



UWSA

THE UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Regents and Senate Updates

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UWINNIPEG BOARD OF REGENTS AND SENATE

With the UWSA Executive on leave, I connected with the University Secretary about Executive roles on the Board of Regents and Senate to see what gaps we would need to fill in our formal representation at the University of Winnipeg. Here is a summary of what I've learned:

- The Board of Regents and the Senate *do not* meet over July and August. Regent committees *do not* meet over the summer; there are a handful of Senate committees that *do* meet over the summer.
- There is currently one student regent seat vacant. We can appoint any member to fill this seat, but we cannot make a temporary appointment (the term will expire June 30, 2021).
- There are currently 7 student senator seats vacant. We can appoint any member to fill these seats, but we cannot make temporary appointments (the terms will expire June 30, 2021).
 - Making appointments to vacant Senate seats is a priority because the committees that continue to meet over the summer deal with advocacy and appeal matters.
 - We can appoint proxies to fill in for Executive on committees where they are already appointed. Proxies may participate in discussions and act as witnesses; however, proxies may not move, second, or vote on motions.
 - Our by-laws state that Regent and Senate appointments must be made by July 1 to line up with the beginning of their terms; however, the University has granted us an extension.
 - I recommend that we:
 1. amend by-law 4.3.v to remove the appointment deadline and review this by-law again later in the year;
 2. appoint directors to the Regent, Senate, and Senate Committee seats; and
 3. develop by-law changes to encourage more candidates to run for Regent/Senate seats and/or policy and procedures for appointing student Senators on a go-forward basis.

SENATE COMMITTEES

The Senate Committees that continue to meet over the summer are:

- **Academic Misconduct Appeals Committee** – hears and resolves all students' appeals relating to academic misconduct.
 - Current Appointment – Melanie William
- **Academic Planning** – reviews and proposes Senate amendments to the Academic Plan; reviews department and faculty academic plans referred to by the Deans; reviews enrolment management policies and strategies; makes recommendations regarding the establishment and continuation of academic programs and departments; reviews and recommends approval of new honours programs; develops policies governing the establishment and review of research institutes, centres, colleges, and research Chairs; initiates and assesses the results of formal reviews of research institutes, centres, colleges, and research Chairs and endowed Chairs, and makes recommendations on academic planning priorities based on these reviews; develops policies pertaining to international



student and faculty exchanges; makes recommendations concerning any other policy matters related to academic life of the University.

- Currently Vacant
- **Academic Standards and Misconduct Committee** – reviews and recommends to Senate all grades and degrees awarded; reviews and recommends all changes to degree requirements, including regulations governing honours degrees; imposes appropriate penalties for student academic offences, in accordance with the policy on academic misconduct.
 - Currently Vacant
- **Student Appeals** – hears and resolves all students' appeals relating to either decisions of departmental committees, faculty committees, Senate committees, and administrators in respect of admissions, status, probation, suspension, grades or variances from university procedures and policies, not including academic misconduct.
 - Current Appointments – Breanna Belisle and Melanie William

MOTION RECOMMENDATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT by-law 4.3.v is amended to read:

“If, after the UWSA General Election, there are vacancies within the required number of student representatives outlined by the University of Winnipeg Act for the University of Winnipeg Board of Regents and/or the University of Winnipeg Senate, the UWSA Board of Directors shall be permitted to appoint students to fill those vacancies. **These appointments must be made by July 1 of each year.**”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the following appointments are made:

We will need volunteers for:

- up to 7 Student Senators and their committee appointment,
- up to 1 Student Regent.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the By-law and Policy Committee (upon reconvening) shall be tasked with developing by-law changes to encourage more candidates to run for Regent/Senate seats and/or policy and procedures for appointing student Senators and Regents on a go-forward basis.