

UWSA Annual General Meeting
March 23, 2016 – 12:30 p.m.
The HIVE

The regular Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the University of Winnipeg Students' Association (UWSA) was held Wednesday March 23, 2016 at 12:30 p.m. in The Hive. The President and Chair of the UWSA being present. The meeting was called to order at 12:42 p.m. An introduction was provided explaining the structure of the AGM and Robert's Rules of Order. It was moved by E. Epp to approve the Order of Business and seconded by E. Hart-Maxwell. The motion was carried. There were no calls for proxy votes.

Items for Discussion

Approval of Special General Meeting 2015 Minutes

It was moved by M. Van Ineveld to approve housekeeping edits to the minutes of the SGM from February 12, 2015 and seconded by A. Tessier. The Motion was carried.

It was moved by P. Veitch to approve the minutes of the SGM and seconded by J. Blackman with 37 in favor and 2 abstentions. The motion was carried.

PACE Membership

It was moved by the P. Veitch to approve full membership of PACE students in the UWSA and seconded by D. Syvitski with 27 in favor, 8 against and 1 abstention. The motion was carried.

During discussion P. Veitch outlined PACE programs and the benefits of PACE integration into UWSA membership. There were 218 students registered in the growing and upwards trending program. J. Blackman, in favor of the motion, outlined their consultations regarding fees with PACE students throughout 2015-2016 and

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Veitch outlined the services used by PACE students on campus. Member asked if the PACE students had been consulted or if this was done unilaterally with University administration. P. Veitch explained that the 11-13 month structure of each program was limited to the voting bodies of the UWSA sub committees and Board, and the PACE program student body. PACE students have high usership of UWSA programming and were enthusiastic about becoming members. A UWSA member requested a letter from the members of PACE asking to join the UWSA. The member wanted to ensure consent from PACE was represented.

It was moved by P. Veitch to approve the full-time PACE fee schedule and seconded by student Abigail Pudwill with 35 in favor, 2 against, and 2 abstentions. The motion was carried.

UWSA Daycare 7.07

It was moved by J. Blackman to approve the Bylaw amendments to the Daycare and seconded by M. Van Ineveld with 21 in favor and 12 abstentions. The motion was carried.

During discussion J. Blackman outline the structure of the UWSA Daycare management and government with reference to conflicting views of the DMC and UWSA Board. J. Blackman outlined the changes to the package including: UWSA Vice President Internal Affairs as Treasurer; staffing updates, human resources, and hiring and firing policies at the Daycare Centre.

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It was moved by J. Blackman to strike out bullet points 4 and 5 and to insert a new point at 5 which will read:

“Human Resources for the Daycare shall be dealt with by the UWSA Executive Committee in accordance with Bylaw 7.08. Human Resources responsibilities may be delegated by the UWSA Executive Committee where appropriate”.

P. Veitch seconded the motion with 24 in favor, 1 against and 10 abstentions. The amendment to the motion was carried.

During discussion P. Veitch motivated that it would allow the Executive Committee to have more flexibility in case the UWSA needs to take on additional Human Resources functions. The Daycare Management Committee had the ability prior to strike ad hoc committees.

UWSA Daycare Treasurer

It was moved by J. Blackman to amend the role of Vice President of Internal Affairs as Treasurer on the DMC and seconded by Board member A. Tessier with 37 in favor and 1 abstention. The motion was carried.

During discussion J. Blackman and E. Epp explained that the position of the Vice President of Internal Affairs was the CFO of the UWSA and sits on the DMC as a member. It made sense that the Vice President of Internal Affairs be the Treasurer making reports to the DMC and to the UWSA Board.

Volunteer Coordinator

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It was moved by J. Blackman to move Volunteer Coordinator duties from the Vice President of Internal Affairs portfolio in the UWSA bylaws to the Vice President of Student Affairs portfolio and seconded by student Mohammad Abo Aoun with 37 in favor. The motion was carried.

During discussion J. Blackman explained the roles of the Vice President of Student Affairs and Vice President of Internal Affairs. E. Epp explained the Vice President of Student Affairs works in outreach with direct contact with students through advocacy work. Both were in favor of the motion.

UWSA Budget – For Information

It was moved by E. Epp to approve the UWSA Operating Budget 2016 – 2017 and seconded by director K. Loeppky.

E. Epp presented the budget approved at the UWSA Board meeting of March 22, 2016, with the caveat that the budget will have to be amended after Collective Bargaining, which will have budgetary implications. With the inclusion of PACE membership, the budget is neutral, with a \$41 surplus, and no projected operating deficit.

E. Epp outlined the budget, department-by-department and included anecdotes of her consultations conducted throughout the year.

Student Alex Patterson asked about the Campaign Organizer position and asserted that it contradicted the policy change to create the position at the last SGM.

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P. Veitch answered that the position is not obligated to be filled and that policies are not legally binding.

A. Patterson clarified that the position can't be unfilled since it has been unionized, which part-time staff recently were.

E. Epp answered that Collective Bargaining had not yet happened and that the position was vacant when the unionization took place.

A UWSA Member asked about advertising for the election, as voter turnout was very low. E. Epp outlined the utilization of advertising for the Elections depicted in the Elections Budget, as well as the advertising in The Uniter. The member further asked if the budget was exhausted this past year for advertising, and E. Epp answered that it was not. Student Sam Dyck asked about the PACE Director honorarium putting the UWSA over budget. E. Epp explained that all potential director positions are included in the budget.

Audited Financial Statements – For Information

E. Epp presented current audited financial statement for all fifteen departments up to February 2016.

Executive Report

It was moved by K. Loepky to approve the 2016 AGM Executive Report and seconded by A. Tessier. The motion was carried.

Adjournment

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The annual general meeting of the UWSA was adjourned at 1: 46 p.m. due to loss of quorum.