



SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday, October 25
12:30 p.m. in The Hive

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Introductions
3. Approval of the Order of Business
4. Rules of Order – For Information
5. Call for Proxy Votes
6. AGM Minutes, March 29, 2017 – For Approval
7. Election Bylaw Edits – For Approval
8. Motions from the Membership

Tabled from AGM March 29, 2017:

- i. AGM Minutes Approval Motion
- ii. Lions Manor Motion
- iii. Event Accessibility Motion
- iv. Status of Women Description Motion
- v. Menno Simons Director Motion
- vi. Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions
Motion (BDS) Motion

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UWSA BOD Attendance (11):

Chair of the Board: Shafagh Daneshfar

Secretary of the Board: Alexandria Ireland

President: Kevin Settee

Vice President of External Affairs: Sadie-Phoenix Lavoie

Vice President of Student Affairs: Laura Garinger

Vice President of Internal Affairs: David Fanhbulleh

Art's Director: Adrienne Tessier

Business and Economics Director: Mitchelle van Ineveld

Community Liaison Director: Andrew Vineberg

Environmental Ethics Director: Oladele Ojewole

Status of Women Director: Jade DeFehr

Students in Attendance (67):

Aalekh Patel 3089409

Abigail Pudwill 3061622

Abigail Fontaine 3062117

Abraham El-Giadaa 3055333

Alexander Nguyen 3073680

Alexandria Wiebe 3070814

Amy Woods 3081045

Andrew Cleland 3076465

Andrew Minenko 3044597

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Avery Letkemann 3063005

Benoit Morham 3062069

Brett McIvor 3073881

Bryan Young 3073490

Christopher Wyman 3053354

Dana Lance 3083740

David Brigole 3047036

David Shefford 2018721

Eliza Raizen 3072403

Emma Ball 3063133

Erica Mitchell 3061906

Hailey Primrose 3053175

Haley Hickey 1162628

Jacob Fairbairn 3033596

Jacob Janzen 3071164

Janel Bortoluzzi 3064580

Janelle Gobin 3061275

Jayelyn Rae 3078781

Jezreel Morales 3074809

Joshua Monterrubio 3078005

Julia Antonyshyn 3045955

Kaitlyn Nernber 3070497

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Takeka Thundersky 3083801

Kerrie Ferris 3017225

Lauren Gould 3079379

Lise Simonsen 3069182

Madeline Jantz 3062181

Mahlet Cuff 3082995

Martina Saunders 1127391

Martin Moshkovich 3081962

Matthew Moulden 3062628

Megan Linton 3066897

Michael Kvern 3070355

Mohamed Behi 3071627

Nadia Garcia 3081382

Navraj Singh 3062063

Kaitlyn Nernber 3070497

Nikolas Friesen-Hughes 3012095

Pamela Campos-Ordonez 3061873

Quinton Gauld 3082280

Rachel Petkau 3040979

Rafael Terrain 3050612

Rahul Patel 3087821

Ralph Marciano 3061566

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Raven Rickner 3061871

Ronald Gamblin 3080969

Sam Dyck 3037897

Siavash Koosheh 3061240

Solene Stockwell 3053178

Sonja Beaulieu 3043208

Sophia Hershfield 3081881

Sydney Reimer 3052490

Tessa Bortoluzzi 3082320

Tristan Henry 1168984

Tyler Andrade 3049281

Victory Umoeya 3076780

Xian Mardiros 3033901

Zaidee Lepine 1125845

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The regular Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the University of Winnipeg Students' Association (UWSA) was held Wednesday March 29, 2017 at 12:30 p.m. in The Hive. The President and Chair of the UWSA being present. The meeting was called to order at 12:31 p.m. A welcome was provided from the General Manager, Karolya Vargscarr, with introductions to the UWSA Executives and some members of the Board of Directors.

An introduction was provided explaining the structure of the AGM and Robert's Rules of Order. It was moved by the Vice President of Internal Affairs to approve the Order of Business and seconded by the Vice President of Student Affairs. The motion was passed unanimously. There were no proxy votes.

APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 23, 2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

It was moved by the Vice President of External Affairs to approve the March 23, 2016 Annual General Meeting Minutes and seconded by the Vice President of Internal Affairs. The Motion was passed unanimously.

BYLAW CHANGES – FOR APPROVAL

The following bylaw changes under “The Bylaw Edits Guide” and “By-Law Amendments to Accommodate the Creation of the Secretary of the Board of Directors” were moved by the Vice President of Student Affairs and seconded by the Art’s Director.

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The ByLaw Edits Guide:

These edits account for grammar and spelling errors, job and service reclassifications, the elimination of services and positions, and changes in membership communication strategies. There is little fundamental change to intent and meaning of clauses resulting from these edits, and what changes exist reflect current practice. The clauses, which change intent and meaning, are highlighted in yellow.

By-Law 2: Definitions

2.09 Daycare Director

“means the Daycare Manager *and* Administrator...”

2.14 General Manager

“Means the General *Manager*...”

Added “and” to clarify meaning.

Changed “Coordinator” to “Manager” to account for job reclassification.

2.25 General Office

“Until changed in accordance with the Act, the *General Office*...”

Changed “Registered” to “General” to account for the language used in the rest of the document.

Deleted the following definitions, as these terms no longer appear in the by-laws:

2.12 Employment Standards 2.16 Health Plan Coordinator 2.17 Labour Board

2.18 MELCC

2.20 MCCA

By-Law 3: Membership

3.05.ii Notification to Membership

“Posting notifications following UWSA *Operational* Policy 4.2...”

Changed “Poster to “Operational” to identify the manual in which the policy can be

found, rather than the title of the policy, and to create clarity in the clause.

By-Law 4: Election of Directors

4.03.iv Filling Vacancies

Added a comma to correct the grammatical error.

4.04.ii Vacation of Office

4.05.iii.c Recall of Directors

Removed pluralization to correct the grammatical error.

Added a comma to correct the grammatical error.

4.06.v.d Qualifications of Directors for Election and Holding Office

Un-capitalized “international”.

4.06.v.h Qualifications of Directors for Election and Holding Office

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“The Business and Economics Director shall be a student enrolled in the Business and Economics Program”

Removed “Bachelor of” as no such program exists.

By-Law 6: The Board of Directors and the Duties of Directors

6.01.i Duties of All Directors

“All Directors, prior to their assumption of office, must sign and return to the Chair of the Board of Directors, or the UWSA General Manager...”

Changed “Coordinator” to “Manager” to account for job reclassification.

6.01.iii Duties of All Directors

“All Directors will attend the scheduled Board of Directors orientation organized by the Executive Directors in concert with the UWSA General Manager and UWSA staff.”

Changed “and the Secretary of the Board of Directors” to “in concert with the UWSA General Manager and UWSA staff” to account for a more realistic practice. The Secretary of the Board of Directors is not likely to be hired until the Board has already met several times, and a timely orientation is key to the success of the board. Additionally, the General Manager and UWSA staff are more thoroughly familiar with the by-laws and policies of the organization, and are best equipped to help new directors understand the central role and function of the UWSA, and their individual duties and privileges.

6.06 Duties of the Vice President Student Affairs

Moved a paragraph break to amend the grammatical error.

6.07 Duties of the Vice President Internal Affairs

“The Vice President Internal Affairs shall assist the Social Sustainability Coordinator in...”

Changed “be responsible for” to “assist the Social Sustainability Coordinator in” to account for the new duties assigned to the Social Sustainability Coordinator under their job reclassification.

6.08.ii Duties of the Chair of the Board of Directors

Removed the “s” from “presides” to correct the grammatical error.

6.12.iii Duties of the Part-Time/Mature Students’ Directors

Eliminated the clause: “The Part-Time/Mature Students’ Director shall act as liaison with the Part-time/Mature Students’ Centre.” As this student service centre is no longer operational.

6.13.iii Duties of the International Students’ Director

“The International Students’ Director shall assist... hosted by international student groups or that the UWSA sponsors...”

Changed “that the International Resource Centre” to “hosted by international student groups or that” as this student service centre is no longer operational.

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“The International Students’ Director shall act as liaison with all international student groups on campus”

Removed “the International Resource Centre” as this student service centre is no longer operational and un-capitalized “International” to amend the grammatical error.

6.14.iii Duties of the Community Liaison Director

“The Community Liaison Director shall assist the Vice President Internal affairs and the Social Sustainability Coordinator...”

Added “and the Social Sustainability Coordinator to account for the new duties assigned to the Social Sustainability Coordinator under their job reclassification.

6.17.iii Duties of the Status of Women Director

“The Status of Women Director shall liaise with the UWSA Women-Trans Spectrum Centre.”

Changed “Women’s Centre” to “Women-Trans Spectrum Centre” to account for the reclassification of the student service centre.

6.17.iv Duties of the Status of Women Director

Changed the gendered pronoun “she” to the gender inclusive “they”.

6.17.vi Duties of the Status of Women Director

“The Status of Women Director shall be a member of the UWSA Women-Trans Spectrum Centre Collective.”

Changed “University of Winnipeg” to “UWSA” as we fund and operate the service centre, not the University. Changed “Women’s Centre” to “Women-Trans Spectrum Centre” to account for the reclassification of the student service centre.

By-Law 7: Committees and Meetings

7.01.09.ii Notification to Membership of Employment

Replaced: “No less than one Public Service Announcement containing the information is sent to *The Uniter*, WCCRS/CKUW.” with: “The posting is shared on the UWSA website with links to the posting shared via all UWSA social media including, but not limited to, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.” To account for changes in technology and information systems, and to account for the fact that the UWSA has no control over what *The Uniter* and CKUW chose to publish or broadcast.

7.08.01.iii Executive Committee, Mandate Authority and Jurisdiction

“The Executive Committee shall act as Management on behalf of the Board of Directors, and may designate the four (4) Executive Directors, *the General Manager...*”

Changed “collectives” to “the General Manager” to account for staff relations changes enforced by the reclassification of the General Manager position and the unionization of part-time staff.

7.11.i Campaigns and External Relations Committee (CERC)

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“The committee shall be comprised of... *The Manager of Special Projects and Strategic Initiatives...*”

Changed “The Outreach and Special Projects Coordinator” to “The Manager of Special Projects and Strategic Initiatives” to account for job reclassification.

Removed “and the (2) UWSA Campaigners” to account for the elimination of these positions.

By-Law 11: Policy

11.02 Creation and Amendment of Policy

Added apostrophe to “days” to amend grammatical error. “Notice of any changes in any UWSA Policy shall be published *on the UWSA website and any relevant social media platform.*”

Changed “in the daily publication of the UWSA” to “on the UWSA website and any relevant social media platform” to account for changes in technology and information systems.

By-Law Amendments to Accommodate the Creation of the Secretary of the Board of Directors:

CREATE

4.01.ii.c: The Secretary of the Board of Directors shall be a permanent seat on the UWSA Board of Directors. The Board of Directors upon recommendation by the Executive Committee shall appoint the Secretary of the Board of Directors. The Secretary of the Board of Directors shall not have a vote, and only has speaking rights where necessary to request clarification or otherwise ensure the accuracy of the meeting minutes.

