

University of Winnipeg Students' Association Board of Directors
OPEN Session Meeting Minutes, April 7, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.
Virtual Meeting due to the COVID – 19 Pandemic

Board in Attendance:

Chair of the Board: Anjola Aderinto

Secretary of the Board: Hasini Abeysekera

Accessibility Director: Sarah Anderson

Business and Economics Director: Harsimrat S. Malhotra

Education Director: Breanna Gans

Graduate Students' Co-Director: Alexandra K.Nychuk

International Students' Co-Director: Elsa Owusu

International Students' Co-Director: Onyinye Francisca Idigbe

Menno Simons College Director: Alizeh Faran

PACE Director: Valerie Bermudez

President: Shawna Peloquin

Student Living Director: Kiratveer Hayer

Urban Inner-City Campus Director: Dagen Perrot

Vice-President External Affairs: Jonathan Henderson

Board Absent:

2SLGBTQ* Director: Jacob K. Antman

Community Liaison: Celina Clements

Graduate Students' Co-Director: Nadia M. Chaharsoughi

Indigenous Students' Co-Director: Gracie Grift

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Indigenous Students' Co-Director: Zackery Anderson

Racialized Students' Director: Shubham Aman Kumar

Recreation and Athletics Director: Jacob Wiseman

Science Director: Olivia Ferreira

Women and Non-Binary Students Director: Ershiya Bagheri

Staff in Attendance:

Jennifer Black: General Manager

Thomas Hanen: Admin Assistant

Guests in Attendance:

Kichni-Maarsi – Sharon Pelletier, Elder

Bavleen Kaur

Bedel Shafea

Cliff Stornel

Gursimran Kaur

Navdeep Singhe

Pearl Irabor

Priyanshu Setia

Riya Katia

Umar Awan

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Open Session

1. Call to Order

The regular monthly meeting of the University of Winnipeg Students' Association Board of Directors was held on Wednesday April 6, 2021 at 5:30pm via a virtual meeting due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Sharon P. started the meeting with a prayer. The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:41pm Following the confirmation of quorum, a round of introduction was done, and the house continued to the agenda.

2. Approval of the Order of Business

Harsimrat M. moves to approve the Order of Business

Motion carries

3. Special Business

- a. Budget 2021/2022 – For Approval

Dagen P. moves to approve the Budget 2021/2022

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4. Consent Agenda

- a. Reports
 - i. Executive Reports

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a) Shawna P. –

- Attended the Board of Regents, Finance & Operations, Student Senate Caucus.
- Working on Bill 33 opposition organizing.
- Focusing on campaigns and divestment portfolio.
- Working on the international student health plan bursary.

b) Jonathan H. –

- Working on Bill 33 opposition organizing and reaching out to past executives to speak out against Bill 33 and their experiences.
- Continuing work on the Healthcare for All campaign, shifting focus to advocate for COVID-19 vaccinations for international students, immigrants, refugees, and the houseless. Advocating for a removal of the ID requirement for vaccines, which is a barrier.
- Preparing for the memorial event for Eishia Hudson.

ii. Director Reports

a) Alexandra N. –

- Attending Senate Appeals Committee and Student Senate Caucus.

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b) Alizeh F. –

- Nothing to report

c) Breanna G. –

- Attended Finance & Operations Committee and reviewed the budget.

d) Dagen P. –

- Attended Finance & Operations Committee.
- Attended informal meeting of By-law and Policy Committee.
- Following up with participants and students after the elections to assess efficacy of new changes.
- Meeting with UIC students discussing on how they would like to do events in the next year and how they'd like to interact with the UWSA and Merchant's Corner board.

e) Harsimrat M. –

- Met with the Business and Economics Steering Committee and discussed ways to increase student participation in online engagements. Working on a plan with the faculty in the hopes of an open campus in September.

f) Kiratveer H. –

- Nothing to report.

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g) Sarah A. –

- Attending Finance & Operations Committee to seek funding for the More Than a Door campaign's partnership with the University.
- Met with T. Hanan regarding the Access lounge
- Helping students with questions via email

h) Valerie B. –

- Trying to make a connection between the PACE program and the library, working on a list of books that the library can carry that would be helpful to PACE students.
- Connected with some Program coordinators and will be meeting with the Library committee.

b. Minutes

- i. BOD 210310 OPEN
- ii. CERC 210319 OPEN
- iii. DMC 210211 OPEN
- iv. F&O 210330 OPEN

Breanna G. moves to approve the consent agenda omnibus

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5. Communications

6. New Business

a. International Student Healthcare Fund Donation – For Approval

Shawna P. presented the motion. Work has been done to set up a bursary managed by Award and Financial Aid that will help international students cover the costs of their two required health plans. The bursary will be an endowment fund, with the initial donation building interest. Engagement will be done with the UWinnipeg Foundation to garner additional donations and support. An initial funding-match offer has since been revoked by the University.

Dagen P. requested to know what amount in a percentage which is used from the capital budget as donation. Sarah A. requested to know why the university backed out from their contribution. Valerie B. requested to know the process to access this funds and statistics of international students who will benefit from this.

Shawna P. answered saying that the capital budget is at \$2M, however the operational budget is \$1M in debt to the capital budget, so it functionally holds \$1M. The University was focused on helping refugee students and withdrew funding because the intention of this program isn't aligned with that focus.

Francisca I. elaborated that international students do not qualify for general

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bursaries at the UofW, and that expanding the recipients of the funds to refugees would mean that international students would not be able to access it. Shawna P. added that the fund is set up to cover the extreme costs of health coverage for international students, and at this time we are not sure how many students in total will access it.

WHEREAS UWinnipeg International students face distinct socio-financial barriers to accessible healthcare service.

WHEREAS the UWSA is engaged in providing service, supporting students and creating an accessible, inclusive, democratic post-secondary education system.

Shawna P. moves:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the amount of \$150, 000 be donated from the UWSA Capital Budget to the UWSA International Student Health Plan Bursary.

Motion carries

Francisca I. moves to invite out J Black and T Hanan and to invite in Sharon Pelletier and to enter Closed session

Motion carries

Alizeh F. moves to take a ten-minute break prior to Closed session.

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Motion carries

Closed Session

7. Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes
 - i. BOD 210310 CLOSED
 - ii. EXEC 210329 CLOSED
 - iii. F&O 210330 CLOSED

8. New Business

- a. Sharing Circle on Fiduciary Duty

9. Other Business

10. Adjournment

Francisca I. moves to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

Motion carries