

UWSA Board Meeting – Open Session
January 18 2018 – 5:00 PM
UWSA Board Room – 515 Portage Avenue

Board In Attendance:

Secretary of the Board: Alexandria Ireland

President: Laura Garinger

Vice President External Affairs: Megan Linton

Vice President of Student Affairs: Brenden Gali

Vice President Internal Affairs: Morgan Brightnose

Aboriginal Students' Co-Director: Corey Whitford

Accessibility Director: Mohamed Behi

Community Liaison Director: Jerico Nieves

Education Director: Taylor Daigneault

Environmental Ethics Director: Avery Letkemann

Graduate Students' Director: Laura Cameron

LGBT* Director: Solène Stockwell

Recreation & Athletics Director: Kaijun Zhou

Science Director: Sia Kermani

Status of Women Director: Jade DeFehr

Reid Kotschorek: MSCSA

Students in Attendance:

Darnel Walker

KALE Swamp

Oladele Ojewole

Board Absent:

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Chair of the Board: Michael Barkman

Aboriginal Students' Co-Director: Daphne Comegan

Arts Director: Janel Bortoluzzi

Board of Regents Student Representative: Abraham El-Giadaa

Business and Economics Director: Devin Woodbury

Inner City Campus Co-Director: Lisa Strong

Inner City Campus Co-Director: Martina Saunders

International Students' Director: Simran Badhan

PACE Students' Director: Tolu Ilelaboye

University of Winnipeg Senate Students Representatives: Lester Aidoo &

Waarengeye Vikram

Board of Regents Student Representative: Abraham El-Giadaa

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The regular monthly meeting of the University of Winnipeg Students’

Association Board of Directors (UWSA BOD) was held on Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. in The UWSA Board Room. The Chair was absent and the President in accordance with By-Law 6.4 viii filled the role. The President called the meeting to order at 5:11p.m. It was moved by the Science Director and seconded by the Community Liaison Director to accept the President as Chair of the meeting. The motion carried. It was moved by the Environmental Ethics Director to approve the Order of Business and seconded by the Vice President of External Affairs. It was moved by the Education Director and seconded by the Vice President of External Affairs to amend the Order of Business to add “Referendum Question” and “CKUW Project” to Items for Discussion, to amend “Senate Appointments” to read “Committee Appointments” under Other, and to remove “Campaigns & External Relations Committee Minutes” and “Student Life Committee Minutes” from Open Session Minutes under Consent Agenda. The motion to amend carried. The Order of Business as amended was carried. It was noted by the Vice President of External Affairs to change the burnt out lights in the UWSA Board Room.

Consent Agenda

Open Session Minutes

November 15th, 2017 BOD Open Session Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved as corrected.

Executive Committee Minutes

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The President noted that after consulting with the LGBT centre the title of the centre will change to “Rainbow Lounge”. The motion and justification for the change is outlined in the minutes. The change will be implemented as soon as possible.

Finance & Operations Committee Minutes

The Vice President of Internal Affairs reported that accessible ramps have been ordered and future events will have permits.

Reports

Executive Report – For approval

The President noted the report be amended before posting online with a complete summary.

Executive Hours – For approval

No discussion.

Director’s Report – For approval

Oral Reports:

The Status of Women reported on attending the CFS National meeting. They have been communicating with CFS about a new campaign to protect student workers under the phoenix pay system. They attended Divest meetings, the Executive Committee meeting, and Inclusive Gym Initiative meetings.

The Accessibility Director reported on attending the CFS National meeting, Finance and Operations meeting, Honorary Degrees and Fellowships meeting, and the International Day of Persons with Disabilities event at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights.

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The Aboriginal Students' Co-Director, Corey Witford, reported on ASC

as now fully staffed including, Male Health and Wellness. They are working on programming coming to the University including, a Taco in a Bag fundraiser, friends and family laser tag, and future events such as the upcoming Pow wow in March. If folks are interested in getting involved with events contact Corey at asc@theuwsa.ca.

The LGBT* Director attended Divest meetings and the Finance and Operations meeting.