CREATE

4.02.iv: The term of the Secretary of the Board of Directors shall be from the time the appointment is ratified until the following April 30th. The Secretary of the Board of Directors is eligible for reappointment in accordance with appropriate UWSA policy and these By-Laws

AMEND

4.03.i: In the event that the vacancy of the office of any Director other than the Chair of the Board of Directors **or the Secretary of the Board of Directors** occurs on or before September 30 in any year, then the vacancy may be filled by appointment by the Board of Directors provided that the Executive Committee may make recommendations to the Board of Directors respecting the filling of the vacancy. The duration of the above appointment shall be until the closing of a By-Election as provided for in these By-Laws.

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4.05.i: Any Director of the UWSA, with the exception of the Chair of the Board of Directors, [the Secretary of the Board of Directors](#), and the Aboriginal Students' Co- Directors as per elsewhere in these By-Laws, may be subjected to recall in accordance with the provisions of this By-Law.

AMEND

4.05.ix: The Chair of the Board of Directors [or the Secretary of the Board of Directors](#) may be removed from the Board of Directors by a motion passed with a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) majority vote at a duly convened Board of Directors meeting. The Board of Directors is required to publish a notice of motion at least one (1) week prior to a vote to remove the Chair of the Board of Directors [or the Secretary of the Board of Directors](#). The Director so removed shall no longer be a Director of the UWSA and their position shall be considered vacant until it is filled in accordance with UWSA policy and these By-Laws. The Director so removed may, at their discretion, be present at one additional Board of Directors meeting and may, at this meeting, request that the decision to remove be rescinded and state their reasons for wanting the decision rescinded.

AMEND

4.06.iv: All Directors, except for the Chair of the Board of Directors, [the Secretary of the Board of Directors](#), and the Executive Directors mentioned immediately above, must successfully complete at least one half ($\frac{1}{2}$) course, three (3) credit hours, during the term of their office in order to remain a member of the UWSA and retain their eligibility for a Board of Directors position.

4.06.vii: [No Director, Chair of the Board of Directors, or Secretary of the Board of Directors](#) shall be an employee or paid volunteer of the UWSA.

CREATE

[6.09 Duties of the Secretary of the Board of Directors](#)

[i: The Secretary of the Board of Directors shall record accurate meeting minutes for all meetings of the Board, General Membership, and appropriate subcommittees and shall work to eliminate all personal or political bias in the official record of discussions and decisions made by the UWSA.](#)

[ii: The Secretary of the Board of Directors shall ensure that all records are properly formatted, distributed, and filed in accordance with these By-laws and all relevant policies of the UWSA.](#)

[iii: The Secretary of the Board of Directors shall assist the Chair of the Board of Directors with Board Orientation and the convening of monthly Board meetings.](#)

[iv: The Secretary of the Board of Directors shall act as a non-voting advisor at all General Membership Meetings.](#)

[v: The Secretary of the Board of Directors is responsible for compiling and distributing the policy that governs the practices and procedures of the UWSA in accordance with these By-laws.](#)

[vi: The Secretary of the Board of Directors shall be a non-voting member of the Executive Review Ad-hoc Committee and shall record, distribute, and file](#)

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minutes of the Executive Review Ad-hoc Committee meetings in accordance with these By-laws. The Secretary of the Board of Directors only has speaking rights where necessary to request clarification of meaning or otherwise ensure the accuracy of the meeting minutes.

AMEND

6.26.ii: Each Board of Directors position, excluding [Executive Directors, Chair of the Board of Directors, and the Secretary of the Board of Directors](#) shall be entitled to a five hundred dollar (\$500) *honorarium* at the end of their term provided that the Directors holding the position fulfilled all duties and requirements as per the UWSA By-Laws. 6.26.v: The Chair of the Board of Directors [and the Secretary of the Board of Directors](#) shall be entitled to a two thousand dollar (\$2000) honorarium at the end their term provided that the Chair of the Board of Directors has fulfilled all duties and requirements as per the UWSA By-Laws.

AMEND

7.02.iii: [Except where elsewhere designated by these By-laws](#), the Secretary of a [committee](#) may be any Director of the Board of Directors or UWSA Staff member.

AMEND

7.09.i: The Executive Review shall be completed by an ad-hoc Executive Review Committee. This committee shall be comprised the Chair of the Board of Directors who is also the chair of this committee, [the Secretary of the Board of Directors who acts as secretary of this committee](#), and a minimum of three other directors. No executive director shall sit on this committee. The committee may seek assistance and/or advice from UWSA staff.

AMEND

8.03.iv: Closed Session minutes from Board of Directors Meetings shall only be made available to the Board of Directors. This may include distributing paper copies to all Directors in attendance, or allowing Directors to view the Closed Session Minutes electronically. [The Secretary of the Board of Directors, in consultation with the Chair of the Board of Directors](#), may choose other means of distribution that maintain the confidential nature of Closed Session minutes. In order to maintain the confidential nature of Closed Session minutes, the [Secretary](#) of the Board of Directors shall destroy, or cause to be destroyed, all Closed Session minutes of the Board of Directors distributed at the Closed Session meeting of the Board of Directors.

PRE-EXISTING ARTICLES REFERING TO THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD:

6.01.ii: All Directors will attend duly convened Board of Directors meetings and assigned, duly convened Standing and/or Ad-Hoc Committee meetings, or will provide regrets to the Chair or Secretary of the Board of Directors or Standing and/or Ad-Hoc Committee in advance of meetings where attendance is impossible.

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6.01.iii: All Directors will attend the scheduled Board of Directors orientation organised by the Executive Directors and the Secretary of the Board of Directors. Only extenuating circumstances will permit another Board of Directors Orientation to be arranged within two (2) months of taking office.

6.28.i: Meetings of the Directors shall be held at such time and place as are from time to time decided by the Chair of the Board of Directors and the Secretary of the Board of Directors after consulting the schedules of the Directors. These meetings shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. No meeting of any UWSA Committee or of the Board of Directors shall be valid if it occurs by telephone, Internet, electronic mail or similar device.

9.11: All motions that have been approved as UWSA policy shall be compiled in a Policy Manual and kept on record by the Secretary of the Board of Directors. The Policy Manual will be updated, if necessary, after each Annual General Meeting of the UWSA.

9.17: Official Minutes of all Board of Directors Meetings and Annual General Meetings shall be taken and kept on file by the Secretary of the Board of Directors and the Secretary of each Standing and/or Ad-Hoc Committees, who shall be a non-voting advisor at all such meetings and shall not count for quorum. Open Session Minutes shall be provided to all Board Directors, and shall be supplied to any UWSA Members upon request. Closed Session Minutes shall be distributed to Directors on the relevant Standing and/or Ad-Hoc Committee or the Board of Directors, but these Closed Session Minutes may be viewed by any Director by requesting of the Chair of the Board of Directors or relevant Standing and/or Ad-Hoc Committee.

11.01: The Secretary of the Board of Directors is responsible for the compilation and distribution of the Policy governing the practices and procedures of the UWSA. These Policy shall be kept in writing and made available for Members of the UWSA at all times. The Secretary of the Board of Directors shall ensure that all ratified UWSA policy is kept in the Policy Manual.

The motion to approve the By-Law changes passed unanimously.

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PACE DIRECTORSHIP – FOR APPROVAL

It was moved by the Vice President of Student Affairs and seconded by the Vice President of External Affairs;

Whereas PACE students became UWSA members in the 2016-2017 academic year; And,
Whereas PACE students heavily engage with UWSA services, events, programming, and job opportunities;
And,
Whereas the UWSA Board of Directors governs all students that are members and pay union dues to the organization;
Be it resolved that the position of PACE Directorship be created and ratified at the UWSA Annual General Meeting of March 29, 2017 and that a job description for the UWSA Bylaws and Acknowledgement of Responsibility be presented to the membership to vote upon at that time.

It was moved by David Shefford and seconded by the Community Liaison

Director to remove:

“and ratified at the UWSA Annual General Meeting of March 29, 2017 and that a job description for the UWSA Bylaws and Acknowledgement of Responsibility be presented to the membership to vote upon at that time”

The amendment was carried with 14 votes to approve, 2 votes to oppose, and 14 votes of abstention.

The motion as amended was passed with 14 votes to approve, and 2 votes of abstention:

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

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Whereas the UWSA Board of Directors governs all students that are members and pay union dues to the organization;
Be it resolved that the position of PACE Directorship be created.

INNER CITY CAMPUS (UIC) DIRECTORSHIP – FOR APPROVAL

It was moved by the Art’s Director and seconded by the President;

Whereas the Art’s Directorship is a vast constituency,

And;

Whereas the Urban Inner City Studies (UIC) program is removed geographically from the main campus through its physical location at the Selkirk Avenue Campus;

And;

Whereas the student body in the UIC program has needs that are unique to the location of the Selkirk Campus and community;

And;

Whereas the UIC student body has created a UIC Students’ Association with elected leadership;

Be it resolved that the position of a UIC Directorship be created and ratified at the UWSA Annual General Meeting of March 29, 2017 and that a job description for the UWSA Bylaws and Acknowledgement of Responsibility be presented to the membership to vote upon at that time.

During discussion Martina Saunders presented on behalf of the UIC students’ association. This is the first year of the UIC students’ association at the North End Selkirk campus. UIC wants the opportunity for a directorship to help students connect to the main campus and utilize the opportunities available through the UWSA as UIC students pay the UWSA fees. The UIC students’ association found UIC students feel disconnected from the main campus, intimidated by the main campus and unrepresented at the main campus. Martina Saunders discussed the reasons students attend classes in the North End, such as representation, shared lived experiences of poverty, racism, gangs, and

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crime, and comfortable class settings. Martina Saunders shared that they grew up in poverty unknowingly and found the main campus intimidating so they chose to attend courses available at the North End Selkirk location. Martina Saunders discussed the UIC directorship as an opportunity to support North End residents, Indigenous peoples, and new comers in education.

It was moved by The Community Liaison Director and seconded by David Shefford to strict out

“and that a job description for the UWSA Bylaws and Acknowledgement of Responsibility be presented to the membership to vote upon at that time.”

The motion was carried as amended with 2 opposed and 7 abstentions.

It was moved by Lauren Gould and seconded by the Art’s Director to amend the title of the directorship to “Inner City Campus Director”.

During discussion Lauren Gould outlined that the name of the building will be changing to Merchants Corner. Martina Saunders stated UIC Students Association wanted to name it the Inner City Directorship because it captures where the Directorship is located and they did not want to exclude people. The UIC Students Association has taken time to consider on other names and finalized on “Inner City Director”. The Community Liaison Director expressed concerns on who is allowed to run for the directorship and the lack of defined constituency of the directorship. Lauren

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Gould expressed the need for cooperation between the North End and main campuses and the lack of representation on the main campus of inner city students.

The Art's Director explained that there was precedent set by previous directorships as to who runs for directorship positions even though there is no formal requirements.

People who run for directorships are most likely involved on the campus. The President recommended acknowledging the responsibilities in the Bylaws when the position is drafted.

The motion on the amendment to the title of directorship “The Inner City Campus Directorship” was carried with only 2 abstentions.

It was moved by Vice President of External Affairs and seconded by the Community Liaison Director to add “Be it resolved that the UIC directorship is elected by the UICSA”.

