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Board In Attendance (13):

Secretary: Alexandria Ireland

President acting as Chair: Laura Garinger

Vice President External Affairs: Megan Linton

Vice President of Student Affairs: Brenden Gali

Vice President Internal Affairs: Morgan Brightnose

Aboriginal Students' Co-Director: Corey Whitford

Accessibility Director: Mohamed Behi

Arts Director: Janel Bortoluzzi

Business and Economics Director: Devin Woodbury

Community Liaison Director: Jerico Nieves

Environmental Ethics Director: Avery Letkemann

Graduate Students' Director: Laura Cameron

Status of Women Director: Jade DeFehr

Students in Attendance (39):

Lidiya	Bahaslavets
Taylor	Ballingall
Alexandria	Bonney
Mylène	Cooney
Daniel	Denton
Emma	Dutiaume
Sisika	Duvalko

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Wesley	Fallis
Michelle	Friesen
Silke	Groeneweg
Sophia	Hershfield
Gardi Hewagamag	Hewagamage
Luciana	Lazo
Benoît	Morham
Rachel	Narvey
Alexandra	Neufeldt
Lynda	Okeke-Okoli
Erika	Rodeck
Mae	Shahin
David	Sims
Ariel	Beynon
Noah	Boonov
Sheen	Chan
Kaitlyn	Goncalves
Ferron	Guerreiro
Taliah	Gunn
Colin	Hanlon-Dearman
Samuel	Kroft

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Michael	Kvern
Aiyana	Mckenzie
Emily	Ruiz
Navraj	Singh
Nolan	Smith
Mitchell	Van Ineveld
Nikita	Vig
Nicholas	Warsza
Julia	Waterer
Christopher	Wyman
Zee	Morales

By Proxy (2):

Alexander	Nguyen
Ryan	Nykvist

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The regular Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the University of Winnipeg Students' Association (UWSA) was held Wednesday March 28, 2018 at 12:30 p.m. in The Hive. The President of the UWSA acted as Chair during the Chair's absence. Corey Whitford was invited forward for prayer. The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:37 p.m.

INTRODUCTIONS

Chair and Secretary

The Chair explained they are taking the role of President and Chair as per the bylaws. The Chair provided introductions to the UWSA Executives and Board of Directors.

Meeting Procedure

Last AGM, the UWSA BOD were given the directive to explore alternatives to Roberts Rules of Order. A new procedure will be introduced at the SGM. The AGM proceeded in accordance to Roberts Rules of Order. An introduction was provided explaining the structure of the AGM and Robert's Rules of Order. Student Sophia Hershfield asked to remove student numbers from attendance list before publishing minutes.

Positive Space Policy

The Chair presented the Positive Space Policy.

APPROVAL OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

It was moved by the Community Liaison Director to approve the March 29, 2017 Annual General Meeting Minutes and seconded by student Michael

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Kvern. Carried. It was moved by the Vice President of Internal Affairs to table Audited Statements to the SGM and seconded by the Vice President of Student Affairs. The Amendment carried. The Order of Business as Amendment carried.

CALL FOR PROXY VOTES

The Chair called for any proxy votes.

EXECUTIVE YEAR END REPORT – FOR INFORMATION

The Vice President of External Affairs and the Vice President of Student Affairs provided an oral Executive Report. The Chair called for questions from the membership.

2018 – 2019 OPERATING BUDGET – FOR APPROVAL

Vice President of Internal Affairs presented of the 2018-2019 Operating Budget. The Vice President of Internal Affairs provided an oral presentation and PowerPoint. The Chair called for questions. Student Mitchell Van Ineveld asked for a review on the accessibility of UWSA Events. The Vice President of External Affairs shared the focus and priority of accessibility in events including interpreters, transcribing, and ramps. They shared that the UWSA has re-prioritized budget to be more accommodating, and updated the social media to include image descriptions. Student Mylène Cooney asked why there was no information on the slide show for the Info Booth or Index. The Vice President of Internal Affairs answered that at the last BOD meeting it was voted to opt out of the UWSA's contract with Index. Student Mylène Cooney asked why there wasn't a presentation prior to the AGM. The Vice

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President of Internal Affairs shared that the BOD during discussion decided to present at the AGM. They shared with the membership that Index Staff will have their position reclassified. The Vice President of External Affairs stated that the BOD meeting and decision was one week before the AGM and apologized there was not enough time to bring up the decision sooner.

Student Alex Nguyen asked if there was discussion with students prior to the decision or if it was just the BOD involved in the decision making process. The President answered that the recommendation was brought forward by the UWSA General Manager to make sure the UWSA organization as a whole remains in a good spot. They shared that the six-figure deficit the UWSA has faced for many years was not good and the BOD made the decision based on the constituencies they represent.

Student Chris Wyman asked why the UWSA were asking the membership to approve the budget with the lack of information before hand on Index. The Vice President of Student Affairs gave more background on the six year long six-figure deficit, that the UWSA is trying to be more accountable and transparent to the membership, and the BOD was unanimous in the vote. The Vice President of Student Affairs stated the disconnection between the students, staff, and BOD was a flaw.

