWSA members are constituents of Jim Carr, the Minister of Natural Resources

Whereas the UWSA supports both environmental responsibility and social justice

Be it Resolved that the UWSA draft a statement opposing the Government's decision.

Be it Resolved the statement highlight the potential damage to Manitoba's fragile water ecosystems due to Line 3's crossing of the Seine and Red Rivers.

The Vice President of External Affairs seconded the motion. The motion was passed with 9 Directors all in favour and 1 abstention.

- i. All in favour: 9 Abstentions: 1

**UWSA Executive Review Process**

It was presented by the Chair the review process will include survey and long answer questions to be due December 14, 2016. Directors can answer the questions in person or over the phone with the Chair or provided a written form. It was encouraged to engage with constituents.

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**Other Business**

There was no Other Business from Board of Directors.

**Adjournment**

It was moved by the Environmental Ethics Director to adjourn and seconded by the Vice President of Internal Affairs. Carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.