During discussion the Art's Director expressed their support for directorship for the UIC campus however, recognized the conflict of appointing positions ex officio instead of UWSA membership voting. Lauren Gould spoke against the motion stating that ASC votes on their directorship as they are a marginalized group on campus but opening it up to departments to vote on their directorship would be a mistake. Erica Mitchell stated the motion excludes UWSA members that take classes at the North End Campus but are not on the UICSA. The Status of Women Director spoke in favour of the motion as it should not be a fear to have more representatives in the future and starting with UICSA voting for the directorship is a fine. The Status

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of Women Director shared that UIC has expressed for years their experiences of exclusion and isolation. They believe it makes sense to vote for this one now and to not worry about higher representation of departments in the future. Hailey Primrose spoke in favour of the motion and the Status of Women Director's discussion. They believe the UIC is also representing a marginalized group on campus and believe that its kind of one of the as the ASC in respect to marginalized experiences.

The amendment to add, "Be it resolved that the UIC directorship is elected by the UICSA" was carried with 22 in favour, 19 opposed, and 11 abstentions.

The motion as amended was carried with only 5 abstentions:

Inner City Campus (UIC) Directorship – For Approval

Whereas the Art's Directorship is a vast constituency,

And;

Whereas the Urban Inner City Studies (UIC) program is removed geographically from the main campus through its physical location at the Selkirk Avenue Campus;

And;

Whereas the student body in the UIC program has needs that are unique to the location of the Selkirk Campus and community;

And;

Whereas the UIC student body has created a UIC Students' Association with elected leadership;

Be it resolved that the position of a UIC Directorship be created and ratified at the UWSA Annual General Meeting of March 29, 2017.

Be it resolved that the Inner City Campus Director is elected by the UICSA

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2017 – 2018 OPERATING BUDGET – FOR APPROVAL

It is moved by the Vice President of Internal Affairs to approve the UWSA budget, seconded by the Vice President of Student Affairs.

The 2017-2018 Operating Budget was approved with 4 abstentions.

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – FOR INFORMATION

Simon Hall presented a summary Audited Financial Statements and conducted the audit of the financial statements for 2016-2017. Hall acted as a designated outside body to provide an opinion if the statements were fair and accurate. Hall gave the best opinion that a non-for profit can receive and found the statements to be complete and accurate. Hall stated that the UWSA is in a strong financial position with a buffer of revenue. Hall stated the Net Assets could use improvement. The results of operation from the last year had a deficit of \$385,000 with a surplus the year prior. The main reason for the deficit was computer programming for the health plan and the issue is being rectified. Hall provided a clear opinion for the UWSA which is the highest opinion a not-for-profit can receive. I provide a clear opinion, the highest a not-for-profit can receive.

Andrew Minenko asked what the cost was for adding a directorship to which Tom from F&O answered a \$500 honorarium.

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MOTIONS FROM THE MEMBERSHIP

FALL GENERAL MEETING MOTION

It was moved by the President and seconded by the Business and Economics

Director:

Whereas having a single General Meeting per year is insufficient for cultivating a culture of democracy on campus;

And whereas General Meetings are the highest democratic body of the UWSA, and having a single, hour-long General Meeting per term is insufficient in accomplishing the goal of having a robustly democratic student association;

And whereas quorum is consistently lost before all of the business on the year-end AGM agenda is addressed, imposing a year-long delay on important measures such as by-law amendments;

Be it resolved that Bylaws 9.02-i, i.a, i.b, i.c & i.d be created: “i. A Special General Meeting of the UWSA Membership shall be held at the University of Winnipeg every fall term prior to the by-election, as determined by the Board of Directors. At the Fall SGM, the following shall be presented and considered:

- a. An overview of the coming year’s budget;
- b. A brief report on the priorities of that year’s Executive and their work to date;
- c. Any outstanding business from the prior Annual General Meeting;
- d. Any other business that is brought forward for consideration.

It was moved by the Vice President of Student Affairs and seconded by the

Art’s Director to insert “voting period of” before “by-election” under the be it resolved clause to provide proper notice based on bylaw 9.03.

The amendment was carried with 1 abstention.

The motion as amended was carried with 2 abstentions:

Whereas having a single General Meeting per year is insufficient for cultivating a culture of democracy on campus;

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And whereas General Meetings are the highest democratic body of the UWSA, and having a single, hour-long General Meeting per term is insufficient in accomplishing the goal of having a robustly democratic student association;

And whereas quorum is consistently lost before all of the business on the year-end AGM agenda is addressed, imposing a year-long delay on important measures such as by-law amendments;

Be it resolved that Bylaws 9.02-i, i.a, i.b, i.c & i.d be created: “i. A Special General Meeting of the UWSA Membership shall be held at the University of Winnipeg every fall term prior to the voting period of the by-election, as determined by the Board of Directors. At the Fall SGM, the following shall be presented and considered:

- a. An overview of the coming year’s budget;
- b. A brief report on the priorities of that year’s Executive and their work to date;
- a. Any outstanding business from the prior Annual General Meeting;
- b. Any other business that is brought forward for consideration.

SUPPORT FOR STUDENT ANTI-TUITION ACTIVISM MOTION

It was moved by the Business and Economics Director and Seconded by the Vice

President of Internal Affairs:

Whereas the Pallister government has indicated its intentions to lift the cap on domestic tuition, raise Manitoba tuition to Saskatchewan levels, and reduce its operating grant to postsecondary institutions, marking the most significant attack on access to education in Manitoba in almost two decades;

Whereas permitted, centrally organized demonstrations such as the All Out Nov. 2 Rally have proven ineffective at directly challenging the Pallister Government’s austerity agenda;

Whereas mass mobilizations which include civil disobedience and other direct action tactics are crucial in the face of a direct attack on marginalized and economically disadvantaged students;

Whereas students from both the University of Winnipeg and University of Manitoba have been organizing a grassroots rally in opposition to tuition increase and postsecondary funding cuts to take place at the Manitoba Legislature on April 18;

Be it resolved that the UWSA support and promote the April 18 “Rally Against Tuition Hikes”;

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Be it resolved that the UWSA allocate \$500 from its Campaigns budget to sponsor civil disobedience trainings for students participating in mobilization against cuts;

Be it further resolved that the UWSA pledge to offer financial or in-kind support for students who incur legal expenses as a consequence of their participation in such mobilization;

Be it further resolved that the amount of support to be offered be determined on a case-by-case basis, in closed session, by whichever of the following bodies has the earliest meeting following a request for support: Executive Committee; Finance & Operations Committee; the Board of Directors.

It was moved by the Status of Women and seconded by Megan Linton to strict out “Be it resolved that the UWSA support and promote the April 18th “Rally Against Tuition Hikes””.

During discussion the Status of Women Director discussed the group proposing the motion, The Revolutionary Student Movement, as controversial with calls for militant action by activists. The Economics and Business Director stated that UMSU is promoting the rally. The Community Liaison Director discussed that the Revolutionary Student Movement, the U of M Student Action Network and many other people promoted the rally. They discussed that the Revolutionary Student Movement is not connected to anything violent and stating that the group is connected to violence is fear mongering. The Community Liaison Director believed it would be weird if UMSU supported the rally and the UWSA did not. The Vice President of External Affairs spoke against the timing of the rally as it is scheduled a week after the provincial budget release. They explained that there was not room in the budget for the allocation of \$500 from campaigns and positive space for civil disobedience training. Additionally the Vice

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President of External Affairs explained the pledge to offer financial or in kind support to students for legal expenses could result in costs of \$1,000 depending on the actions. They expressed that the Revolutionary Student Movement is militant and with the amount of actions that may take place there is no way to ensure there will not be repercussions on the student union or Canadian Federation of Students. The Vice President of External Affairs is in support of the importance of addressing tuition hikes but is against the motion. The President spoke against the amendment and believes that they must build the student movement by working with students across the country. The President believes radical action is needed for radical changes and to pressure the government civil disobedience is required. The President spoke against acts of violence but in support for working with as many people as possible with maintaining the UWSA's base principles. Megan Linton expressed that for the UWSA to support and promote these events; they must also ensure that any occurring civil disobedience is in line with the UWSA Safe Space policies. Xian Mardiros stated that the rally is organized outside of the Canadian Federation of Student and the Revolutionary Student Movement was formed as a result of the ineffectiveness of radical voices being marginalized in the Canadian Federation of Students. Xian Mardiros stated that UMSAN members were lied to by the Canadian Federation of Students about speaking at the All Out rally. The Status of Women Director stated that we should not take the attitude to oppose anti-tuition activist events but to support students to go to the events. The Status of Women Director did not believe it was fear mongering to ensure students

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know that the Revolutionary Student Movement is directly connect to the Revolutionary Communist Party. They shared their personal past experience in civil disobedience and spoke against supporting the rally. They believed it was significant that the Revolutionary Student Movement is not mentioned in the motion.

The amendment to strict out “Be it resolved that the UWSA support and promote the April 18th “Rally Against Tuition Hikes”” was carried with 32 in favour, 8 opposed, and 7 abstentions.

During discussion on the motion as amended, Michael Kvern expressed concern for the lack of guideline or limits mentioned in the motion. The Business and Economics Director believes that civil disobedience is an important tactic to combat tuition hikes. The final be it further resolved clause on closed session was to protect individual privacy. They explained that the UWSA Board of Directors would still have to approve the closed session minutes of those meetings. They called for the need of trust towards the Board of Directors to act reasonably. Janelle Gobin asked for a definition of “Civil Disobedience”. The Business and Economics Director defined “Civil Disobedience” as acts of engaging in activism that could result in arrest. They expressed that this was not an endorsement of any civil disobedience tactic to be used. They expressed the need for training so people know how to interact with police to minimize charges and increase personal power. The Art’s Director spoke against the motion. As a director that has been elected for two consecutive terms they discussed the Board of Directors as an

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organization that acts in representation of the collective student body of the University of Winnipeg. They believe by supporting this motion the UWSA is saying that every single student is in support of the UWSA supporting students breaking the law. They discussed the risk this puts students for insurance costs and criminal records. They believe the UWSA should not be spending funds on legal fees based on an individual's decision on how they decide to be an activist. The Status of Women Director stated it would be fundamentally against the UWSA mission statement of accessibility to not support students working to lower or eliminate tuition. They believed that if the UWSA did not offer any support to students working on this activism would be representative of how far the UWSA is willing to go to lower and eliminate tuition costs.

It was moved by the Status of Women Director and seconded by Megan Linton to replace “the UWSA Pledge to offer” with “the UWSA pledge to consider offering” under the first be it further resolved.

The amendment was carried with 16 in favour, 3 opposed, and 20 abstentions.

It was moved by the Vice President of Student Affairs and seconded by David Shefford to strict out the last be it further resolved clause “that the amount of support to be offered be determined on a case-by-case basis, in closed session, by whichever of the following bodies has the earliest meeting following a request for support: Executive

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Committee; Finance & Operations Committee; the Board of Directors”. And to add on a “case-by-case basis” to the end of the first be it further resolved clause.

The amendment was carried with 22 in favor, 3 opposed and 12 abstentions.

It was moved by Megan Linton and seconded by Abigail Pudwill to replace “that the UWSA allocate \$500 from its Campaigns budget to sponsor civil disobedience trainings for students participating in mobilization against cuts” with “that the UWSA allocate a maximum of 3/5ths from the campaign budget and 2/5th from positive space budget, totaling a maximum of \$500”.

The amendment was carried with 19 in favour, 3 opposed and 13 abstentions.

