

UWSA Board Meeting – OPEN
April 21, 2020 – 5:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting due to COVID -19 Pandemic

Board in Attendance:

Chair of the Board: Ryan Beady

Secretary of the Board: Hasini Abeysekera

Accessibility Co-Director: Sarah Anderson

Accessibility Co-Director: Loc Trinh

Arts Director: Wesley Fallis

Business and Economics Director: Anne-Cécile Panchaud

Menno Simons College Director: Alexandra Koslock

Indigenous Students' Co-Director: Cameron Adams

Racialized Students' Director: Ella Taylor

Urban and Inner-City Campus Director: Shawna Péloquin

Women and Non-Binary Students' Director: Neda Masoomifar

President: Meagan Malcolm

Vice -President External Affairs: Mahlet Cuff

Vice -President Student Affairs: Noelle Sagher

Board Absent:

Director of Student Living: Reza Saker Hossain

Indigenous Students' Co-Director: Kaylin Malcolm

Graduate Students' Co-Director: Theresa Mackey

Graduate Students' Co-Director: Racheal Kalaba

International Students' Director: Alexander Ilesanmi

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Science Director: Ryan Nykvist

Staff in Attendance:

Karolya Vargscarr – Chief Operating Officer

Jennifer Black – General Manager

Guests in Attendance:

Breanna Belisle

Daegen Perrott

Jibril Hussein

Mohammed Behi

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1. Call to Order

The regular monthly meeting of the University of Winnipeg Students' Association Board of Directors (UWSA BOD) was held on Tuesday April 21, 2020 at 5:00pm via a virtual meeting due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m. Following the confirmation of quorum, the house introduced themselves and continued to the agenda.

2. Approval of the Order of Business

“Motion - Foodbank” was added to the agenda under item 6.b by Sarah.

Seconded by Noelle

“Provincial Cuts – For Information” was added to the agenda under 6.c by Noelle.

Seconded by Ally

Motion to approve the agenda as amended

Motion carries

3. Special Business

- a) Respectful Work and Learning Environment Policy

Ryan spoke briefly about the policy and reminded participants what is expected of them to keep the forum professional.

- b) U-Pass Update

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Noelle drew everyone's attention to the EXEC OPEN minutes where the committee approved to continue the U-Pass at the higher rate accepted by the city of Winnipeg until we can hold a referendum. City is working on a draft contract to help us address this. Noelle recommends that we ratify the EXEC minutes and the motion to approve the U-Pass conditionally for a one-year contract.

4. Consent Agenda

a) Reports

- i. Executive Report – For approval
 - a. Noelle - U-Pass, CFS provincial and federal, meetings with the university about COVID conditions, and wrapping up winter term advocacy;
 - b. Mahlet - talking to political leaders about cuts and strategizing, started COVID suggestion box to connect students to the UWSA, GPA exclusion motion was approved by the Senate;
 - c. Meagan - continuing divestment meetings, writing an editorial about experience as an Indigenous student union president working toward divestment, met with administration yesterday about provincial cuts, meeting with the leader of

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the opposition of the provincial government, continuing work
on the National executive of the CFS's circle.

- ii. Director's Reports – For information
 - a. Sarah and Loc - Sarah attended the CFS-MB's general meeting and is working on a Foodbank motion for the board, Loc working on surveying how to support students during the pandemic;
 - b. Anne - business meetings have all been cancelled due to pandemic, has attended virtual committee meetings of the board;
 - c. Cameron - ISA shared surplus funds with ASSC to support students directly - created a social media group for the ISA to communicate with students - will not be hosting elections until September (depending on when students are back) because there's no way to hold a fair vote while students are away;
 - d. Ally - Freedom Road partnered screening has been cancelled, working to figure out when the event can be rescheduled, reaching out to funders to ensure they're still fine with us using the funding for the postponed event. Supporting CFS

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- calls to action through the faculty, supporting the UWSA with the GPA exclusion advocacy. Elected as Treasurer for CFS-MB;
- e. Shawna - attended SLC, updated and prepared incoming UIC director appointed by department and students, attended meetings and the CFS-MB general meeting. Elected as CFS-MB Circle Representative;
 - f. Neda - nothing to report but thanks to the board!
 - g. Ella - attended SLC;
 - h. Wesley - nothing to report - it's been a pleasure serving with y'all!

b) Open Session Minutes – For Approval

- i. BOD 200326 OPEN
- ii. EXEC 200402 OPEN
- iii. F&O 200408 OPEN
- iv. SLC 200409 OPEN

Motion to approve the reports and minutes omnibus

Moved by Anne

Seconded by Mahlet

Motion Carries

5. Communications

- a. Director Year-End Reports

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Jen provided a reminder about the required report and provided guidelines on what is needed. The deadline was set on Monday April 27th.

