

**UWSA Board Meeting – OPEN**  
**August 26, 2020 – 5:30 p.m.**  
Virtual Meeting due to COVID -19 Pandemic

**Board in Attendance:**

Acting Chair/Urban Inner-City Campus Director: Dagen Perrot

Secretary of the Board: Hasini Abeysekera

Accessibility Director: Sarah Anderson

Community Liaison: Celina Clements

Business and Economics Director: Harsimrat S. Malhotra

Menno Simons College Director: Alizeh Faran

Racialized Students' Director: Ella Taylor

**Board Absent:**

Arts Director: Wesley Fallis

Graduate Students' Co-Director: Nadia M. Chaharsoughi

Graduate Students' Co-Director: Alexandra K.Nychuk

International Students' Co-Director: Elsa Owusu

International Students' Co-Director: Onyinye Francisca Idigbe

2SLGBTQ\* Director: Jacob K. Antman

**Board on Administrative Leave:**

Vice -President Student Affairs: Melanie William



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**Staff in Attendance:**

Karolya Vargscarr: Chief Operating Officer

**1. Call to Order**

A meeting of the University of Winnipeg Students' Association Board of Directors (UWSA BOD) was held on Wednesday August 26, 2020 at 5:30pm via a virtual meeting due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Dagen Perrot will be taking over duties as Chair of the Board for this meeting as currently the Chair position remains vacant. The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

**2. Approval of the Chair**

**Ella T. moves to approve Dagen P. as the chair for this meeting as the position remains vacant.**

**Motion carries**

**3. Approval of the Order of Business**

**Ella T. moves to approve the Order of Business.**

**Motion carries**

**4. New Business**

a) Chair of the Board By-law Amendments – For Approval

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K Vargscarr explained the few changes this motion will bring to the Chair position. The position will become a non-unionized part time paid position instead of a volunteer honorarium position.

**Ella T. moves to accept the following amendments omnibus:**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT by-law 4.6.i. is amended to read:**

“In order to be eligible to run for any UWSA office except for Chair of the Board of Directors, one must be a UWSA Member as per these By-Laws.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT by-law 4.6.ii. is amended to read:**

“The President, Vice President External Affairs, and the Vice President Student Affairs, and the Chair of the Board of Directors must also have met either of the two (2) following criteria at the time of nominations for election or appointment:

- a. They must have completed thirty (30) credit hours at the University of Winnipeg; or
- b. They must demonstrate via their transcripts that they have attended the University of Winnipeg for at least four (4) full University terms over a period of no less than two (2) full calendar years prior to commencing the term in office.”

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT by-law 4.6.xx. is amended to read:**

“No Director, Chair of the Board of Directors, or Secretary of the Board of Directors shall be an employee or paid volunteer of the UWSA or any UWSA partner organization while fulfilling their term as a director, excepting the compensation they receive for their directorship.”

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT by-law 6.7.vii is removed:**

~~“The Chair of the Board shall be selected by the Executive Committee and ratified at a Board of Directors meeting.”~~

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT by-law 6.7.i. is added:**

“The Chair of the Board of Directors is a non-unionized part-time employee of the UWSA reporting directly to the Board of Directors and supported by the General Manager.”

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT by-law 4.3.v. is added:**

“v. The Chair of the Board of Directors shall be hired in accordance with UWSA hiring policies and ratified by the Board of Directors.”

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT by-law 4.2.ii is amended to read:**

“The term of the Chair of the Board of Directors shall be from the time

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the appointment is ratified until the following April 30th. The Chair of the Board of Directors is eligible for reappointment in accordance with appropriate UWSA policy and these By-Laws. The term shall be renewed annually unless otherwise determined by the Board of Directors.”

**Motion Carries**

**5. Communications**

a. UWSA Board of Directors Meeting Cancelled –September 2, 2020 – For Approval

**Alizeh F. moves to cancel the scheduled September 2, 2020 UWSA Board of Directors Meeting.**

**Motion carries**

b. UWSA Board of Directors Meeting Scheduled – September 16, 2020 – For Approval

**Sarah A. moves to schedule the UWSA Board of Directors Meeting on September 16, 2020.**

**Motion carries**

**6. Adjournment**

**Meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.**