The motion as amended was carried with 21 in favour, 8 opposed, and 2 abstentions:

Whereas the Pallister government has indicated its intentions to lift the cap on domestic tuition, raise Manitoba tuition to Saskatchewan levels, and reduce its operating grant to postsecondary institutions, marking the most significant attack on access to education in Manitoba in almost two decades;

Whereas permitted, centrally organized demonstrations such as the All Out Nov. 2 Rally have proven ineffective at directly challenging the Pallister Government’s austerity agenda;

Whereas mass mobilizations which include civil disobedience and other direct action tactics are crucial in the face of a direct attack on marginalized and economically disadvantaged students;

Whereas students from both the University of Winnipeg and University of Manitoba have been organizing a grassroots rally in opposition to tuition increase and postsecondary funding cuts to take place at the Manitoba Legislature on April 18;

Be it resolved that the UWSA allocate 3/5ths from its Campaigns budget to sponsor civil disobedience trainings and minimum 2/5th from positive space for students participating in mobilization against cuts with a max of \$500

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Be it further resolved that the UWSA pledge to consider offering financial or in-kind support for students who incur legal expenses as a consequence of their participation in such mobilization on a case by case basis;

DECISION-MAKING SYSTEM MOTION

It was moved by the Community Liaison Director and seconded by the Business and

Economics Director:

Whereas the UWSA and its subcommittees adhere to Robert’s Rules of Order, a system for meeting governance created in 1876 based on the proceedings of the U.S. Congress;

Whereas Robert’s Rules is complicated, restrictive, and creates significant gatekeeping against those not already intimately familiar with its processes;

Whereas Robert’s Rules is a Eurocentric, colonially-derived system based on an authoritarian and bureaucratic parliamentary process which is at odds with the progressive values and democratic aspirations of the UWSA;

Whereas Robert’s Rules promotes adversarial decision-making by forcing participants to place themselves either for or against any motion they wish to speak on;

Whereas Robert’s Rules forces motions to be fully developed when they are presented; prompting a “rubber-stamp” style of governance, rather than allowing for proposals to emerge organically out of participatory group discussions;

Be it resolved that the UWSA, led by the Chair of the Board, explore alternatives to Robert’s Rules, including consensus-based, participatory decision-making;

Be it further resolved that the UWSA, barring resource or time constraints, aim to engage a guest facilitator to lead a Board of Directors meeting in accordance with an alternative to Robert’s Rules within the coming 12 months;

Be it further resolved that the 2017-18 Chair report back on alternatives to Robert’s Rules at the 2018 Annual General Meeting.

During discussion, Christopher Wyman stated that the rubber stamp procedure has been disproved. The Vice President of External Affairs discussed the colonial aspect and dislike of Robert’s Rules of Order however; their traditional procedure of consensus takes a lot of time. With their experience on boards they found based on time

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constraints using consensus resulted in only moving one motion a meeting. They spoke in support of exploring alternatives to Robert's Rules of order with maintaining the rights of voting. The Business and Economics Director spoke in support of exploring successful examples of consensus procedures. The Vice President of Student Affairs spoke in appreciation of the motion and improvement of Robert's Rules of Order. They spoke to making Robert's Rules of Order more flexible and looking to the Canadian Federation of Students for their procedures to ensure voices are heard. They spoke to the ways the UWSA has been modifying Robert's Rules of Order such as not following the three by three rule. They spoke against consensus procedures and in favor of modifying Robert's Rules of Order. The Vice President of External Affairs clarified that the decision making of Robert's Rules of Order is limiting to discussion and improvements are needed. Andrew Minenko spoke in support of clarity and saving time but avoiding the problems of watering down discussion in consensus decision-making procedures.

The motion was carried with 24 in favour, and 4 abstentions.

BOYCOTT, DIVESTMENT, AND SANCTIONS (BDS) MOTION

It was moved by the Community Liaison Director and seconded by Xian Mardiros:

Whereas colonization is an economic state of affairs, characterized by systematic violence and exploitation of the indigenous peoples of a region;

And whereas many countries are engaged in the direct colonization of indigenous nations, such as Canada, but including many of Canada's international allies, including Israel's colonization of the Palestinians, Turkey's

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colonization of the Kurdish people, as well as in the United States, exemplified by the most brutal suppression of the Standing Rock water protectors;

And whereas in colonial societies, nearly every public and private institution is involved in some way in continuing and extending the system of colonization, and that failing to oppose colonization is in fact complicity in the goals of colonization, it is morally necessary for all progressive individuals and institutions to oppose this system in every way possible;

And whereas there are many existing movements of the colonized nations against this system, and supporting these movements can be an effective way of opposing this system;

And whereas the State of Israel has been engaged in a process of settler-colonization of the Palestinian territories and domination and violence against the Palestinian people, which has earned condemnation around the globe from governments, human rights organizations, and communities of all faiths and backgrounds, and which was recently described in a report by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia as an “apartheid regime”;

Be it resolved that the UWSA officially denounce Israeli apartheid, and explore ways to support the campaign of Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) as a way of supporting the struggle of the Palestinian people against the Israeli state.

There was NO VOTE on the motion due to a loss of quorum. Below is a record of the discussion before quorum was lost.

During discussion Sophia Hershfield stated that while not everyone who supports this motion is necessarily anti-Semitic, the BDS movement often goes hand in hand with anti-Semitism. They cited the example of Concordia University; when Benjamin Netanyahu spoke there was a riot that was violent against Jewish students. Pennies were thrown at them for attending a pro-Israel event. They stated the issue of whether or not Israel is an apartheid state is one that requires incredibly nuanced discussion. They believe it is unfair to both sides to just paint this entire, lengthy,

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complicated issue as apartheid. They cited the example of University of Manitoba passing a motion to get rid of Israel apartheid week as it was making Jewish students unsafe. Instead they set up a Jewish Palestinian dialogue that was safe, productive, and progressive. Sophia spoke against the motion as it would potentially put Jewish students in danger, and would not advance an understanding of the issues. They spoke in support of open and fair discussion between both groups to make progressive change. They strongly urged everyone to vote against the motion. The Community Liaison Director spoke from their perspective as a Jewish person that they did not believe the motion was anti-Semitic. They spoke about the many people that are opposed to the Israeli apartheid. They believe the BDS movement is often the brunt of anti-Semitic claims coming from the pro-Israel side from Jewish organizations and groups. They stated that the opposition to the Israeli apartheid is to the practices of the state. They urged this as a method of peaceful non-violent means that encourage people to remove their investments from the people that support the state. They called for the UWSA to take a moral stance against the injustices. Christopher Wyman discussed that the UWSA did not have a responsibility to take a stance on every world issue, unless it is a student issue. They urged the UWSA to remember the UWSA represents a diverse body of politics beliefs and to proceed with caution when dealing with foreign affairs. The Status of Women Director clarified that the United Nation released a report that labeled Israel as an apartheid regime. The Business and Economic Director spoke against labeling the BDS as irrelevant to the UWSA. They believe the BDS movement has received unjust condemning and demonization. While they spoke in support of

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the motion they clarified they may not agree with people's actions under the BDS movement. The Vice President of External Affairs spoke in favour of the motion. They explained the UWSA's goals of services and advocacy. The UWSA advocates and provides services supporting decolonization. They believe this motion is a good move forward to advocate for all those impacted by colonization. They stated that the genocide is happening today and they could not vote against the motion as a survivor of genocide. Navraj Singh thanked everyone who opposed the motion. They did not believe a comparison of the genocide in Canada was representative of the conflict in Israel. They discussed the victimization on both sides of the conflict in Israel and the supporting discussion is not considering both sides of the conflict. They stressed that this motion was not passed at the University of Manitoba. Abraham El-Giadaa spoke in opposition to the motion stating the moral blindness on the acts of the Palestinian people. They believe that to think that the Palestinian people are innocent is blind. They encouraged further reading and research by those in favour of the movement into the intentions of the Palestinian people. They believed it is not the job of the UWSA to take a stance on a conflict in the Middle East. The goal of the UWSA is to help students achieve their academic goals. They believed divestment is a risky move that could threaten the financial security of the university. Xian Mardiros discussed the movement against apartheid in South Africa, where universities across the world used a BDS movement that was contributive to the overturn in the apartheid regime. They stated that colonization is wrong whenever and wherever it happens.

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Janelle Gobin stated that the volume of discussion reflected the complicated nature of the issue. They called for space for conversation on the topic but to not make one statement through a motion. Jayelyn Rae spoke against colonization and in support for dialogue on the issue. The Vice President of Internal Affairs stated the need to consider the student public interest, and the interest on both sides of the issue. Matthew Moulden shared their experience in Israel and detailed experiences of streets that only allowed Israeli peoples. They believe the role of the UWSA is to facilitate student discussion on these issues but not to take a position. Joshua Monterrubio stated there was already a lot of discussion on the conflict happening. They spoke in support of the motion as a solution to the issue of colonization. They believed the motion called into question the university investing in a state to continue oppression. The Status of Women Director spoke in favour of the motion as the United Nations has named the conflict apartheid. They believe it is important for students to have a voice in this matter and cautioned that the UWSA remaining silent on the issue does not mean the issue is equally weighted on both sides. Sophia Hershfield stated that they did not believe everyone in support of the motion was anti-Semitic but to recognize the danger that supporting this motion creates. They found dialogue could accomplish more than a BDS movement during a time when anti-Semitism is rising. They have found the BDS movement on campuses has been dangerous for Jewish students. They called for the UWSA to ensure the safety of students. Navraj Singh believes the UWSA should focus on promoting safety and spoke against the motion.

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Abraham El-Giadaa stated that colonization involved enforcing things on people unwillingly. They believed this motion was enforcing a view of the world on all students and imposing ideas on students. They believed it was dangerous to put political opinions into the mouths of students at this university rather than supporting students in developing their own opinions.

ADJOURNMENT

The Annual General Meeting of the UWSA was forced to adjourn at 3:09 p.m. due to the loss of quorum.

By-Law V: Elections and Referenda

Section A - Definitions

5.01 Appeal

May occur when the ruling of the CEC is disputed in writing to the REBLITE Board. The appeal may be on, but not limited to, action or inaction by the CEC, severity or weakness of discipline, or anything that violates the Election Rules.

5.02 Banner

Any sheet of paper or other material, of a total area between 1.5 square meters and 15 square meters, which is displayed as part of a campaign.

5.03 Balance of Probabilities

Weighing evidence and accounts to determine which version of an event or incident is most probable to have occurred.

5.04 Campaign

Any planned or organized act by, or on behalf of, a candidate or side that is calculated to gain support for the vote.

5.05 Campaign Expense

Any and all expenditures by or on a candidate's or side's behalf for election advertising, equipment, or other expenditures associated with the campaign including, but not limited to, donations, in-kind support, and materials.

5.06 Campaign Materials

Posters, handbills, pamphlets, ribbons, buttons, banners, and any other physical material produced to support (or oppose) a candidate or side. Campaign materials must be approved by the CEC.

5.07 Campus

Shall include the following buildings: Buhler, Education building at 480 Portage, Menno Simons College, Richardson College, Axworthy RecPlex, Duckworth, Asper Centre for Theatre and Film, Helen Betty Osborne Campus, Lockhart, Centennial, Manitoba, Bulman Student Centre, Ashdown, Wesley, Bryce, Sparling, Graham, McFeetors Hall, Balmoral Houses, Lions Manor, 527 Selkirk Avenue and Merchants Corner, and extend to include the Main Campus front lawn, the Spence Street Promenade, and the quad area.

5.08 Candidate

Any member of the UWSA whose nomination is accepted under procedures established by the Election By-Laws.

5.09 Complaint

A written statement delivered to the CEC that formally alleges a wrongdoing against a campaign, including a candidate, volunteer, slate, or side.

