

**UWSA Board Meeting – Open Session**  
**September 14 2017 – 5:00 PM**  
UWSA Board Room – 515 Portage Avenue

**Board In Attendance:**

Chair of the Board: Michael Barkman

President: Laura Garinger

Vice President External Affairs: Megan Linton

Vice President of Student Affairs: Brenden Gali

Vice President Internal Affairs: Morgan Brightnose

Accessibility Director: Mohamed Behi

Arts Director: Janel Bortoluzzi

Community Liaison Director: Brayanna Petti

Education Director: Taylor Daigneault

Environmental Ethics Director: Avery Letkemann

Graduate Students' Director: Laura Cameron

LGBT\* Director: Solène Stockwell

Science Director: Sia Kermani

Status of Women Director: Jade DeFehr

**Students in Attendance:**

Shelby Bourbonnais

Deputy-Chair CFS: Dele Ojewole

Jericho Nieves

James Nellis

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**Board Absent:**

Secretary of the Board: Alexandria Ireland

Aboriginal Students' Co-Director: Daphne Comegan

Aboriginal Students' Co-Director: Corey Whitford

Business and Economics Director: Devin Woodbury

Inner City Campus Co-Director: Lisa Strong

Inner City Campus Co-Director: Martina Saunders

International Students' Director: Simran Badhan

Univeristy of Winnipeg Senate Student Representative: Lester Aidoo

University of Winnipeg Senate Student Representative: Waarengeye Vikram

Board of Regents Student Representative: Abraham El-Giadaa

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The regular monthly meeting of the University of Winnipeg Students' Association Board of Directors (UWSA BOD) was held on Thursday, September 14, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. in The UWSA Board Room. The President and Chair being present. The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:11 p.m. The Vice President of External Affairs moved to approve the Order of Business and was seconded by the Science Director. It was moved by Vice President of External Affairs to amend and add "James Nellis Communication" to Items for Discussion and seconded by the Education Director. The motion to amend was carried. It was moved by the Science Director to amend to add "Approval of the Chair" under Discussion of Meeting Space, Roberts Rules of Order and seconded by the Status of Women Director. The motion to amend was carried. The Order of Business as amended was approved all in favour.

**Discussion of Meeting Space, Roberts Rules of Order**

It was moved by the LGBT\* Director to approve the appointment of the Chair, Michael Barkman, for the 2017-2018 term and seconded by the Graduate Students' Director. The motion was approved all in favour. The board communicated on Meeting Space, Roberts Rules of Order.

**Board Structure Overview, Director Roles & Responsibilities**

The board communicated on Board Structure Overview, Director Roles & Responsibilities.

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**Consent Agenda**

**Reports**

**Executive Report – For approval**

**Executive Hours – For approval**

**Director’s Report – For approval**

The Science Director reported on their main project to finalize printer for students in Richardson Building. The UWSA has provided funds in the past for this. The Science Director spoke with Printing Services and SOSA. The Science Director volunteered at Roll Call and sat on the ad-hoc RISE Committee.

The Graduate Students’ Director had no updates to report on, but hopes to meet Grad students. The Graduate Students’ Director went to the Senate Grad Committee on September 14.

The LGBT\* Director had no updates to report on.

The Status of Women Director reported on their work with DivestUW, the campout in June and the Inclusive Gym Initiative. The Inclusive Gym Initiative reserve hours start September 24. The Status of Women Director volunteered at Roll Call.

The Education Director reported on speaking at the Education Student Orientations (2-3-4-5 years) and sat on the ad-hoc RISE Committee.

The Accessibility Director reported on their work with the Access Lounge, gym fee exclusions, and sat as Chair of the Hiring Committee.

The Community Liaison Director had no updates to report on.

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The Arts Director reported on volunteering at Roll Call, the Senate Library

Meet & Great, and the Loud in the Library event planning committee.

The Environmental Ethics Director reported on the DivestUW camp out and planning for year ahead, and volunteered at Roll Call.

### **Open Session Minutes**

#### **April 2017 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

#### **Exec Committee May 11, May 30, June 26, July 7, July 26, August 28**

It was moved by the Status of Women Director to approve Consent Agenda and seconded by Science Director. The Education Director pulled May 30, 2017. The motion carried.