Student Aiyana Mckenzie shared that they are a student and staff at Index, and asked when the closure would be. They shared that their job was being dissolved and giving first access to Info Booth positions was unacceptable. They asked if they would have a job over the summer. The Vice President of Student

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Affairs answered there would be no layoff of employees and they will still be with work.

Student Mitchell Van Ineveld moved to exhaust the speakers list and move to a vote and was seconded by the Business and Economics Director.

Student Sam Kroft asked what constituted the BOD voting on motions? The Secretary provided an outline on the structure and intent of BOD roles in voting.

Student Michael Kvern asked if there was somewhere membership could view a breakdown of the budget.

The Vice President Internal Affairs shared that the UWSA were in the process but were unable to put the budget online this year.

The Chair asked if there were any more questions on the budget and updated the speakers list

Student Mitchell Van Ineveld motivated the motion speaking against accepting the report at this time given the response from the membership. They shared that they felt like the budget presentation was less comprehensive than previous year and called for more consultation with membership for decisions like this. They stated that the premise of the BOD and the reality of the BOD are not perfectly connected.

Student Chris Wyman spoke that there has been a disturbing lack a transparency in the budget and spoke against accepting the report.

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Vice President of Internal Affairs said the motion was brought forward to insure the UWSA would be able to reduce the deficit this year. They shared they could hear the concerns and found it was clear membership was not consulted accurately.

Student Wesley Fallis asked for clarification of Index Services that will be provided at Info Booth. The Vice President of Internal Affairs answered that they will be seeking alternatives for somewhere else in the university. Student Wesley Fallis asked what would happen the Index space. The Vice President of Internal Affairs answered that Index was brought in as a method to generate revenue, but it has not, this year the rent on the space is increasing significantly and would increase the deficit.

The Status of Women asked when the budget would be brought forward again for approval if it is not approved at the AGM and how the organization would continue if the budget were not approved.

Student Mitchell Van Ineveld asked if the UWSA could extend voting to membership at the BOD and suspend bylaw 6.1. if the budget is brought forward for approval at the BOD meeting in April.

It was moved by Student Mylène Cooney to amend the motion to table to budget decision and seconded by Student Chris Wyman. The motion carried with 3 against and 2 abstentions.

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Student Mitchell Van Ineveld discussed voting rights for membership at the next BOD meeting and that AGM decision should be held higher than Roberts Rules of Order. The Chair raised concerns of breaching The Corporations Act as the BOD are officers and the membership cannot vote during BOD meetings. Discussion was held on creating an SGM in 35 days so membership could have voting rights. The Status of Women raised concerns of not reaching quorum due to the exam period. The Vice President of External Affairs spoke in support of an SGM as it would fall under the same time period as the BOD meeting and the UWSA could work to ensure quorum for the importance of approving the budget.

The Vice President of Internal Affairs moved to approve the budget at the next BOD meeting to maintain Index, following recommendations at the AGM and vote on the dissolution of Index at the fall SGM. The Community Liaison Director seconded the motion.

Student Mitchell Van Ineveld shared that this would still represent students not having a direct vote on a full fully presented budget for the first six months of the 12-month period of the operating budget. The Chair said this was correct.

The Vice President of External Affairs discussed how this year's budget presentation was much longer than last year's and this was only a presentation of the budget and not a review of audited financial statements. The Vice President of

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External Affairs clarified that the Vice President of Internal Affairs provided a full presentation of the budget.

The motion to approve the budget at the next BOD meeting to maintain Index, following recommendations at the AGM and vote on the dissolution of index at the fall SGM carried with 2 against and 6 abstentions.

MOTIONS FROM THE UWSA

Executive Review By-Law Amendments

The Vice President of External Affairs moved to approve the Executive Review By-Law Amendments and was seconded by Student Michael Kvern.

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

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

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

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

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

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

To amend section 7.02 to remove “The only exceptions are in the case of the By-

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Laws and Policy Committee and Executive Review ad hoc Committee, where the Chair of the Board of Directors shall act as Chair of said Committees”.

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

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

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

7.02 Roles Within Committees

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

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

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

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

9.4 Executive Review Policy

Purpose/Preamble

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

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

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

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

Procedures

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

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

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

The motion carried with 1 against and 2 abstentions.

PACE Directorship By-Law Amendments

It was moved by the Vice President of Student Affairs to approved the PACE Directorship By-Law Amendments and seconded by Student Wesley Fallis.

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Be it resolved that the following by-law amendments are approved to accommodate the creation of the PACE Directorship:

4.1 Number of Directors and Specific Directorships

i. The number of Directors and the specific directorships shall remain as such until changed in accordance with these By-Laws. The following shall be members of the Board of Directors of the UWSA:

a) Professional, Applied, and Continuing Education Director.