5.10 Election Report

The report submitted by the CEC and REBLITE Board to the UWSA Board of Directors which includes the candidates and sides with the number of valid votes they received, the number of spoiled ballots; all valid complaints, all rulings, all appeals, and all appeal rulings; poll information, noteworthy incidents, and recommendations.

5.11 Election Rules

The Election By-Laws as well as any other provision of the Act, By-Laws, Policies, or Supplemental Rules of the UWSA.

5.12 REBLITE Board

The Referenda and Election By-Law Interpretation and Transparent Enforcement Board.

5.13 Referendum

A decision made by the members of the UWSA in a balloted vote organized by the membership of the UWSA.

5.14 Ruling

The decision made by the CEC or REBLITE Board, in the case of a complaint by the CEC or an appeal, that determines if the Election Rules have been transgressed, and if so what action will be taken to ensure a fair electoral process. The ruling will be based on the balance of probabilities.

5.15 Scrutineer

A volunteer that may serve as a candidate, slate, or side’s designate at meetings and who oversees part or all of the ballot count(s) on behalf of a candidate, slate, or side.

5.16 Side

Any CEC-recognized group of UWSA Members representing a particular position on a referendum question.

5.17 Slate

Two (2) or more candidates who are members of a single campaign, each running for a different position.

5.18 Supplemental Rules

Additional rules to the existing Elections By-Laws and Polices that are created by the CEC and presented to the Board of Directors prior to be beginning of an Election Cycle.

5.19 Volunteer

Any individual who engages in campaigning or scrutineering on behalf of a candidate, slate, or side.

Section 2 – Chief Election Commissioner

5.20 Chief Election Commissioner Selection Committee

i. Committee Composition

- a. A member of the executive, *ex-officio*;
- b. Up to three (3) Directors, and no fewer than two (2) Directors, as appointed by the UWSA Board; and
- c. The General Manager (non-voting).

ii. Selection Process

- a. A selection committee shall be struck no later than the final Friday in July.
- b. Based on applications from the CEC job posting, the selection committee shall interview and make a recommendation to the Board of Directors no later than the first Monday in September.
- c. The CEC’s term shall commence upon appointment from the Board of Directors and shall expire on April 30 of the same academic year.

iii. Applications from the following people will not be considered:

- a. Current Directors and current and former Executive Directors of the UWSA;
- b. Current Part-Time or Full-Time Employees of the UWSA;
- c. Current UWSA Service Centre Coordinators;
- d. Employees of the Uniter or CKUW.

Comment [Office1]: 5.20 Removed clauses that mandate that the CEC must meet the same eligibility criteria as candidates (be a UWSA member with 30 credit hours at the UofW).

A non-member would actually be the most impartial candidate. This clause poses an unnecessary restriction on hire that could compromise the quality of the election, particularly if there are no competent student applicants. The elections run at a busy academic season (finals and exams) and the CEC job is very demanding.

5.21 CEC - Duties and Powers

- i. Act on behalf of the UWSA Membership.
- ii. The CEC is accountable to the Referenda and Elections By-Law Interpretation and Transparent Enforcement (REBLITE) Board. Questions arising from any CEC interpretation of the By-Laws may be directed to the Chair of the REBLITE Board.
- iii. The CEC shall receive training and orientation from the General Manager before the beginning of the by-election cycle.
- iv. The responsibilities of the CEC shall include:
 - a. Overseeing all electoral logistics, including:
 - 1. Running elections and referenda safely, fairly, and in accordance with UWSA By-Laws and Policies;
 - 2. Organizing polls during elections/referenda, including appointing and training poll staff, situating polls at appropriate locations on campus, and advertising the poll locations and hours of operation;
 - 3. Ensuring that copies of Election Rules, nomination and committee forms, Acknowledgment of Responsibility, ballots and all other necessary elections materials are produced and available in a timely fashion;
 - 4. Posting and implementing Supplementary Rules;
 - 5. Organizing and adequately advertising election/referenda forum(s);
 - 6. Overseeing the counting of ballots during elections/referenda;
 - 7. Ensuring adequate security of all ballots and ballot boxes;
 - 8. Reporting the result of elections/referenda to the appropriate parties;
 - 9. Ensuring members of the UWSA Board of Directors and UWSA staff do not use their positions or UWSA resources to campaign to an unfair advantage either “for” or “against” a candidate or referendum side;
 - 10. Setting guidelines and submission deadlines, and purchasing ad space in The Uniter, in coordination with the Communications Manager, for the promotion of election information including candidate names and bios, slates, referenda questions, sides, election forum date(s) and time(s), and voting times and locations, to be circulated prior to the commencement of Week 4;
 - 11. Ensuring that clear voting instructions are available at the polling station;
 - 12. Maintaining complete and relevant records for REBLITE and the UWSA;
 - 13. Arranging for the reimbursement of candidates’ and committees’ legitimate expenses;
 - 14. Being present at the opening and closing of the polling station(s);
 - 15. Being present for a reasonable period of time at the polling station during voting and at the university during the election/referendum cycle, in general, to ensure that complaints, appeals, and discrepancies are properly dealt with.;
 - 16. Keeping regular office hours and giving notification to candidates/committees of these hours no later than the Monday of Week 3 at 8 a.m.;

Comment [Office2]: 5.21.iv.10/11 These clauses initially mandated that the CEC ensure election information be printed in the Uniter on certain dates, however, the UWSA does not have jurisdiction over what the Uniter publishes. While we can purchase ad space and coordinate candidate information, we cannot ensure that something is printed in the Uniter on a certain date. The language of this clause is adjusted to reflect this limitation.

Comment [Office3]: 5.21.iv.16 The date at which the CEC is required to post office hours has been moved from the All Candidate’s Meeting (the Friday of Week 2), to the first day of the campaign period (Monday of Week 3) on the request of last year’s CEC.

17. Ensuring that all complaints, appeals, and discrepancies are swiftly dealt with in accordance with the Election Rules;
 18. Ensuring fair and equal access to UWSA resources that the Chief Elections Commissioner has made available for campaigns;
 19. Ensuring that there is a voting station near the polling booth where members can mark their ballots in private;
 20. Ensuring that the membership is notified of the official results of an election, by-election or referenda within the timelines indicated within the By-Laws.
- b. Acting as the arbitrator in any dispute which may arise during the course of an election/referendum, other than those between the CEC and any other party, which shall be dealt with by the REBLITE Board.
 - c. Rectifying the violation of the By-Laws, Policies, and Supplemental Rules and assigning penalties as appropriate.
 - d. Ensuring that a fair, accurate, and cost-effective ballot counting process occurs.
 - e. Submitting to the UWSA Board of Directors, at the first board meeting or general meeting where the election results are ratified, a final report of activities and recommendations which shall include the following:
 1. The final tabulation of votes of all positions and referenda questions;
 2. The percentage of voter participation and number of voters;
 3. Recommendations to the Board of Directors pertaining to the electoral process;
 4. A complete list of all complaints, appeals, and decisions made by the CEC and REBLITE Board;
 5. A report on the election/referenda budget; and
 6. Any supplemental rules issued during the CEC's term.
 - f. The CEC shall have a budget set by the Board of Directors.
 - g. The CEC shall make reasonable attempts to be reachable by email for UWSA members during the election/referenda process.
 - h. The CEC may be dismissed from their position with a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote of the Board of Directors, if just cause exists. The REBLITE Board may recommend that the Board of Directors dismiss the CEC following a unanimous vote of REBLITE Board members.

Section C – Election and Referenda Guidelines and Procedures

5.22 Annual General Election, By-Election, and Referenda

- i. There will be a General Election for the UWSA Executive and Directors positions in the Winter Term.
- ii. The UWSA will provide nomination forms for each position.
- iii. By-Elections will be held in the event of vacancies on the Board of Directors in the Fall Term.
- iv. Participation in elections and referenda as committee members, candidates (as per the By-Laws), volunteers, scrutineers, and poll clerks is limited to members of the UWSA.

Comment [v4]: This is to avoid having a blank position that can be filled in or rewritten after signatures are garnered.

- v. Referenda can occur during either the General Election or By-Election and will be triggered by either a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote by the Board of Directors or a petition signed by 5% of the Association's membership.
- vi. If the election/referendum cycle will occur at the same time as a Reading Week the election/referendum cycle will be extended by one (1) week to accommodate the interruption.
 - a. Reading Week shall be scheduled between Weeks 2 and 3 of the election/referendum cycle and will be considered a pre-campaign week.
 - b. The Reading Week shall not be a numbered week for the purpose of the election/referenda cycle.
- vii. No day of an election/referendum cycle shall fall between April 1 and September 1 of any given year.
- viii. In the event that there is only one nomination for a particular position, then this candidate shall be subject to a "YES/NO" ballot, and shall not be declared elected by acclamation.
- ix. Supplemental rules may be created by the CEC and are valid if approved by the REBLITE Board prior to the beginning of the election/referenda cycle. Supplemental rules will last the duration of a given election/referenda cycle and expire with the ratification of election results.
- x. As per the University of Winnipeg Act, the UWSA holds seats on the University of Winnipeg Board of Regents and the University of Winnipeg Senate. One (1) seat on the Board of Regents will be open through the UWSA General Election and three (3) seats on the Senate will be considered open for election only during a UWSA General Election.
 - a. There will be no co-regent or co-senator candidacies.
- xi. The General Manager shall be the UWSA Election Staff Liaison and shall be responsible for providing the CEC with logistical and other support from the UWSA.
- xii. The 4-Week election cycle shall be respected. Weeks shall begin Monday at 8:00 a.m. and end Friday at 6:00 p.m., with the exception of Week 4 where voting and campaigning shall cease on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m..
 - a. **Weeks 1 and 2: Nominations and Referenda Question Submission, All Candidates Meeting**
 - i. Nomination forms shall be available in the UWSA Office, with the CEC, and online at the UWSA website.
 - ii. Candidates and sides may speak to individual UWSA members about their platforms or questions for the purpose of earning nomination signatures or recruiting volunteers.
 - iii. Classroom presentations, tabling, and posts on social media for the purpose of recruiting volunteers, explaining platform ideas or a referenda question, prior to the opening of campaigning, is strictly forbidden.
 - iv. Petition for referenda must:
 - a) Clearly state a positively worded motion to be voted upon;
 - b) Include the signatory name, signature, and student number of 5% of the Association's membership;
 - c) Specify the exact wording of the referenda question.

