

UWSA Board Meeting — Closed Session
November 22, 2018 — 5:00 p.m.
Room 2M70 — 515 Portage Avenue

Board in Attendance:

Chair: Taylor Daigneault

President: Morgan Brightnose

Vice President External Affairs: Zee Morales

Vice President Internal Affairs: Brenden Gali

Vice President Student Affairs: Jade DeFehr

Menno Simons Director: Christopher Sundby

Part-Time and Mature Students' Directors: Chantal Cloutier

Arts Director: Silke Groeneweg

Aboriginal Student Council Co-Director: Meagan Malcolm

Racialized Students' Director: Noelle Sangher

Community Liaison Co-Directors: Ugonna and Meseret

Science Director: Daniel Denton

PACE Director: Goldie Arora

Environmental Ethics Director: Avery Letkeman

Accessibility Director: Mohamed Behi

LGBT* Co-Directors: Violet Mayhew and Jude Yallowega

Women, Trans and Non-Binary Students' Director: Heather Werbowski

Students in Attendance:

University of Winnipeg Senate Student Representative: Michael Kvern

Board Absent:

Urban Inner-City Campus Director: Kale Swampy

International Students' Director: Ifeoma Nnadi

Student Living Co-Directors: David Sanusi and Alexander Ilesanmi

Secretary: Hasini Abeysekera

1. Call to Order

President Morgan Brightnose acted as Chair for the beginning of the meeting. The Vice President Student Affairs acted as secretary for the meeting in Hasini Abeysekera's absence. The Acting Chair called the meeting to order at 5:20 p.m.

2. Approval of the Order of Business

The Community Liaison Co-Director moved a motion to approve the Order of Business. The Vice-President Internal Affairs seconded the motion. The motion carried.

3. Special Business

a. Elections Results and Elections Report for Approval

The outgoing CEC, Taylor Daigneault, summarized the written report on the elections results, success of polling tables, recommendations for online voting, reduced evening hours for polling officers, etc. There was some discussion among directors about the possibility of implementing an online voting system. The CEC recommended bringing the motion to the Bylaws and Policy Committee.

Menno Simons College Director moved a motion to ratify the report, which was seconded by the Vice-President External Affairs. The motion carried.

b. Ratify Appointment of New Chair

The LGBT* Co-Director moved a motion to appoint Taylor Daigneault as Chair of the Board of Directors, effective that meeting, which was seconded by the Women, Trans and Non-Binary Students Director. The motion carried.

c. Motion to suspend and Replace the Rules of Order

Taylor Daigneault then proceeded as Chair. The Chair proposed a new Rules of Order as an alternative to Robert's Rules of Order, as the UWSA was mandated at a previous AGM to investigate alternatives to Robert's Rules. The Chair explained a potential new system: go around the circle of directors

twice for each person to state a question, comment, or amendment. No seconders needed. Amendments could be accepted as ‘friendly amendment’ if the person who presented the motion accepted the amendment, in which case discussion continues with the amendment in place. 50% plus one required for a vote to pass.

Community Liaison Co-Director asked how we would communicate the new rules in our minutes and to our constituencies. The Vice-President Internal Affairs moved a motion to suspend and replace the Rules of Order with the Chair’s proposed system. The Women, Trans, and Non-Binary Students Director seconded the motion. The Community Liaison Co-Directors abstained from the vote. The motion carried.

4. Consent Agenda

a. Open Session Minutes

The Vice-President Internal Affairs explained that the Finance & Operations Committee Minutes will be provided at next BOD meeting. There were no open session minutes for the Student Life Committee as there were no agenda items in open session. Neither the Campaigns and External Relations Committee nor the Executive Committee met since the previous Board of Directors meeting. The Environmental Ethics Director moved a motion to approve the open session minutes for Wednesday, October 18th, 2018 BoD Meeting. The Accessibility Director abstained from the vote. The motion carried.

b. Reports

- i. Executive Report — For Approval**
- ii. Executive House — For Approval**
- iii. Directors’ Reports — For Approval**

The Executive took questions regarding the Positive Space meeting, Non-Academic Misconduct webpage, and Health Plan Update. PACE Director Goldie Arora requested that the UWSA provide an update on recent conversations with GreenShield regarding the Health Plan for PACE students. The Vice President Student Affairs summarized that the Executive and UWSA General Manager are currently in conversation with Green Shield about the possibility of giving PACE students the possibility to opt-in, in a similar process to that of part-time students. The Executive will provide future updates when there is more information.

The Directors summarized their reports verbally or submitted their reports in written form. The LGBT* Co-Director moved a motion to approve the reports omnibus. The motion carried.

c. Other

The Board reviewed the Special General Meeting Minutes. The Vice President External Affairs moved a motion to approve the minutes. The motion carried.

5. Communications

a. Swampy Cree App Motion

The President explained the motion, which he brought forward on behalf of a student. The Board asked questions about the launch of the app, including whether the Board could receive ongoing updates for the app, which the Vice President Internal Affairs said would not be appropriate for this kind of donation. Other discussion included how much is left in the Building Fund and the Positive Space Fund and the possibility of a future motion to fund an event to launch app. Arts Director suggested we follow through towards the end of the project to see what else we can do to support the app. The motion carried.

b. Spirit of the Buffalo Motion

The Vice President Student Affairs motivated for the motion's approval to fund at least \$200 to the Spirit of the Buffalo Camp. The Menno Simons Director asked which budget line the money would come from. The Vice President Internal Affairs and Vice President Student Affairs replied that it was undetermined, but the Vice President Internal Affairs was confident we can afford it and that it could be left to the Executive to determine which line is best. The Community Liaison Co-Director moved an amendment to increase the money to \$500. The Vice President Student Affairs accepted the amendment. The Science Director abstained from the discussion due to a conflict of interest.

Another amendment was proposed to increase the donation to \$1000. The Vice President Internal Affairs said our financial situation is healthy. The Part Time and Mature Students Director asked whether we should be increasing the donation when the Student Support Program is not in action right now, a concern which the LGBT* Co-Director echoed. The President said that it's about our obligations to the land and Indigenous peoples, as well as our treaty obligations. The Vice President Student Affairs and Vice President External Affairs explained why the Student Support Program is not currently operating—it was not a financially sustainable way to help students as it was based on “no questions asked” policy and it worked better to just refer students to our existing services such as Food Bank, Health Plan bursaries, appeals, etc.

The Science Director and Community Liaison Co-Directors abstained from the vote. The motion to approve \$1000 for donation to the camp was approved.

6. Items for Discussion

a. Striking of Committees

The Vice President Internal Affairs explained how the striking of committees works, what the UWSA's committees each do, and that the Executive will send an e-mail out to directors for them to specify their preferences for committees.

7. Closed Session

8. Other Business

9. Motion to adjourn

There was a motion to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. The motion carried.