

**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 DeFehr

Arts Director: Silke Groeneweg

Accessibility Director: Mohamed Behi

Co - LGBT\* Director: Jude Yellowaga

Co-Community Liaison: Ugonna Chigbo

Environmental Ethics Director: Avery Letkemann

Menno Simons Director: Chris Sundby

Science Director: Daniel Denton

Student Living Co-Director: Alexander Ilesanmi

Racialized Students' Director: Noelle Sagher

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

Racialized Students' Director (Elect): Ella Taylor

VPIA (Elect): Natasha Reimer

UWSA General Manager: Karolya Vargascarr

**Students in Attendance:**

Colin Henlon Perman

Shenal Fernando

**Board Absent:**

Aboriginal Students' Director: Daphne Comegan & Corey Whitford

Aboriginal Student Council Co-President: Meagan Malcom

Aboriginal Student Council Co-President: Ryan Beady

Co-Community Liaison: Meseret Khasay

International Students' Director: Ifeoma Nnadi

Kinesiology and Applied Health Director: Kyle Friesen

Part Time/ Mature Students' Director: Chantal Cloutier

PACE Students' Director: Jyoti Kalsi

Student Living Co-Director: David Sanusi

University of Winnipeg Senate Student Rep: Michael Kvern

Urban Inner-City Campus Director: Kale Swampy

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**Call to Order**

The regular monthly meeting of the University of Winnipeg Students' Association Board of Directors (UWSA BOD) was held on Thursday, March 21, 2019 at 5:00pm at room 2M74. The President being present, the meeting was called to

order at 5:10 pm. A motion was proposed by the Chair that the original agenda need to be amended as follows: director honoraria to communications and the Vice President External Affairs motioned it and it was seconded by the Environmental Ethics Director. The Order of Business as amended was approved all in favour. Followed by a Round of introductions.

### **3. Consent Agenda**

#### a) Open session Minutes

- BOD Minutes (November 2018-February 2019)
- Executive Committee Minutes
- Finance & Operations Committee Minutes
- Bylaws and Policy Committee Minutes

The open session minutes were motioned by the Science Director and seconded by the Women, Trans. & Non-Binary Students' Director. Later the Chair called in a vote and it passed all in favour.

#### b) Reports

- Executive Reports – For approval
- Executive hours – For approval
- Director's reports – For approval

Later the Chair called in a vote to confirm the board of director's minutes from November to February, it passes all in favour.

Executive reports were then discussed and shared, the chair later called in the directors to provide an oral report.

The Menno Simons director, explained the activities organized a charity event, and a pizza lunch next Friday including a faculty event; the director also mentioned that the faculty elections will be taking place this week.

The Racialized Students' Director provided a brief report of the UN meetings attended.

The Environmental Ethics Director provided a report of the workings with the campus security office to get more sustainability in campus.

The Arts Director had been attending meeting, events, trivia and being present in meetings and UWSA representation.

The Co-Community Liaison mentioned that they have been up to the usual, and meeting on a regular basis.

The Student Living Co-Director mentioned that he is trying to get extended hours for the library during exam period.

The Science Director mentioned that he had been meeting with the dean and also invited to think and drink on March 24<sup>th</sup>.

The Co - LGBT\* Director updated the members about attending the pride parade meetings and coordinating the rainbow lounge, and also outside university volunteering activities.

The Women, Trans. & Non-Binary Students' Director mentioned that attending the by laws and policies meeting that the director attended.

Later the Chair called in the chief Election commissioner's report, the commissioner started by thanking all who helped, also thanking the chief polling officer. The commissioner also emphasized that she received a minimum training and was left to self-learn as she went prior to starting her report. The commissioner filled 13 of the 14 positions, and also spoke to the referendum question. The commissioner provide a background of the election and reported of the lower voter turn over. The commissioner also updated that most of the ballots were counted as spoilt ballots, and described certain types of such errors. The commissioner explained that the turnover also had a roll in the polling officers weren't outgoing. The menno simons station was closed on one day as one of the polling officers did not make it to their shifts on time. The commissioner also mentioned about the budget and they were \$30.00 under budget. The commissioner also discussed about Natasha's eligibility issue. And the dismissal of one polling officer who was an UWSA employee was mistakenly hired and the commissioner made a decision to immediately terminate employment. The commissioner also described the issue that arose during the counting session as the polling officers who counted reported different values when it was recounted and there was no consistency, at this point the commissioner and realized that it was too late to go for another counting session as they have reached the budgetary limits. Therefore the commissioner decided to dismiss the polling officers and the scrutineers, and counted the ballots alone and choose a number which was previously reported. Later the commissioner brought in three recommendations, the first being digital voting. Further describing that paper voting could easily be spoilt, and spoke to the cost effectiveness of not having polling officers. The second recommendation was to increase the student's interest in running for elections. And the third suggestion is to make an election budget, and spoke to the limitations and restrictions of the current budgets. Later the chair invited for a question period, there was a question about if there was patents in spoilt ballots, the commissioner explained that the markers are a huge problem and there were some patents which were observed that went in to details of the type of errors. The next question was about the graduation student list, the commissioner answered that the list was given late. There was another question about better training for polling officers, the commissioner answered that it would certainly be beneficial for a more rigorous training. There was another question regarding closing the menno simons station, if the commissioner considered the chief polling officer to cover for the absence, the commissioner answered that the chief polling officer was already covering another location at that time. Following the question answer period the chair called in a vote and the report was passed all in favour.

