

**UWSA Board Meeting – Open Session**  
**August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – 5:00 p.m.**  
UWSA Board Room – 515 Portage Avenue

**Board in Attendance:**

Chair of the Board: Taylor Daigneault

Secretary of the Board: Hasini Abeysekera

President: Meagan Malcolm

Vice President External Affairs: Mahlet Cuff

Vice President Student Affairs: Noelle Sagher

Arts Director: Wesley Fallis

Accessibility Director Co- Directors: Sarah Anderson and Loc Trinh

Business and Economics Director: Anne-Cecile Panchaud

Community Liaison Director: Aimee Louis

Graduate Students Co- Director: Racheal Kalaba

Menno Simons Director: Alexandra Koslock

PACE Students' Director: Oze Aghedo

Racialized Students' Director: Ella Taylor

UWSA Chief Operating Officer: Karolya Vargscarr

UWSA General Manager: Jennifer Black

**Board Absent:**

Vice President Internal Affairs: Natasha Reimer

Aboriginal Students' Director: Cameron Adams and Kaylin Malcolm

Environmental Ethics Director: Avery Letkemann

Graduate Students Co- Director: Theresa Mackey

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International Students' Director: Alex Ilesanmi

Recreation & Athletics Director: Himal Parekh

Science Director: Ryan Nykvist

Urban Inner-City Campus Director: Kale Swampy

**Students in Attendance:**

Aira Villanneva

Shenal Fernando

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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 August 13, 2019 at 5:00pm at the UWSA Boardroom. The Chair being present, the meeting was called to order at 5:11pm.

2. Approval of the Order of Business

Firstly, the chair requested the members to approve the Order of Business and the Racialized Students' director - Ella did put forward a motion and it was approved with all in favor.

3. Special Business

a) Approval of the Chair

The Chair steered the meeting into Special Business, as he is the chair from last year, and he needed to be approved, the procedural event was approved with all in favour. The Chair explained the rules of order to the members present.

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b) UWSA Rules of Order – For Information

The Chair explained the Robert rules of order and how UWSA meetings are handled. Members got an opportunity to ask questions about the proceeding and how meetings are professionally carried out.

c) Appointment of Directors to the Board

i. Community Liaison

An Executive called in a motion to appoint the new Community Liaison director and everybody was given a chance to talk on behalf this motion. Later it was passed all in favor.

ii. PACE Director

Another motion the same nature was put forward to appoint the PACE director, and later members got to ask questions. There was a question to as how the members are chosen, the Vice President External Affairs - Mahlet responded that they reached out to the UWSA and later with a discussion, they were chosen. With all in favor, the motion carried.

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d) Appointment of Directors to Committees

Upon the request of the Chair, a motion was tabled to move this section from agenda number 3D to section 4C. The motion carried and the meeting moved on to the next section.

4. Consent Agenda

Prior to approaching this section, the chair explained the process, which is going to happen next. The Chair requested the members to look at the documents and look for missing documents. During this time, there was a question about when the directors training will be, and an executive member replied that the training date is not confirmed yet but possibly September.

a) Open Session Minutes

i. May 27 2019 BOD Open Session Minutes

ii. Executive Committee Minutes – July 29 2019

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iii. Finance & Operations Committee Minutes

iv. Campaigns & External Relations Committee Minutes

v. Student Life Committee Minutes

vi. Bylaws and Policy Committee Minutes

The Vice President Student Affairs - Noelle forwards a motion to approve the Open session minutes, and it passes with all in favor.

b) Reports

i. Executive Report – for information

ii. Director’s Reports – for information

The Chair spoke to this, he requested that this to be filled out and sent back to his when he calls a meeting. Or he even gave the option that if anyone is not willing to fill this out, the chair will make space in the meeting for the director to speak about it during the meeting. The explanation also did include the explanation of the positive of their work being printed out and included in the package.

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Later after following an introduction opportunity round table, the Menno Simons director - Alexandra directed a question to the chair about the role of Menno Simons director and what is expected. The Chair responded that as elected officials, they are required to represent the students at these meetings and also to sit on a committee. He briefly explained what the committees are and how often they meet. Apart from that, the chair explained what other occasions the directors can do in their positions.

The Co graduate students' director - Racheal asked how to link UWSA events to graduate students. And Noelle respond that their roles will be representing their concerns or issues and voicing the student's issues

The Business and Economics director - Anne-Cecile asked if they had reports of the previous directors to get an idea of what they are expected to report. The chair responding that he would look through and let them know.

Racialized students director - Ella put forward a motion to approve the reports and the motion passed with all in favor.

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Noelle explained the members about the dates to schedule directors to consider the date to commit.

The Chair talked about the committees and how to choose a committee. Mahlet explained about campaigns and external relations committee, Noelle talked about student life committee, the Chief Operating Officer - Karolya talked about finance and operations – and where the budget is approved, Karolya did also talked about executive committees. Chair talks About Reblite committee-which is the Supreme Court of elections.

Later the members went round table choosing which committee/s they would like to represent.

Mahlet motions to approve the committees and they passed withall in favor

5. For Information

a) Committee dates rescheduled:

- i. Student Life Committee: Update: October 14<sup>th</sup> moved to October 7<sup>th</sup> and November 11<sup>th</sup> moved to November 4<sup>th</sup> – both to accommodate statutory holidays;

-The update was conveyed by Noelle.



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ii. Executive Committee: September 4<sup>th</sup> moved to September 11<sup>th</sup> to accommodate Roll Call.

6. For Discussion

a) Project Aira

Student at large spoke about the fund raising event of which UWSA was a part of. The project was described to be an event that took place in the Philippines, where they helped an orphanage with stationary needs and providing food.

Racheal spoke about grad student orientation with grad chairs and orientation in September and requested for support from the UWSA

Later prior to entering the closed session a motion was put forward to recess for 10 mins by Noelle and it passed with all in favour.

5. Closed Session

Mahlet motioned to enter closed session the house entered to the closed sessions with all in favour.

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6. Other Business

Mahlet made a motion to remove Natasha Reimer from the VPIA position due to allegations of conflict of interest.

Prior to agreeing on any specifics of the said decision, the Arts director – Wesley Fallis motions to move the house into closed session, and it carried with all in favour.

There was a motion to go to open session, and it was passed with all in favour.

The motion was up for voting and it passed with 7 in favour and 4 abstains. As they were agreed to mentioning their name for abstaining, they were – Wesley, Ella, Racheal and Noelle.

There was a motion to take the house into closed session. And it passed with all in favour.

Later the Chair called in a motion to leave closed session and as a motion of such was tabled by Mahlet it was passed with all in favour.

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7. Adjournment

As there was no other business to attend to, a motion was tabled by the Business and Economics director - Anne-Cecile and it was passed with all in favour.

Meeting was adjourned.