- v. Nominations may only be submitted on the official nomination form and must include:
 - a) The candidate’s name, the position for which they are nominated, their UWinnipeg student ID number, and contact information as requested;
 - b) Signatures, names, and UWinnipeg student ID numbers of twenty (20) UWSA members;
 - c) Proof that the candidate meets the election requirements of the position for which they are nominated, as per these By-Laws, including their academic transcript;
- vi. Nomination forms, once submitted, may not be amended.
- vii. All nomination forms, once submitted, shall be retained by the CEC.
- viii. Nomination forms which are incorrect, incomplete, or inaccurate will be ruled invalid.
- ix. Nomination forms may be withdrawn, in person, by the candidate if they recognize an error has been made. The candidate must submit a signed note indicating the intent to withdraw. The candidate may submit a new nomination form subject to the standard submission deadline (Thursday of Week 2 at 6 p.m.). A withdrawn nomination form will be retained by the CEC and ruled invalid.
- x. Candidates are permitted two scrutineers, the names and contact information of whom must be submitted with the candidate’s nomination form. Candidates are not required to provide a scrutineer, however, candidates without a scrutineer at the ballot count may not request a recount.
- xi. Nomination forms must be submitted to the CEC directly, or in a drop-off location designated by the CEC (notice of which must be posted on the door of the CEC office). Nomination forms shall not be accepted at the UWSA General Office or via email.
 - a) The deadline for nomination forms and referenda questions to be received is 6:00 p.m. on the Thursday of Week 2.
- xii. At 12:30 p.m. on Friday of Week 2, the CEC will hold an All Candidates Meeting where the CEC will serve notification to the membership of the names and positions of all accepted candidates, the wording of any accepted referenda questions, the date(s) and time(s) of the election forum(s), and the dates, times, and locations for voting. The CEC shall distribute an Acknowledgement of Responsibility form to all candidates to have signed and returned by 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday of Week 3.
- b. **Week 3: Referenda Side Registration, Campaigning, Election Forum**
 - i. Sides must register with the CEC in writing before 4 p.m. on Friday of Week 3;
 - ii. Referenda Sides may only register on the official nomination form and must include:
 - a) The side’s campaign title, the referendum question they are addressing, their position on the question (YES or NO), and the

Comment [v5]: Deleted: where no signatories have signed the forms of two candidates running for the same position

Comment [Office6]: 5.22.xi.a.vi This rule has been considered best practice but we decided to include it in the by-laws because of complaints filed last year. Students nominate you based on the information you provide on your form, if those forms were to be amended after the fact, those signatures would have been collected under false pretenses.

Comment [Office7]: 5.22.xi.a.vii This was also a best practice that we chose to make written, this rule speaks for itself.

Comment [Office8]: 5.22.xi.a.viii We felt that we should establish a nomination withdrawal procedure for those who decide they do not want to run after all, or those who realize after submitting their package that they’ve made a mistake—this gives them within the window of submission to amend errors, and encourages candidates to turn in nominations early.

Comment [Office9]: 5.22.xi.a.ix Candidates are no longer required to have scrutineers, this simply may not be an option for all candidates and shouldn’t be grounds for disqualification.

- names, UWinnipeg student ID numbers, and contact information of the side's volunteers;
- b) Signatures, names, and UWinnipeg student ID numbers of twenty (20) UWSA members, where no signatories have signed the forms of opposing sides.
- iii. Only one supportive and oppositional side may register for a single referendum question.
- iv. Sides are permitted two scrutineers, the names and contact information of whom must be submitted with the side's registration form. Sides are not required to provide a scrutineer, however, sides without a scrutineer at the ballot count may not request a recount.
- v. Campaigning shall begin at 8:00 a.m. on Monday of Week 3;
- vi. All positions and sides shall have the opportunity to participate in at least one forum organized by the CEC.
 - a) Based on the demands of a given Election Cycle, one or two election forums may be arranged.
 - b) The forum(s) shall occur during Week 3

c. Week 4: Campaigning, Voting, and Ballot Count

- i. Polls shall be open between 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on the Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Week 4.
- ii. Ballots shall display the legal or preferred name of the candidate, the position for which they are running, and, where applicable, the name of their slate. Where a position is uncontested, a clear YES/NO ballot shall be used. Referenda shall use the same YES/NO format.
- iii. The ballot count shall commence immediately following the close of the polls on the Wednesday of Week 4.
- iv. Designated scrutineers shall be allowed to be present during the ballot tabulation process and shall be allowed to see ballots as they are tabulated.
- v. The result of the ballot tabulation shall be announced to the membership no later than 9:00 a.m. on Thursday of Week 4, regardless of any complaints or appeals that may have been filed. If a complaint or appeal has been filed then notice shall be given to the membership.
- vi. Complaints must be formally submitted to the CEC by the Friday of Week 4 at 9:00 a.m.
- vii. Campaign expenses must be submitted to the CEC by the Friday of Week 4 by 4:00 p.m..
- viii. Election results are not official until ratified by motion at the subsequent UWSA Annual General Meeting or meeting of the UWSA Board of Directors.

5.23 Election Slates

- i. Each candidate who wishes to register with a slate must indicate this to the CEC via email or in writing before 4 p.m. on Friday of Week 2.

Comment [Office10]: 5.23.i Imposing a deadline for the submission of slates is a big help, organizationally, to the CEC. This deadline allows for candidates to meet and discuss the potential of forming slates after the All Candidate's Meeting. It also ensures that candidates don't drag out the formation of slates, potentially using this as a tactic to sabotage others' campaigns.

- ii. For fairness, there may be no more than four directorships represented per slate. Candidates for Executive Directorships may only participate on a slate with other candidates for Executive Directorships;
- iii. Slate names must be approved by the CEC.
- iv. Slate names may not reflect those of established political parties.
- v. Candidates may only be on one slate.
- vi. Candidates for Board of Regents Student Representative and Senate Student Representative may not form or participate in slates.

Comment [Office11]: 5.23.ii This rule is to counter the formation of gigantic slates that dominate the election and push out candidates who are not included.

One of the duties of a director is to hold execs accountable, and so it can be problematic to have directors running alongside executive directors.

5.24 Campaigning

- i. No candidate, volunteer, or side shall campaign before 8:00 a.m. on Week 3.
- ii. No candidate, volunteer, or side shall campaign through a medium that could not be reasonably accessed equally by any other candidate including:
 - a. Text messages, private phone calls, private emails, personal websites;
 - i. Text messages, private phone calls, and private emails may only be used to organize volunteers, arrange classroom presentations, or arrange meetings with student groups.
- iii. Campaigning may not occur within 10 meters of the polling station. The CEC will create a visible marker of these boundaries. The perimeter may not be appealed to the REBLITE Board.
 - a. When a poll station is in operation outside the Riddell Hall Cafeteria, no campaigning will be permitted on the Lobby level of the Riddell Atrium, except for that done within the cafeteria.
- iv. Campaigning may occur on social media, on campus (see definitions) up to the public sidewalk and on the Selkirk Avenue Campus and Merchants Corner.
 - a. Campaigning may not occur at bus stops, in businesses (not including Diversity Foods), and between campuses on the downtown campus.
 - b. Campaigning may not occur in any classroom without the explicit consent of the instructor.
 - c. Campaigning may not occur in the UWSA General Office or the office of any UWSA staff person; index; Infobooth; the Muslim Prayer Space; the Chapel; the Bulman MPR during Foodbank operations; any UWSA Service Centre, including the Bike Lab, the LGBT* Centre, the Women-Trans Spectrum Centre, the Access Lounge; or any UWSA student group room.
- v. Harassing (as defined in the University of Winnipeg's *Respectful Working and Learning Environment Policy*) students or creating physical barriers in attempts to garner support will not be tolerated, and will be grounds for immediate disciplinary action up to, and including, disqualification.

Comment [Office12]: Though this by-law looks significantly larger than the "Campaigning" by-law in the old package, only one by-law is new. The rest of these have been moved from other sections of the package to create a simpler reference point for candidates.

Comment [Office13]: 5.24.iv.c This rule is to prevent campaigning in spaces that would cause a conflict of interest for the UWSA or risk violating a safer space.

5.25 Campaign Materials

- i. The CEC must sign off on all campaign materials.
- ii. The CEC shall not approve any materials that may damage the University of Winnipeg infrastructure or create a physical obstruction.
- iii. No physical campaign material may be placed in such a way as to obscure or cover another campaign's or side's material.
- iv. The CEC shall not approve campaign material that:

Comment [Office14]: 5.25 The "Campaign Materials" by-laws are largely the same, but are re-organized into cohesive categories.

We removed the by-law stipulating that campaign materials must be printed on campus—this has proved to be difficult for candidates because many of these resources are shut down over reading week. Mandating that materials be printed on campus provides no additional accountability and is logistically problematic for candidates and the CEC.

- a. Contain libel or slander (based on consultation with legal counsel if necessary);
 - b. Are factually incorrect;
 - c. Violate any federal or provincial statute, or university rule, regulation, or procedure;
 - d. Contain content which violates the *Respectful Working and Learning Environment Policy*.
- v. Candidates are responsible for ensuring that their campaign materials meet the guidelines outlined in 5.25.iv and will not be granted an extended budget, nor will they be reimbursed, for the cost of campaign materials that violate these by-laws.
- vi. Campaign material must include the name of at least one candidate, slate, or side.
- vii. Damaged material may be replaced with identical content at the discretion of the CEC and at the expense of the General Elections and Referenda Supply Expense Budget;
- viii. Only the CEC may authorize the removal or destruction of campaign material. No destruction shall occur until the appeal period has expired.
- ix. Posters**
- a. Candidates, Slates, and Sides must adhere to the UWSA and University of Winnipeg poster policies.
 - i. The CEC may adjust the number of posters per candidate or side up to 30.
 - b. Posters must be numbered with their location recorded and submitted to the CEC within 24 hours of their posting.
 - c. Posters must be no larger than 11x17 inches each.
- x. Handbills**
- a. Candidates, Slates, and Sides should be cognizant of the environmental impact of printing large quantities of handbills and must adhere to the same sustainable printing regulations outlined in the UWSA Poster Policy.
 - b. No handbill may exceed 4.25x5.5 inches.
 - c. Handbills may not be affixed to any bulletin board, wall, or other surface.
 - d. Font size needs to be between 12 and 18 points as recommended by the Canadian National Institute for the Blind.
- xi. Banners**
- a. No campaign (side, slate, or unattached candidate) shall be permitted more than 1 banner.
 - b. Banners may range from 1.5 square meters to 15 square meters;
 - c. As there is limited banner space available, candidates and slates for Executive Directorships will be prioritized in banner space allocation. There will be a random draw to determine banner locations, the draw shall take place in the following order:
 - i. Contested Executive Positions
 - ii. Uncontested Executive Positions
 - iii. Contested Referenda Sides
 - iv. Contested Director Positions
 - v. Contested Senate or Board of Regents Seats
 - vi. Uncontested Referenda Sides
 - vii. Uncontested Directors, Senators, and Board of Regents Position
 - d. The CEC shall remove and store banners that are removed due to the election campaign. The CEC shall inform the owner of the banner of the removal;

Comment [v15]: In order to make handbills accessible.

Comment [Office16]: 5.25.x.b. The size restriction came from complaints last year that a candidate was distributing poster sized handbills. This restriction is more environmentally conscious, and prevents handbills from being used like posters.

xii. Classroom presentations

- a. Classroom presentations may only be made with instructor permission and must follow any restrictions imposed by the instructor within their classroom.
- b. Classroom presentations may not be performed in televised classrooms;
- c. Classroom presentation scripts shall not be considered campaign materials and do not need CEC approval; however, scripts must adhere to all campaign material guidelines as outlined in by-law 5.25.iv.
- d. Where two or more candidates have been approved to present in a classroom at the same time, the candidate who arrives first shall present first, unless otherwise directed by the instructor.

Comment [Office17]: 5.25.xii.d. This should help to mediate conflicts between candidates when they show up to the same classroom.

