

UWSA Annual General Meeting
March 13, 2019 – 12:30 p.m.
HIVE – 515 Portage Avenue

Board in Attendance:

Chair of the Board: Taylor Daigneault

Secretary of the Board: Hasini Abeysekera

President: Morgan Brightnose

Vice President External Affairs: Zee Morales

Vice President Internal Affairs: Brenden Gali

Vice President Student Affairs: Jade Fehr

Aboriginal Student Council Co-President: Meagan Malcom

Aboriginal Student Council Co-President: Ryan Beardy

Accessibility Director: Mohamed Behi

Arts Director: Silke Groeneweg

Co - LGBT* Director: Jude Yellowaga

Co - LGBT* Director: Violet Mayhew

Environmental Ethics Director: Avery Letkemann

Menno Simons Director: Chris Sundby

Science Director: Daniel Denton

Board Absent:

Aboriginal Students' Director: Daphne Comegan & Corey Whitford

Co-Community Liaison Director: Meseret Khasay

International Students' Director: Ifeoma Nnadi

Kinesiology and Applied Health Director: Kyle Friesen

Part Time/Mature Students' Director: Chantal Cloutier

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PACE Students' Director: Jyoti Kalsi

Student Living Co-Director: David Sanusi

Urban Inner-City Campus Director: Kale Swampy

Women, Trans. & Non-Binary Students' Director: Heather Werboweski

Students and Staff in Attendance:

Aandeg Muldrew

Aidan Wilson

Aiyana Mckenzie

Alexandra Neufeldt

Anne-Cecile Panchaud

Binara Hewagamage

Celina Clements

Danielle Mason

Daria Magnus-Walker

Ella Taylor

Ezi Raizen

Georgia Defehr

Heaven Geller

Helina Zegeye-Gebrehiwot

Jacob Antman

Jason Bell

Jeha Woo

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Joshua Basman

Monterrubio

Julia Antonyshyn

Julia Stern

Kailee Ip

Keesha Harewood

Lauren Jansen Van

Rensburg

Lynda Okeke-Okoli

Mahlet Cuff

Natasha Reimer

Neda Masoomifar

Nikita Vig

Sarah Carr

Suzan Hailemolokot

Taylor Ballingall

Thomas Hanan

Trisha Rowe

Tristan Henry

Vanda Simard

Wesley Fallis

UWSA General Manager: Karolya Vargscarr



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1. Call to Order

The Annual General meeting of the University of Winnipeg Students' Association was held on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 12:30pm in the Hive. The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:37pm as soon as the house hit quorum.

2. Introductions

The chair explained the members of the house how the introduction stage is carried out, and the house followed by introduced themselves starting with their name, pronouns (Ex: He/They/She/Her) and position. The introductory process took place clock wise giving every member a chance to introduce.

The Chair politely advised the house, when they raise voice they need to state their names first so that clear records could be made.

3. Approval of the Order of Business

The chair called in a vote to approve the agenda and it was voted all in favour and the house proceeded with the said agenda.

4. UWSA Rules of Order – For Information

The chair re-emphasized that the UWSA is moving away from the Roberts rules of order and explained how the current system works.

5. Call for Proxy Votes

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The chair requested for representatives with proxy votes to recognize themselves, and there were none.

6. Executive Report – For Approval

The Vice President Internal Affairs began the session by explaining that, this year their focuses were on UWSA infrastructure, polices, by laws and employees. The Vice President Internal Affairs also spoke briefly about the Daycare and changes that were made, and the surplus of the operating budget. The report also read that the UWSA had and will continue to be the voice of the student body and will continue to listen to the students' needs in Campus and thrive to build diversity and recognize respect to all. Later the chair opened a question period about the report and there were no questions pertaining from the house, later a vote was called in to pass the report and the motion carried with all in favour.

