

**University of Winnipeg Students' Association Board of Directors**  
**OPEN Session Meeting Minutes, February 10, 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

2SLGBTQ\* Director: Jacob K. Antman

Accessibility Director: Sarah Anderson

Education Director: Breanna Gans

Community Liaison: Celina Clements

Graduate Students' Co-Director: Alexandra K.Nychuk

Menno Simons College Director: Alizeh Faran

PACE Director: Valerie Bermudez

President: Shawna Peloquin

Urban Inner-City Campus Director: Dagen Perrot

Vice-President External Affairs: Jonathan Henderson

**Board Absent:**

Business and Economics Director: Harsimrat S. Malhotra

Graduate Students' Co-Director: Nadia M. Chaharsoughi

Indigenous Students' Co-Director: Gracie Grift

Indigenous Students' Co-Director: Zackery Anderson

International Students' Co-Director: Elsa Owusu

International Students' Co-Director: Onyinye Francisca Idigbe

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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:**

Joshua Basman Monterrubio

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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 February 10, 2021 at 5:30pm via a virtual meeting due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

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**

**Shawna P. moves to add "Elections Hiring committee appointments" to item 6.a**

**Alizeh F. moves to approve the amended order of business**

**Motion carries**

**3. Special Business**

**4. Consent Agenda**

a. Reports

i. Executive Reports

a) Shawna P. –

- Had an Executive committee meeting focusing on Elections

b) Jonathan H. –

- Had the Positive space policy consultation meeting

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- Working regarding Bill 33 with Canadian Federation of Students in terms of a campaign and strategy
- Had an Interview with Uniter

ii. Director Reports

a) Alexandra N. –

- Attended the Canadian Association of Graduate studies conference online
- Met with the working group of the Indigenous student graduate's integration regarding the formation

b) Alizeh F. –

- Getting the Election process started for the MSCSA
- Collaboration with Administration of Menno Simons for the Social Justice fair.

c) Breanna G. –

- Creating a virtual pathway for building encouragement and connection
- Taking to students about making Tutoring and services accessible during the pandemic

d) Celina C. – Nothing to report

e) Dagen P. –

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- Working on policies around the election process
- Meeting with UIC students

f) Jacob A. – Nothing to report

g) Sarah A. –

- Positive space consultation with Jonathan H.
- Working on a training module with K Vargscarr
- Working with election process with J Black
- Contacting Library technician regarding Accessibility in the long run

h) Valerie B. –

- Brainstorming on how to gather the right information on how to represent everyone in the PACE program and working with the program administrator to how to find the best possible ways to get that information properly.

b. Minutes

i. BOD 210127 OPEN

ii. B&P 210126 OPEN

iii. CERC 210129 OPEN

**Jacob A. moves to approve consent agenda omnibus**

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**Alizeh F. moves to change the order of business**

*With this change New Business was discussed before Communications.*

**Motion carries**

**5. New Business**

- a. Elections Hiring committee

Shawna P. requested a current director who will not be seeking re-election to sit on the hiring committee. With a director stepping up to the request, the following motion was called.

**Shawna P. moves to appoint Alexandra N. to the Elections hiring committee.**

**Motion carries.**

**6. Communications**

- a. UWSA Election Reform By-law and Policy Proposal – For Discussion

Shawna P. explained the new proposal and went into details about factors such as accountability and transparency. This includes everyone in the UWSA hierarchy making them accountable for their actions. New changes to the elections process with more help for the CEC with the election process.

After an extensive explanation of the document, the board got an opportunity to discuss and provide feedback.

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**Board lost quorum at 5:59 p.m.,**

however, the Chair decided to continue the meeting as the information was presented for discussion not approval.

J. Black highlighted the major changes of this package while encouraging all to read the package closely.

Among the changes were,

- Extending the term for 2 years for most directorships
- Executive directors cannot run for re-election if they are not enrolled for courses.
- An alternating election cycle for Executive directors

Further discussions arose around the two-year term and being enrolled till end of term. And the division of work between the CEC and the newly created Election campaign facilitator.

b. Positive Space Policy Proposal – For Discussion

John spoke to this proposal; the consultations went well, and the meeting package includes the draft taking account the feedback that was received. The policy is focused in a more retroactive way allowing for more reflecting and healing. Consultations will be ongoing, and the document will see more additions as we go. Later all board members were given a chance to add and provide their feedback.

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**Closed Session**

**7. Consent Agenda**

- a. Minutes
  - i. BOD 210127 CLOSED
  - ii. Committee Minutes

**8. New Business**

- a. Catalyst Consulting Final Report for Public Release

**9. Other Business**

- a. Next Meeting of the Board – Feb 24, 2021 at 5: 30 p.m

**10. Adjournment**