#### **4. Communications**

- a) Day Care Deficit Operating Budget – for approval
- b) Day care parent fee – for approval

The General Manager spoke to the following communication, and explained that there are 128 children there on a daily basis, the day care is mainly funded by the provincial government. And also explained the process of which the funding

works, to given an insight the General Manager explained that the funding have not change for the past 20 years and other related cost have keep increasing. If this increase is not imposed the budget with be in a deficit of \$33,000.00. Currently the Daycare does not have any fees at the moment and explained various types of fees that other Daycares charge, the suggested fee is a snack fee of 50 cents per day, which would total to nearly \$10 per month. There was a question if this was communicated to the parent's already and how they are reacting to this, the General Manager explained that most of the parents are subsidized and they are not charged for this. There was another question to if there must be any government approval process, the General Manager answered that there aren't any regulations as such. Later the chair called in a vote and it passes all in favour.

#### c) 2019 - 2020 Operating Budget

The Vice President Internal Affairs spoke to the budget as this follows by the AGM, the Vice President Internal Affairs explained the budget to the members, and the Vice President Internal Affairs expressed on the surplus, and explained that this was achievable due to the change in the index cost canter. Also spoke to the fulltime and part time employment. The chair opened for question and answer period, there was a discussion about the wages line and it was to be clarified later. Later there was a vote called in by the chair and the budget passed with all in favour.

#### d) Director's honorarium

The Co - LGBT\* Director spoke to the house about not to have honorariums split, as there are discrepancies in the amount of work put in. many members spoke to the concern, and there were discussions to that they choose to run together in the beginning and as a board it would be tricky to choose which director put in most of the work. Later the Co - LGBT\* Director put forward a motion, "be it resolved that there would be research done to honorarium to see about if increase in honorarium for co directorships" later the house spoke to the motion on table with different views and suggested that the committee will need to carry our research to find out how it would best fit all interests of the UWSA. Later the chair called in a vote and the motion carried call in favour. There was another vote called into pass the Director's honorarium paid out, and the motion carried all in favour.

### **5. Items for discussion**

#### a) UWSA General Election Results

The chair called in a motion and the motion was brought in by the Environmental Ethics Director, later the chair called in a vote on it and it was passed all in favour.

#### b) Online Voting Motion

The Science Director spoke to the discussion, the director started by point out the voter turn over from previous elections. And suggested to have a third party to have a voting system available by the 2020 general election. Many members

spoke to the discussion with many points restated in relation to the election commissioners' report. In addition the Co-Community Liaison director raised a question relating to the expected increase of percentages and it was answered by the Science Director. Later the commissioner spoke about the expected increases in voter percentages. Members also spoke about accessibility into technology could be a barrier but if we provide polling stations with tablets to vote will overcome this barrier. A student raised a question as to if the UWSA is having planning to purchasing a system to have ready for the 2019 election to be piloted. The science director replied that the UWSA will have to pay the cost for the developers. University will probably have some tips for where to go. CEC said that the previous CEC got a quote from the UM developer for \$3000 per election which was less than what was spent for labour this election. Later the Science director called put in a motion, "let it be resolved that the UWSA tasks the general manager in correlation with the CEC to research and develop online and digital voting into UWSA election as soon as possible, the UWSA adopt the decision in principal to implement online and digital voting taking into consideration the recommendations of the general manager for the 2020 general election if possible" the chair declared that this would be a debatable motion, there were more discussion about positive voter turnover that will be a result of digital voting. The general manager spoke to the motion that the manager is enthusiastic to have to see this system in place so that the students would be able to benefit from this. The Chair called in a vote and the motion carried with all in favour.

Later the members were asked to rearrange as the meeting moved to closed session.

And the chair called in a vote from the directors for the General Manager to remain for the closed session, and it passed all in favour.

#### **6. Closed Session**

#### **7. Other Business**

a) None

#### **8. Adjournment**

Directly following the closed session, the regular monthly meeting of the UWSA BOD was adjourned at 7.46pm.