

UWSA Board Meeting
February 28 2017 – 6:00 PM
UWSA Board Room – 515 Portage Avenue

Board In Attendance:

Chair of the Board: Shafagh Daneshfar

Secretary of the Board: Alexandria Ireland

President: Kevin Settee

Vice President External Affairs: Sadie-Phoenix Lavoie

Vice President Students Affairs: Laura Garinger

Accessibility Director: Mohamed Behi

Arts Director: Adrienne Tessier

Business and Economics Director: Mitchell van Ineveld

Community Liaison Co-Director: Andrew Vineberg

Environmental Ethics Director: Oladele Ojewole

LGBT* Director: Jacq Pelland

Science Director: Mohammad Abo Aoun

Status of Women Director: Jade DeFehr

Number of Students in Attendance: 0

Board Absent:

Vice President Internal Affairs: David Fanhbulleh

Aboriginal Student Council Co – Director: Lloyd McDougall

Aboriginal Student Council Co – Director: Daphne Comegan

Education Director: Allan Dunkeld

Part – Time/ Mature Students’ Co – Directors: Hazim Ismail & Laura Gurbhoo

University of Winnipeg Senate: David Wiebe

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The regular monthly meeting of the University of Winnipeg Student Association Board of Directors (UWSA BOD) was held on Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 2M70. The President and Chair being present. The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. The Order of Business was moved by the Vice President of Student Affairs and seconded by the Business and Economics Director to add Role of Directors During Elections, Daycare Expansion, Line 3 Event, C.A.B.S., Counter Demonstration, Breaking Barriers Summit, and Grassroutes to Communications; to add Executive Open Session Minutes to Open Session Minutes under the Consent Agenda; and to add Student Group Room #3 and Attend Conference to the Items for Discussion. The Order of Business was approved unanimously.

Communications

CKUW

The Vice President of Student Affairs presented on CKUW Fun Drive. The Fun Drive achieved \$56,000 out of the \$63,000 goal with continued acceptance of online pledges or pledges received at the bookstore. The Fun Drive proceeds are going towards the salaries of CKUW for the year.

Role of Directors During Elections

The Chair clarified that the Bylaws state that Directors cannot endorse other candidates in the capacity of a director in any form. During elections the Chair encourages to remember that board members all want a friendly and happy environment to work in.

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Daycare Expansion

The President provided an update on UWSA Daycare expansion including continued lack of funding from the provincial government despite last years guarantee for funding. The current budget is \$1.165 million. The UWSA is willing to contribute \$200,000 however, without provinial funding the UWSA will need to fund \$215,000. If the Daycare expansion is not LEED certified, the budget could save \$40,000 to \$45,000.

It was moved by the Arts Director to add “Daycare Expansion” to Other Business. The motion was seconded by the Vice President of External Affairs and passed unanimously

Line 3 Event

The Business and Economics Director presented on the Line 3 Event. A grass roots group that has been organization around the Line 3 expansion. Saturday, March 11 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., there will be a free event “Line 3 101 – Grass Routes Launch feat. Winona LaDuke” partnering with Fernwood.

CABS

The Business and Economics Director presented on the CABS Rountable. CABS is an annual conference for business student groups and this year is will be hosted in Winnipeg with sessions Saturday on Urban Renewable at U of W. The Roundtable is Thursday March 9 – Sunday March 12.

Counter Demonstration

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The Community Liason Director presented on the Counter Demonstration against Winnipeg Islamophobes Saturday, March 4, 11:30 a.m. Far Right group “Canadian Coalition of Concerned Citizens” is rallying nationally through local events that is a local event coordinated nationally in response to a motion put forward condemning Islamphobia. The counter demonstration will show Winnipeg is not the kind of place that will tolerate proud public displays of racism and hatred.

Breaking Barriers

The Vice President of Student Affairs partnered with UWinnipeg Health and Wellness Peer Educators and Jack.org for the Breaking Barriers: Summit on Mental Health. The UWSA has been invited to take part in the conference with three more spots available to B.O.D. members or students. The registration fee is \$25. The summit is March 10th to the 11th.