The Education Director requested further information on CKUW expansion discussed in May 30, 2017. The President answered that further discussion will follow in agenda. It was moved by the Education Director to approve the May 30, 2017 minutes and seconded by the Environmental Ethics Director. The motion carried.

### **Items for Discussion**

#### **Student-At-Large and Subcommittee Approval**

It was noted that Subcommittees are important and each director must sit on at least one. The committees are:

**Student Life (chaired by Vice President Student Affairs)**

Science Director

Environmental Ethics Directors

International Students' Director

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Community Liaison Director

**Campaigns & External Relations (Chaired by Vice President External Affairs)**

Inner City Campus Co-Director Martina Saunders

Arts Director

Graduate Students' Director

**Finance & Operations (Chaired by Vice President Internal Affairs)**

Education Director

Business and Economics Director

LGBT\* Director

Accessibility Director

**Exec Committee (chaired by the President)**

Vice-President Student Affairs

Vice-President Internal Affairs

Vice-President External Affairs

Status of Women Director

Accessibility Director

It was moved by the Accessibility Director to approve the current directors to subcommittees and seconded by LGBT\* Director. The motion to approve carried all in favour.

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**Senate Appointments**

The President apologizes for the rush in appointing Senate seats. The UWSA holds 10 seats on Senate (academic governing body) and directors were assigned based on past experiences and faculty representation.

President (Executive Committee)

Vice-President Student Affairs (Student Appeals, Student Services)

Vice-President Internal Affairs (Budget Review, Student Appeals, Student Services)

Vice-President External-Affairs (Faculty & Staff Awards)

Accessibility Director (Honorary Degrees & fellowships)

Graduate Students' Director (Graduate Studies)

Arts Director (Library)

University of Winnipeg Senate Student Representative Waarengye Vikram  
(Academic Misconduct Appeals, Academic Planning)

University of Winnipeg Senate Student Representative Lester Aidoo  
(Academic Standards & Misconduct)

Science Director (Full Senate)

Business and Economics Director (Full Senate)

**Budget Presentation**

Note: revenue will be forthcoming from student fee transfers and Daycare student fees. There is an \$185,000 deficit – despite deficits, we are in a healthy position. We should ensure that we budget for small deficits or small surpluses in the future.

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**RISE Delegate Selection for Approval**

The President provided a presentation of Ad-Hoc Committee on RISE delegate selections. Delegate selection for Canadian Federation of Students' Racialized and Indigenous Student Experience summit; all applicants responded with their own self-identification based on past discussions with executive (ensuring marginalized folks get opportunities for funding). The delegates selected were only selected for UWSA to send with our own budget – any other applicants who could confirm money would be signed off on (the UWSA is on the hook for any delegate fees).

The delegates selected to be paid by the UWSA: C. Clements, M. Saunders, T. Ileloye, plus B. Gali with the “free” delegate provided by CFS.

It was moved by the Education Director and seconded by the LGBT\* Director. The Accessibility Director Abstained and the motion carried all in favour.

**Call 2 Conversation Sponsorship**

The Vice President of External Affairs discussed the opportunity as the first of its kind. Two-Spirit and Queer People of Color: A Call to Conversation with LGBT and Allies; October 20-22. Free for UW students, funded by SHRC, speakers from across Turtle Island. Donations asking: \$1000 - \$3000, sponsoring a lunch, supper, or refreshment, travel & accommodation, and providing volunteers.

Jade Peek, Camryn Harlyck are both from the CFS National; fund travel (around \$600); at least 4 volunteers; or both.

During discussion several directors were interested in volunteering. In-kind support would come from the CERC Donations line.



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It was moved by the Vice President of External Affairs to provide \$500 to the UW's Call 2 Conversation conference from CERC donations line and to recruit volunteers and seconded by the Graduate Students' Director. It was moved by the Status of Women Director to amend to change "\$500" to "cover cost of travel up to \$500 for Camryn Harlick" and seconded by the Science Director. The amendment carried all in favour.

Motion to provide cost of travel up to \$500 for Camryn Harlick to the UW's Call 2 Conversation from CERC donation line and to recruit volunteers was carried.