5.26 Social Media

- i. Candidates, slates, sides, and campaign volunteers may campaign on their personal social media and may create independent campaign pages and accounts on social media platforms. All campaign pages and accounts must be reported to the CEC prior to being made public.
- ii. Social media posts shall not be considered campaign materials, and do not need approval from the CEC, however:
 - a. any posts on candidate or volunteer social media that indicate or discuss the election, referenda, and/or any candidate or side in any manner shall be considered a campaign post and must meet the same guidelines as approved campaign materials, as outlined in by-law 5.25.iv.
 - b. Any post made on a campaign page or account shall be considered a campaign post and must meet the same guidelines as approved campaign materials, as outlined in by-law 5.25.iv.
- iii. Candidates may not campaign via private messages on social media platforms.
- iv. Candidates and volunteers are responsible for all posts on their social media and are encouraged to change the settings on their social media so that only they can post directly to their personal and campaign pages and accounts.
 - a. Content not attributed to a candidate or volunteer but posted to a campaign page or account, or to a candidate's or volunteer's social media, which violates the guidelines outlined in by-law 5.25.iv., must be removed immediately upon its discovery, immediately upon notification from the CEC, or within 24 hours of the posting of the content—whichever comes first. It is the responsibility of the candidate and/or volunteer to thoroughly monitor their own social media and any relevant campaign page or account.
- v. No campaigning is permitted on any official UWSA or University of Winnipeg social media.
- vi. No campaigning is permitted on the social media of any UWSA student group without the prior written consent of that group. Such consent must be delivered directly from a student group's executive to the CEC.

Comment [Office18]: The social media policies are brand new, but were partially put in practice in the 2017 General Election. Feedback here is very welcome!

5.27 Campaign Expenses

- i. To avoid candidacy being influenced by financial background, the UWSA shall cap and reimburse campaign expenses. Expenses include donations, in-kind work and support, and materials. Co-directorship will have no increase in allocated expenses. If a contested

position becomes uncontested after the All Candidates Meeting, the allocated expenses will remain as though they were contested.

- ii. Approved campaign expenses will be reimbursed only when accompanied by a valid receipt and submitted on time in accordance with these bylaws.
 - a. Uncontested non-executive director positions shall have \$50 per position.
 - b. Contested candidates for non-executive directorship positions shall have \$100 per position.
 - c. Executive directorships shall have \$200.
 - d. Referenda sides shall have \$150.
- iii. Slates will have the total combined resources of each individual candidate. Total sum of resources must be divided equally between the candidate's campaign expenses and the slate's campaign expenses.
- iv. Disqualified or withdrawn candidates and sides will not be reimbursed.

5.29 Voting, Vote Counting, Recounts, and Ballots

- i. UWSA Members are entitled to one ballot per election or by-election.
- ii. A vote will count when there is a clear indication of candidate preference. This may include, but is not limited to, a marked "X," "check mark," or written statement within the ballot's boundary for a single candidate.
- iii. A ballot shall be considered valid if it does not include any other identifying marks.
- iv. The UWSA Senate seat ballot shall list all candidates. Voters will have three votes and may not vote for a single candidate more than once. Should there be more than three candidates the three candidates with the most votes will win the election.
- v. By Monday of Week 4, the CEC shall score otherwise blank ballots such that contested races have one affirmative ballot per candidate, and uncontested races and referenda have one affirmative and one negative ballot. These ballots shall be stored individually in envelopes separated by position/question. In the event of a tie, one envelope per tied race shall be selected at random and the vote inside considered the deciding vote.
- vi. A recount of the ballots may only be called by a candidate who has a scrutineer present at the initial ballot count, where the difference in votes between the two top candidates for that position is equal to or fewer than five percent (5%) of the total ballots cast for that position.
 - a. At their discretion, the CEC may allow for a recount where the difference in votes between the top two candidates is greater than five percent (5%) of the total ballots cast for that position, to accommodate cases where voter turnout is low.
 - b. At their discretion, the CEC may allow for a second recount only in the case that the candidate who won the initial ballot count loses the recount. There shall be no more than two recounts per position per election.
 - c. In the case of a recount where the tie-breaker procedure was utilized, the CEC shall prepare another set of tie-breaker ballots, prior to the commencement of the recount.
- vii. A recount of the ballots must be called by 12 p.m. on the Thursday of Week 4. A second recount must be called immediately following the first recount.
- viii. The ballots will be confidentially destroyed by the CEC immediately following the closing of the recount period and the completion of any outstanding recounts.

Comment [Office19]: 5.29.vi No by-law previously existed to regulate ballot re-counts.

5.30 Referenda Approval

- i. A referendum is approved when 50% + 1 of voters support the question.

Section D – Violations, Complaints, and Appeals

Violations, Complaints, and Appeals

- i. Election and referenda campaigns are required to act reasonably, respectfully, and in good faith. This includes ensuring that all members of a campaign are:
 - a. Aware, understand, and comply with all Election Rules;
 - b. Report any breach of the Election Rules to the CEC;
 - c. Comply with University of Winnipeg Policies and Procedures;
 - d. Comply with local, provincial, and federal laws.
- ii. Candidates, slates, and sides are responsible for the conduct of their volunteers.
- iii. Directors or Executives running for election or re-election shall not violate their Acknowledgements of Responsibility to the Board of Directors, campaign based on Closed Session information, nor use their position with the UWSA or UWSA resources to campaign to an unfair advantage, for their own candidacy, slate, or for or against a candidate or side.
- iv. Collusion between campaigns will not be tolerated, including:
 - a. Appearing jointly in campaign material except where a slate has been approved by the CEC;
 - b. Creating materials that a reasonable person could associate with two or more separate campaigns;
 - c. Distributing another campaign's material, material related to another campaign, or otherwise campaigning on behalf of another candidate, slate, or side.
- v. Where the CEC determines that material which has not been approved by the CEC is being distributed, displayed, or used by a campaign, online or offline, the CEC shall:
 - a. Order the material immediately withdrawn or removed and shall confiscate the material from the campaign until at the earliest 8:30 a.m. the following morning;
or
 - b. Assign an additional penalty, which may include, but is not limited to:
 - i. Destruction of the materials;
 - ii. A restriction on campaigning, provided that the penalty is balanced against the volume of material distributed, or its effect, and that no destruction takes place until the appeal period has expired.
- vi. The CEC is empowered to investigate and rule upon any breach of the Election Rules, whether submitted by complaint or initiated by the CEC.
- vii. Complaints, other than those against the CEC, shall be ruled upon by the CEC.
- viii. Campaigns and candidates shall not attempt to intervene in a situation in which the Election Rules are being violated by another campaign, but shall immediately report the violation to the CEC.
 - a. Confrontations between campaigns are discouraged and may be grounds for complaint and penalty, at the discretion of the CEC.
- ix. Appeals shall be allegations of a breach of the Election Rules which are submitted to the REBLITE Board by 7:00 p.m. the day following a CEC's ruling or the action by the CEC which violated the Election Rules. Such alleged breaches may include:

Comment [Office20]: Structural and grammatical changes were made to many of these by-laws, however, these edits were largely clarifying, or to eliminate redundancies--little of the actual procedures were changed.

- a. A misapplication of the Election Rules to a Complaint;
- b. A misapplication of the Election Rules to any other ruling of the CEC; or
- c. Any action by the CEC during the Election Cycle that contravenes the Election Rules.
- x. The REBLITE Board's ruling is final, binding, and may not be appealed.
- xi. Rulings of the CEC on complaints initiated by the CEC shall be treated as complaints for the purposes of posting the ruling.
- xii. Complaint and appeal forms shall be available from the CEC, the UWSA General Office and online at the UWSA website, they shall require the following information:
 - a. Name and UWinnipeg student number of the complainant;
 - b. References to specific clause(s) of the Election Rules that is alleged to have been breached;
 - c. The specific campaign or individual that is alleged to be in breach;
 - d. Specific facts which constitute the alleged breach; and
 - e. Evidence of these facts
 - f. In the case of an appeal the appellant must also include the reason for the appeal, including specific errors in interpretation or application found in the ruling, relevant evidence, and the ruling sought by the appellant.
- xiii. Complaints, CEC rulings, appeals, and REBLITE Board rulings must be delivered in writing and displayed publically, on the door of the CEC office, and on the UWSA website.
- xiv. Rulings of the CEC and the REBLITE Board shall prioritize, in all cases, the validity, integrity, and honesty of the outcome of the election/referenda.

5.32 Complaint Procedures

- i. Any member of the UWSA may file a complaint regarding an alleged breach of the Election Rules.
- ii. Independent investigation by the CEC on a breach of rules shall be considered a complaint for the purposes of these by-laws.
- iii. The following shall be the process by which complaints are filed, received, and ruled upon:
 - a. The complainant must submit a complaint to the CEC using the prescribed form by 9:00 a.m. within two business days following the date of the alleged breach of the Election Rules. However, the CEC may accept complaints after this deadline at their discretion.
 - b. If the complaint is found validly submitted, the CEC shall send a copy to the parties named in the complaint and continue the complaint procedure.
 - c. The CEC shall investigate the complaint using whatever means at their disposal. This investigation shall include requesting a written response to the complaint from any party alleged to have breached the Election Rules.
 - d. The CEC shall issue a written and public ruling within 24 hours of the receipt of a complaint, and shall:
 - i. Send the ruling to all parties of the complaint via email; and
 - ii. Post the ruling as soon as possible at both the established campus location for posting election information and the UWSA website; and

- iii. Any penalties assigned by the CEC as a result of their ruling shall take effect immediately, unless otherwise stated by the CEC.
- iv. Complaints that are not validly submitted shall be disregarded, but the complainant may resubmit as soon as one can make a valid submission. The CEC shall list what is needed to make a valid submission. The CEC shall include all valid complaints in the final Election Report.
- v. Complainants who believe their complaint was validly submitted, but not accepted by the CEC, may appeal to the REBLITE Board. This ruling will be on the validity of the submission, not the content of the original complaint.
- vi. All election complaints and appeals must be resolved by Wednesday of the week following Week 4 by 6:00 p.m.
- vii. Any posted ruling of the CEC on a complaint shall include:
 - a. A summary of the allegation;
 - b. A summary of the parties to the complaint;
 - c. Where the CEC fails to possess jurisdiction, a summary of the reasons for this finding;
 - d. A listing of all Election Rules that apply;
 - e. A finding based on fact and the balance of probabilities
 - f. A ruling regarding the alleged breach;
 - g. Any disciplinary measures taken;
 - h. The time the ruling was posted; and
 - i. The deadline to appeal the ruling.

5.33 Appeal Procedure

- i. Any member of the UWSA may file a complaint to the REBLITE Board, alleging a breach of the Elections Rules by the CEC. A complaint against the CEC shall be considered an appeal for the purposes of the by-laws.
- ii. Where the CEC has ruled on a complaint, only those party to the original complaint may appeal the CEC's ruling.
- iii. The following shall be the process by which appeals are filed, received, and ruled upon:
 - a. The appellant must submit an appeal to the Chair of the REBLITE Board using the prescribed form by 9:00 a.m. two days after the CEC's ruling is posted publicly.
 - b. The REBLITE Board shall convene a meeting by 7:00 p.m. the same day an appeal is submitted. REBLITE shall invite representation from the parties involved in the initial complaint and the CEC.
 - c. The REBLITE Board may choose to not hear an appeal. In this case, the appeal shall be ruled invalid. Rationale for this ruling shall be provided with the posting.
 - d. Should representation from the initial complaint or CEC be unable to attend, the appeal may either be heard or tabled for no later than 7:00 p.m. the next working day by decision of the REBLITE Board.
 - e. The onus is on the appellant to provide evidence that a CEC ruling does not fairly balance a transgression or is in violation of the election rules.
 - f. The REBLITE Board shall consider the case and deliver good judgement in a final ruling.