4.6 Qualification of Directors of Election and Holding Office

i. The Professional, Applied, and Continuing Education Director shall be a student enrolled in the Professional, Applied, and Continuing Education Program at the University of Winnipeg, with a minimum of six (6) months remaining in their program during their term.

6.25 Duties of Professional, Applied, and Continuing Education (PACE) Director

- i. The PACE Director shall assist the Vice President External Affairs and President in corresponding with the University, government, and community on matters relevant to PACE students.
- ii. The PACE Director will, along with the Vice President Student Affairs, act as a liaison between the UWSA, students, and PACE administrators.
- iii. The PACE Director will work with the UWSA Executive and Board of Directors to improve the visibility and accessibility of UWSA events and services to students enrolled in PACE programs.

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- iv. The PACE Director shall perform such duties that the Board of Directors determines from time to time by motion or By-Law.
- v. The PACE Director shall sit on the University of Winnipeg Senate Professional, Applied, and Continuing Education Committee on behalf of the UWSA.
- vi. The PACE Director shall be responsible for proper transfer of documents and information to their successor.

The Vice President of External Affairs asked if there was consultation with PACE, the President answered yes. **The motion carried.**

UIC Directorship By-Law Amendments

It was moved by Student Michael Kvern to approve the UIC Directorship By-Law Amendments and seconded by the Community Liaison Director.

Be it resolved that the following by-law amendments are approved to accommodate the creation of the UIC Directorship:

2.24 Urban and Inner-City Students' Association

The independently run and UWSA-recognized student group uniting all students enrolled in Urban and Inner-City Studies and who student at the Selkirk Campus.

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i. The number of Directors and the specific directorships shall remain as such until changed in accordance with these By-Laws. The following shall be members of the Board of Directors of the UWSA:

a) Urban and Inner-City Campus Director

ii. Each of these Directors shall have a single vote on the Board of Directors and on those UWSA Committees of which they are a Member, either ex officio or through Board of Directors appointment. All Directors shall be elected by the general Membership of the UWSA or appointed by the Board of Directors as per elsewhere in these By-Laws, with the following exceptions, which are subject to Board of Directors ratification:

a) The Urban and Inner-City Campus Director shall be elected by the Urban and Inner-City Students' Association (UICSA) for one (1) year term in accordance with the UICSA constitution. This Director shall be appointed to the UWSA Board of Directors.

4.6 Qualification of Directors for Election and Holding Office

i) The Urban and Inner-City Campus Director shall be a student enrolled in the Urban and Inner-City Studies Program at the University of Winnipeg

6.26 Duties of the Urban and Inner-City Campus (UIC) Director

i. The UIC Director shall assist the Vice President External Affairs and President in corresponding with the University, government, and community on matters relevant to UIC students.

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- ii. The UIC Director will, along with the Vice President Student Affairs, act as liaison between the UWSA, students, and UIC administrators.
- iii. The UIC Director will work with the UWSA Executive and Board of Directors to improve the visibility and accessibility of UWSA events and services to students enrolled at the Selkirk Campus
- iv. The UIC Director shall perform such duties that the Board of Directors determines from time to time by motion or By-Law.

The motion carried.

Radicalized Students' Directorship Proposal

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

Student Mitchell Van Ineveld:

Whereas the UWSA board of directors guides the direction of the organization;

Whereas continual reflection is a core value of the UWSA;

Whereas elected roles provide a lens for critical decision-making, and offer the UWSA a different perspective of defined directorships;

Be it resolved that the Racialized Student's Director be created as an addition to the UWSA board of directors;

Be it further resolved that the duties of the director be written into the UWSA By-Laws;

4.1 Number of Directors and Specific Directorships

- i. Racialized Students' Director

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4.6 Qualifications of Directors for Elections and Holding Office

ii. The Racialized Students' Director must be a student who is a racialized person.

6.## Duties of the Racialized Students' Director

i. The Racialized Students' Director, while at all times keeping in mind the general welfare of the UWSA and all of its Members, shall ensure that the interests particular to racialized students are represented at the Board of Directors. The Racialized Students' Director shall act as spokesperson for these issues.

ii. The Racialized Students' Director shall assist the Vice President External Affairs and President in corresponding with the University, government, and community on academic issues relevant to racialized students.

iii. The Racialized Students' Director shall act as liaison with racialized student groups on campus.

iv. The Racialized Students' Director shall perform other duties that the Board of Directors determines from time to time by motion or By-Law.

Student Zee Morales asked why the motion says academic issues and not just issues. The Vice President of Student Affairs answered that all By-Laws on Directorships are worded that way, and clarified it means while working with External Affairs and the President there are other avenues to take issues.

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Student Mitchell Van Ineveld asked who would decide who constitutes a Racialized Students. The Vice President of Student Affairs answered that the UWSA considers a Racialized Student under the respectful workplace; additionally with the mechanisms of elections it is the role of students.

The motion was carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The Annual General Meeting of the UWSA was adjourned at 2:22 p.m. due to loss of quorum. All other agenda items will be tabled to the 2018 Fall SGM.