6. New Business

a) Motion - Indigenous Advisory Circle Amendments

Meagan reminded everyone of the IAC motion passed at the March meeting and stated that upon further consultation, they realized that the duty to ratify minutes can only be held by the board. The following motion makes amendments to the terms of the Indigenous Advisory Circle established at the March meeting.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the duty to ratify board minutes be removed from the IAC's portfolio; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Indigenous Advisory Circle shall be a standing committee of the board which shall ensure that the governance, programs, and services of the UWSA are operated in true and meaningful collaboration with Indigenous People by:

- 1) Advising and directing Indigenous projects and initiatives of the UWSA;**
- 2) Guiding the UWSA's implementation of the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action, and the Missing and Murdered**

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Indigenous Women and Girls Inquiry Calls to Justice, as they relate to post-secondary institutions and Indigenous students;

- 3) Guiding campaign and lobby work to improve access to education for Indigenous students, remove barriers, and address racism that Indigenous students face;**
- 4) Reviewing the open session minutes of standing and ad-hoc committees of the UWSA, except for those of REBLITE, and making recommendations on this business in scope with the mandate of the IAC prior to its ratification by the Board of Directors.**

Moved by Meagan

Seconded by Mahlet

Motion carries

b) Motion - Foodbank

Sarah presented a motion inspired by her work at the CFS-MB general meeting. CFS has agreed to distribute funds to student union food banks to assist with COVID relief. Sarah stressed that we need to take action as soon as possible because the need exists now.

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT the UWSA pursue an alternative method of facilitating the Foodbank so as to ensure the service is still available to both students and community members.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the UWSA implements the solution modelled by the Brandon University Students' Association, which consists of the following:

- **Interested students and community members apply online to the UWSA;**
- **Hampers are made by UWSA food bank volunteers in a safe and cleanly manner;**
- **Hampers are placed outside in a weatherproof container with a combo letter lock that changes once per week. The container is tied to the building with a lock cord and is located in an accessible area that can be monitored by security;**
- **Hamper recipients are told the lock combination prior to collecting their hamper;**
- **The retrieval of hampers is based on the honor system.**

Noelle indicated concern about some of the logistics mandated by the motion and suggested that the motion be reviewed by a sub-committee ASAP.

Motion from Meagan to table the motion to the Executive Committee

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Seconded by Ella

Motion Carries

c) Provincial Cuts – For Information

Noelle updated board that on Monday universities were given 24 hours to present three different plans to the province to account for funding cuts of 10%, 20%, and 30%. The plans were submitted yesterday afternoon, and the province will review the plans and announce the funding cuts. We expect to see major damages. Brandon University cannot operate with even a 5% cut. Funding has already been cut 3 years in a row. The Board of Regents meets tomorrow but still won't know which plan the province has chosen. We won't know what cuts the University will have to make until it's public knowledge. Classes may be cancelled; whole programs may be eliminated. The CFS-MB press release has good information and reflects our position. We do not know what will be cut and when. Staff is usually cut first but there have already been a lot of layoffs. Encouraged everybody to read CFS's statement.

7. Closed Session

Motion to enter closed session with an invitation to KV and JB

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Seconded by Anne

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Motion Carries

Motion to exit closed session

Moved by Shawna

Seconded by Ella

Motion Carries

8. Other Business

- a. End of Year Party!

Jen reminded everyone of the date and time of the party, how to log into the party room, and when to expect the party packages. Jen commended the excellent work done by the board this past year and thanked everyone for their service to the UWSA!

9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 6:53 p.m.

Moved by Anne

Seconded by Shawna

Motion carries