Grass Routes

The Vice President of External Affairs presented on Grass Routes 2017 March 13th to March 16th. The four days is packed with events focused on a sustainable future. For more information please see <http://grassroutes.ca/>. The B.O.D. is encouraged to promote the events.

Consent Agenda

It was moved by the Art’s Director to approve all reports as omnibus. The motion was seconded by the Science Director and passed unanimously.

Open Session Minutes

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Vice President of Student Affairs called for a Point of Order to report that nothing occurred during the open session Student Life Committee.

The Community Liason Director called for a Point of Session to report that the Friends of Sherbrook Pool are working to develop with the city of Winnipeg a new set of programming. The Friends of Sherbrook Pool, the Community Liason Director and some UWSA members are working to arrange the Sherbrook pool for use of U of W.

It was moved by the Vice President of Student Affairs to pass the Open Session Minutes as omnibus and seconded by the Business and Economics Director. The motion was passed unanimously.

Items for Discussion

RISE

It was moved by the Vice President of External Affairs:

Whereas Racialized and Indigenous youth routinely face all forms of racism, including system racism, overt and covert racism;

Whereas Racialized and Indigenous youth are disadvantaged as a result of the colonial state;

Whereas in order to uplift and strengthen Racialized and Indigenous students need a safe space to learn directly from respected elders and leaders within their community;

Whereas an event creating a safe space for Indigenous students is in the spirit of the recommendations in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission;

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Whereas Indigenous and Racialized students experience intersectional forms of oppression that makes accessing post-secondary education more challenging;

Whereas a National RISE summit was organized in Toronto in March 2016, leaving a huge positive impact on Indigenous and Racialized students here at the University of Winnipeg;

Whereas at the last CFS NGM a motion was passed for National Office to support regional RISEs, but mainly with in-kind support and staff help;

Whereas all locals are expected to contribute towards the Prairie RISE Summit in order for the summit to be a success.

Be it resolved that up to \$5,000 be allotted to the Prairies Racialized and Indigenous Student Experience (RISE) Summit held in March 17-19 2017.

Be it resolved that \$5,000 be donated barring budgetary limitations.

The motion was seconded by the Business and Economics Director and passed unanimously.

Student Group #3 – SEE PRINT

It was moved by the Accessibility Director:

Whereas through consultation with interested students who use the Accessibility Services of UW expressed a need for more space dedicated to students disabled by barriers,

Whereas student group room #3 currently has very low traffic and is sporadically only used by two religious student groups.

Whereas Karolya will talk to them and make sure they are aware of other spaces to book, like student group #1, the UWSA boardroom, and the HIVE.

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Be it resolved, that student group room #3 be repurposed for the Access Lounge/Space.

The motion was seconded by the Science Director and passed unanimously.

Attend Conference

It was moved by the Accessibility Director:

Whereas there is a national inter-campus conference on disability and accessibility Reclaiming Our Bodies and Minds – happening at Ryerson University (Toronto) and supported by CFS; and

Whereas the Accessibility Director has been actively involved in advocating for accessibility on campus, per example the creation of the Access Space; and

Whereas the CFS National office is also supporting student members attending this conference; and

Whereas the conference will be an opportunity for student accessibility leaders to network,

Be it resolved that the UWSA approves \$700 for travel cost and shelter for the Accessibility Director to attend the two day conference happening on March 10th and 11th.

Be it further resolved that this funding comes out of Positive Space Funding.

The motion was seconded by the Science Director and passed unanimously.

Other Business

Daycare Expansion

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It was moved by the Art's Director to table the discussion on the Daycare Expansion to the next BOD meeting to make a decision. The motion was seconded by the Community Liaison Director. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

It was moved by Environmental Ethics Director to adjourn and seconded by the Art's Director. It was carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.