### **Partnership Opportunities**

#### **Communities Not Cuts**

Communities Not Cut is a collection of labour folks, environmentalists fighting austerity in Manitoba and is looking for a formal endorsement from the UWSA. During discussion the Status of Women asked if it was financial, considering the AGM's RSM endorsement. The President answered it was not a political organization and no political parties are invited. The Vice-President of External Affairs clarified they are not anti-PC but anti Austerity.

It was moved by the Graduate Students' Director to endorse Communities not Cuts and seconded by the Environmental Ethics Director. The motion was carried.

#### **CCPA Speaker**

The Vice-President of External Affairs presented on the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives speaking event: Amy Goodman (Democracy Now). The UWSA previously proved a \$3000 donation to the Angela Davis speaking event. The event

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can hold 800 in attendance at Knox Church September 29 with a student fee of \$10.

For a \$2000 donation the UWSA receives 60 free tickets. For a \$1000 donation the UWSA receives 40 free tickets.

During discussion the President asked why there was a \$1000 dollar difference for only 20 more tickets. The Vice-President of External affairs did not have a response given and discussed the precedent for Angela Davis of free tickets given at Prairies RISE, ASC, and Blackspace. The Vice-President of Student Affairs noted it is at the same time as RISE. The Accessibility Director noted it is at the same time as TEDxUW. The Status of Women Director discussed hesitancy to support if \$20 is the regular price, not the same as Angela Davis, maybe not as pertinent to students, and is worried to spend too much money to quickly.

It was moved by the Education Director to decline CCPA sponsorship and seconded by the Vice-President of Internal Affairs. It was moved by the Vice-President of External Affairs to amend the motion to “will not provide financial support, but provide promotional support through social media and offer it to volunteer lists” and seconded by the Community Liaison Director. The Motion as amended was carried.

### **CKUW Expansion**

CKUW approached the UWSA on a partnership on their new expansion; time forced our “commitment” but it’s up to the board to decide how much the UWSA donate or loan to the CKUW. During discussion the Science Director asked how CKUW was funded. The President answered that the UWSA collects the levy that students voted for years ago.

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No vote or motion.

**Functional Transit**

Functional Transit is a coalition of activists to prevent the passing of Bill 36, which would eliminate the province's contributions to municipal transit funding. They are seeking endorsement by the UWSA as a group who advocates for more accessible transit.

During discussion the Graduate Students' Director recommended sharing online and offering tabling or support. The Environmental Ethics Director asked on meetings.

The vote and motion was not recorded.

**Bill C-262 UNDRIP**

The Vice-President of External Affairs discussed the broad coalition rallying on the bill to encourage Federal government to sign in on and discussed opportunity of UWSA endorsement, advertisement, or rally. It was moved by the Graduate Students' Director to support and promote the passing of Bill C-262 UNDRIP and seconded by the Science Director. The motion was carried.

**James Nellis Communication**

It was discussed the desire to have a student group banned by comparing if the UWSA had Nazi groups approach for student group status, the UWSA would not allow it. However, the UWSA has the RSM, a communist student group, double standard Student of history, history shows us that communism has killed 100 million people. The Status of Women discussed last AGM, the UWSA decided not to endorse the RSM group's event, what is the difference between endorsing any

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groups, what's the difference between affiliated and recognized groups. The President answered affiliated/recognized and asked why RSM. The Accessibility Director discussed that positive space prevents discrimination, communism is not the same as a white supremacy group.

### **Other Business**

#### **Union Coalition**

The Vice-President of External Affairs discussed its existence in the past, of getting all unions on campus connected to support each other, prevent union-busting; planning to meet in person all together and do union mapping. If anyone wants to get involved please get in touch with the Vice-President of External Affairs.

#### **Bill 31**

Vice-President of Student Affairs stated the next meeting about info session would be September 19 at 12 pm.

#### **Printing Services**

The Science Director asked what the hold up was on printing services and who to talk to since it has not happened yet. The President said they will talk to printing services.

#### **Inclusive Gym Initiative**

The Status of Women Director asked for volunteers for classroom presentations. Please contact the Status of Women Director if you are interested in helping, and promoting. There is a Facebook group for users to connect and get updates and partners.

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**Adjournment**

It was moved by the Vice-President of Internal Affairs and seconded the Arts Director to adjourn. Adjournment was carried. The regular monthly meeting of the UWSA BOD was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.