7. General Manager Report – For Information

The General Manager expressed herself with introducing herself and her work at the UWSA. On her 5th year continuing as the General Manager, she expressed her roles and core commitments to the jobs; focus the organizational purpose and strength by reviewing its mission statements and its values, to understand and address the organizational gaps and to solidify operational functions, finally, to engage the organizations resources in new and different ways to better serve students. The report also read that with the hard work of the

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executive team, the UWSA was able to achieve more in such a short period of time, and that paved the way for work and the path for the future of the UWSA, the General Manager also spoke to the improvements that have being made in terms of accessibility, better customer service, and enhanced communication standards. The facilities such as the bus pass, health plan and the daycare services were also described in her report, including the employment opportunities that the UWSA have made and also leadership in the UWSA. Finally the General Manager looked back on the year and thanked all who helped to make this year successful. Later the chair opened the floor for questions and as there were no question the meeting moved on to the financial presentation.

8. Financial Presentation – For Information

The Vice President Internal Affairs spoke to the report and prior to that, introduced himself and his position and duties in the organization. To stat off, the Vice President Internal Affairs explained that the year was projected to be in a budget deficit and the team work hard to make sure the gap was minimized or eliminated, and at the end the team was able to work on an agreement with the health plan to save on costs in the expenses, supplies and renovations were closely monitored for cost saving aspects so that the said deficit could be avoided. The team also looked into other sources of income and funding opportunities available for the organization to maximize its revenues. Further the difference and adjusted to the Capital budget and the expenses budget was explained. Also the final budget will be presented on the final board meeting on

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March 21st at 5pm at 2M71. Later the floor was open for questions, a question was raised regarding the deficit which shown on the hand out, and the speaker clarified that that was the last year number that the question is referring to. Another question was rained about Index closing down, the speaker explained the background to the decision and that the decision was something that was looked at from many years, and further explained that the cost center was no longer financially operational as it was making six figure deficits. Also as there was a follow up question about Index the speaker clarified that some services such as printing services was moved to the info booth. Another question was raised for what future plans the UWSA has for the vacant space since Index is such down, the speaker explained that the UWSA were tenants there and the University of Winnipeg are the landlords, and the UWSA will not be able to comment what the landlord's future plans are. The chair called to move on to the next topic following the question and answer period.

9. Motions Submitted – For Approval

As there was two sets of by-laws set to be amended, the chair gave the house a moment to read over the resolution before the meeting continued. The Vice President Student Affairs spoke to the motion, and explained that the change to the by law will be that the change in the name. Further reefing to the information handed out, the speaker explained about how suggestions were taken. Later the chair called in for questions and amendments. A student (Helena) raised a question as to if the roles will change as well, the speaker

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spoke that there will not be any major changes to the roles. A student (Keesha) expressed her voice as to she has little information on paper as to how transgender men are benefited. The Co - LGBT* Director explained the role of their directorship and how both positons will be of help to the concerned group. Later the chair called a vote and the resolution passed, all in favour.

The chair expressed a briefly what the resolution is about and the house requested for 3 minutes to read the document before the meeting carried.

Therefore the time was provided. Later the General Manger spoke to the resolution and expressed what the package is about, there are two sections to the package, starting with by-law changes that the Manager needs to call housekeeping on. And the other section relating to executive benefits and salaries.

The chair called in for questions, a student (Aiyana) raised concerns as if to how the team came up with the forty-thousand dollar number on the resolutions as it is a very big number and as to whom was consulted over this decision. The speaker talked to it was there was research done on comparable work load and what the compensation levels are for such skills and the figure is low at the moment. Also the speaker spoke to it explaining that the budget will always be priority, and the compensation will need to reasonable. The Co-Community Liaison director raised a question to why now? The Vice President Internal Affairs answered as to his being in the UWSA since 2011 and have had this conversation since then, given an insight for what it looks like, and explained that the workload and the responsibilities are significant and this needs to be

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done now as to since when every time it was postponed or not acted upon. Creating the initiative now will make actability to more students for to step up to do quality work at the organization. There was a question about the wage increases and the speaker explained that the reason budget is kept to the next meeting because the budget will need more work depending on today's outcome. There was another question about how much the current number required for quorum, and the speaker answered that it is 4 students at large needed. A student raised a concern that this hike will make people rum for the money as oppose to trying to make change within the organization. The chair called in a vote and the resolution passed with all in favour.

The AGM of the UWSA was adjourned at 1:43pm.