- iv. The REBLITE Board shall contact all parties of an appeal, and post their rulings on the UWSA website and on the CEC's office door, immediately following the adjournment of a hearing. Postings shall include:
 - a. Summary of the appeal, including the appellant's name and the name of any other party to the original complaint; slate and side name where applicable; summary of the CEC's ruling; and/or summary of a complaint against the CEC;
 - b. Applicable Election Rules;
 - c. REBLITE Board findings regarding the facts and the balance of probabilities;
 - d. REBLITE Board's ruling, including penalty assigned or overturned; or
 - e. Should the REBLITE Board refuse to hear an appeal, summary of the appeal and rationale for refusing the hearing.

5.34 Referenda and Elections By-Law Interpretation and Transparent Enforcement (REBLITE) Board

- i. The REBLITE Board's mandate is to consider and adjudicate disputes that arise during UWSA Elections and Referenda.
- ii. The REBLITE Board shall be composed of five (5) UWSA members. Those members will include three (3) directors, at minimum one (1) student-at-large, and the Chair of the Board. No executive director shall sit on the REBLITE Board.
 - a. Any UWSA member that chooses to run for election must remove themselves from the REBLITE Board.
- iii. There shall be four (4) appointed alternate members so as to ensure the REBLITE Board can convene in a timely fashion. The majority of the alternate members shall be students-at-large.
- iv. The REBLITE Board shall be chaired by the Chair of the Board of Directors and a secretary will be elected by the REBLITE Board, from its membership.
- v. The Chair shall not have a vote except where the REBLITE Board is tied in a decision.
- vi. Members of the REBLITE Board will have their term begin on appointment by the Board of Directors, no later than October 1, and end with the ratification of the results of the General Election at either a meeting of the Board of Directors or UWSA's Annual General Meeting.
- vii. A Selection Committee, with no overlap with the CEC's Selection Committee, shall recruit and approve REBLITE Board members by October 1. The Selection Committee shall include 2 directors and an executive director.
 - a. REBLITE Members should be objective and impartial, where possible distributed across different faculties, and available on short notice with a flexible schedule.
 - b. REBLITE Members have the same restrictions as candidates for eligibility.
- viii. Quorum shall be three (3) plus the Chair.
- ix. REBLITE open session meetings are open to all UWSA members, but closed session is restricted to REBLITE members.
 - a. The REBLITE Board may invite relevant parties into closed session, but must do so in a fair manner (if the appellant is invited in, so must the CEC and other party in the original complaint).
 - b. Hearings shall have minutes taken by the secretary, and decisions kept on file. Open session minutes shall be available to UWSA members upon request.

- x. The REBLITE Board shall determine its own procedures, consistent with UWSA By-laws and Policies.
- xi. If a party is absent from a hearing the REBLITE Board may choose to hear the appeal without the other party present.
- xii. The REBLITE Board shall file an Election Report summarizing all appeals and rulings at the same board meeting or general meeting at which the election results are ratified.
- xiii. Where a conflict of interest is alleged against a member of the REBLITE Board, the Chair of the REBLITE Board shall rule on the validity of the allegation.
 - a. Allegations of conflict of interest may be made at any point following the first All Candidates Meeting, up to the commencement of a REBLITE hearing;
 - b. The Chair of the REBLITE Board may choose to dismiss and reconvene a hearing of REBLITE, within 24 hours, in order to consider an allegation.
 - c. Allegations of conflict of interest may not be made once a REBLITE hearing has commenced, nor after a REBLITE ruling;
 - d. Allegations of conflict of interest may only be made by registered candidates, their scrutineers, or side committee members.

Comment [Office21]: 5.34.xiii The by-laws previously did not stipulate procedure for determining the validity of a claim of conflict of interest but instead indicated that these claims should always be taken at face value. We feel that the Chair of the Board is the most impartial party and is therefore the best party to rule on these claims.

**TABLED MOTIONS, DULY SUBMITTED:
MARCH 29, 2017**

AGM MINUTES APPROVAL MOTION

Whereas the UWSA values and strives for transparency and accountability;

Whereas the membership of the UWSA is greatly benefited by access to, and awareness of, the activities, policies and bylaws of their association;

Whereas accountability, transparency and student democracy are obstructed and the gulf between the student body and their representatives is widened when students are unable to access, or not made aware of, the activities, policies and bylaws of their student unions;

Whereas under the current bylaws, the minutes of an Annual General Meeting are only approved at the following Annual General Meeting one year later, which prevents the minutes of each Annual General Meeting from being publicly released during that time;

Whereas this delay obstructs the membership from accessing the motions passed and the bylaw amendments effected by their association until an entire year after they were passed, and prevents the UWSA from publicly presenting and advertising that which was passed during that time;

Whereas this also hinders the ability of the UWSA to have an accurate, complete and up-to-date version of its policy and bylaw manuals publicly available to the membership;

Be it resolved that the minutes of each Annual General Meeting be approved at the following Board of Directors meeting, and those minutes and the text of all passed motions and bylaw amendments be immediately posted publicly and made available to all members.

Be it further resolved that the following changes be made to the by-laws:

1) By-Law IX: Meetings of Members

Section 9.17: Minutes and Role of the Secretary at Meetings

“The minutes of all Annual General Meetings and Special Meetings of the UWSA Membership shall be approved at the following Board of Directors Meeting, and those minutes and the text of all passed motions and bylaw amendments be immediately posted publicly and made available to all members.”

LIONS MANOR MOTION

Whereas the lease between the University of Winnipeg and the management of Lions Manor is set to terminate, thus discontinuing the student residences provided at Lions Manor;

Whereas this will leave many students, mostly international students with limited supports, without a place to live;

Be it resolved that the UWSA assist the displaced students in locating and securing new places to live, and that the UWSA lobby the University of Winnipeg administration to do the same.

EVENT ACCESSIBILITY MOTION

Whereas the UWSA prioritizes making its events accessible to its membership and members of the community;

Whereas many community organizations and events which prioritize accessibility take steps to allow their activities to be freely accessed by community members

with children to take care of, and community members with limited resources to access transportation;

Be it resolved that the UWSA explore the potential for the provision of child-minding and public transit assistance at all its public events.

STATUS OF WOMEN DESCRIPTION MOTION

Whereas the UWSA values inclusivity and gender equity;
And whereas the UWSA does not seek to discriminate against, exclude or otherize those who are transgender or gender nonbinary;

And whereas the current by-laws describe the qualifications for the position of Status of Women Director as “The Status of Women Director must be a woman or a self-identified woman”, thus suggesting a distinction between the category of woman and the category of trans woman, which is contrary to what the UWSA wishes to express;

Be it resolved that the By-Laws be amended as follows:

1) By-Law IV: Election of Directors

Section 4.06: Qualifications of Directors for Election and Holding Office

v. c. "The Status of Women Director must be a student who identifies as a woman."

MENNO SIMONS COLLEGE DIRECTOR MOTION

Whereas there has been much discussion within the UWSA about expanding its Board of Directors to ensure the proper representation and integration of those portions of its membership which may be disconnected from the resources, activities, events and services of the UWSA and the main University of Winnipeg campus, specifically the creation of a PACE Director and an Urban and Inner-City Studies Director;

And whereas the Menno Simons College Student Association (MSCSA) is the body which represents and unites all Menno Simons College students, and the MSCSA has recognized a disconnect between main University of Winnipeg campus and the students of Menno Simons College and expressed a desire to bridge this gap;

And whereas the vast majority of students of Menno Simons College are University of Winnipeg students and thus full members of the UWSA;

And whereas the MSCSA has expressed interest in the creation of an *ex officio* position to represent their membership at the level of the UWSA Board of Directors;

And whereas precedent for such a process exists in the position of Aboriginal Students' Co-Directors, who are elected by the Aboriginal Students Council and appointed *ex officio* to the UWSA Board of Directors;

Be it resolved that the UWSA add the position of Menno Simons College Director to its Board of Directors.

Be it further resolved that the Menno Simons College Director be a University of Winnipeg student who is currently enrolled in Menno Simons College.

Be it further resolved that the Menno Simons College Director be elected by the MSCSA in accordance with their constitution, and subsequently appointed to the UWSA Board of Directors.

Be it further resolved that the following additions be made to the by-laws:

1) By-Law II: Definitions and Election of Directors

Section A — Definitions

2.21 Menno Simons College Student Association (MSCSA): Refers to the independently-run and UWSA-recognized student group uniting all students enrolled in Menno Simons College.

2) By-Law IV: Election of Directors

Section 4.01: Number of Directors and the specific Directorships

4.01 i. Menno Simons College Director

4.01 ii. The Menno Simons College Director shall be elected by the Menno Simons College Students Association (MSCSA) for a one (1) year term during the MSCSA spring election process, in accordance with its constitution. This Director shall be appointed to the UWSA Board of Directors.

Section 4.06: Qualifications of Directors for Election and Holding Office

v. The Menno Simons College Director shall be a University of Winnipeg student enrolled in Menno Simons College. This is defined as any and all students enrolled in at least one (1) half (1/2) course, three (3) credit hours, in the departments of Conflict Resolution Studies (CRS) and International Development Studies (IDS), during the academic year, and/or who have declared their major in Conflict Resolution Studies or International Development Studies, who have a valid University of Winnipeg ID card, and who have paid their UWSA student fees.

3) By-Law VI: The Board of Directors and the Duties of Directors

Duties of the Menno Simons College Director

- i. The Menno Simons College Director, while at all times keeping in mind the general welfare of the UWSA and all of its Members, shall ensure that interests particular to Menno Simons College students are represented at the Board of Directors. The Menno Simons College Director shall be a spokesperson for these issues.
- ii. The Menno Simons College Director shall assist the Vice President External Affairs and President in corresponding with the University of Winnipeg, Canadian Mennonite University, government and community as necessary on matters relevant to Menno Simons College students.
- iii. The Menno Simons College Director shall act as liaison with the Menno Simons College Student Association and Menno Simons College faculty and staff.
- iv. The Menno Simons College Director shall perform such duties that the Board of Directors determines from time to time by motion or By-Law.
- v. The Menno Simons College Director shall be a current member of the Menno Simons College Student Association.

BOYCOTT, DIVESTMENT, AND SANCTIONS (BDS) MOTION

Whereas colonization is an economic state of affairs, characterized by systematic violence and exploitation of the indigenous peoples of a region;

And whereas many countries are engaged in the direct colonization of indigenous nations, such as Canada, but including many of Canada's international allies, including Israel's colonization of the Palestinians, Turkey's colonization of the Kurdish people, as well as in the United States, exemplified by the most brutal suppression of the Standing Rock water protectors;

And whereas in colonial societies, nearly every public and private institution is involved in some way in continuing and extending the system of colonization, and that failing to oppose colonization is in fact complicity in the goals of colonization, it is morally necessary for all progressive individuals and institutions to oppose this system in every way possible;

And whereas there are many existing movements of the colonized nations against this system, and supporting these movements can be an effective way of opposing this system;

And whereas the State of Israel has been engaged in a process of settler-colonization of the Palestinian territories and domination and violence against the Palestinian people, which has earned condemnation around the globe from governments, human rights organizations, and communities of all faiths and backgrounds, and which was

recently described in a report by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia as an “apartheid regime”;

Be it resolved that the UWSA officially denounce Israeli apartheid, and explore ways to support the campaign of Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) as a way of supporting the struggle of the Palestinian people against the Israeli state.