The Recreation & Athletics Director reported on attending sports centre events. They are in discussion other universities in Canada to talk about sports in their area and e-sports. They are working to develop e-sports at the University of Winnipeg with further information under Communications.

The MSCSA Director reported on the getting the compost working again and a successful speaker series. The MSCSA Sustainability Coordinator is attending meetings for the grassroutes festival.

It was moved by the Education Director and seconded by the MSCSA Director to approve the Open Session Minutes and Reports as omnibus. The motion to approve carried.

Other

Board Resignation

Committee Appointments

The President discussed the opening of spots on the Senate Committee, the Uniter Board, and Reblite Board. The Community Liaison Director will fill the open

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position on the Senate Committee. The Vice President of External Affairs will sit on the Uinter Board. The LGBT* Director, the President, the Science Director, and the Recreation & Athletics Director will act as the Reblite Board. It was moved by the Vice President of Internal Affairs and seconded by the Education Director to approve the appointments. The Science Director abstained. The motion carried. Newly appointed directors will be appointed to sub committees in Other Business.

Communications

E-sport In University

The Recreation & Athletics Director reported on their election platform to provide E-Sport in the University. Their goal is to make a competitive game team for the University. However, the University Internet access blocks gaming sites, and a game team would require a practice space for a few hours a week. They will begin to look for folks interested in registering for the team, and hopes to utilize the fourth floor computer lab for team practice. If they can develop a competitive team there is an opportunity for sponsorship. The Vice President of Student Affairs will connect the Recreation & Athletics Director to the University of Winnipeg League of Legions Student Group.

Board Goals Update

The Board reviewed the progress of goals under a two month and six month timeline. The Status of Women asked on the progress of new methods to Roberts Rules of Order. The President reported there was not a lot of movement on new methods and asked to develop a group to work on new methods.

Items for Discussion

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Breaking Barriers Summit

The Vice President of External Affairs spoke on the Breaking Barriers Summit sponsorship request. They asked the board to think critically on support the event due to jack.org funders and concerns on mainstream mental health campaigns. The Status of Women spoke on concerns of mainstream mental health movements can come from anti-oppressive and feminist standpoints but can also be individualizing. The Status of Women clarified they did not want to deny they can be helpful but these campaigns can cause certain harms. Last year the UWSA provided significant support to the event however, last year the UWSA was a partner for the event instead of a sponsor. The Status of Women mentioned that there are courses on campus that critique the discourse of campaigns like the Breaking Barriers Summit. The Science Director asked for clarification on the Status of Women's meaning of discourse, they replied Mainstream Mental Health Discourse. This discourse can create misinformation and individualization. The Science Director discussed how other professors on campus might support the event. The Vice President of Student Affairs provided a history on the UWSA role in mental health services and their relationship with Jack.org and funding. The Vice President of External Affairs discussed the importance to look at the core values of the organization and to place UWSA sponsorship in local and grassroots movements. They discussed how forms of mental illness like bi-polar disorder, borderline personality disorder, or hearing voices are often forgotten at these submits or seen as illness to fear causing exclusivity. They asked the board to think about who is represented on the spectrum of mental illness in this work. Student Darnel Walker asked if the itinerary

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was available. The President answered No. The MSCSA Representative spoke on the planning stages of the summit.

It was moved by the Vice President of External Affairs and seconded by the LGBT* Director to provide monetary support for ASL interpretation for one day of the conference with stipulation for ASL for a second day of interpretation if there is a second day of programming.

The Status of Women asked if the UWSA would need to sign up for the Silver Level of sponsorship. The Silver Level at \$500 would have the UWSA logo on delegate handouts, one post on facebook and instagram promoting the UWSA's involvement and contribution to the summit, sponsorship recognition throughout the event, and two free tickets to attend. The President answered the UWSA would not need to sign up for the Silver Level if they specify. The Graduate Students' Director asked for future years for the UWSA can provide them suggestions on programming. The President will pass the recommendation on to staff members and the future VPSA.

It was moved by the Education Director and seconded by the Science Director to amend the motion to cap the funding at \$500. The Status of Women spoke on abstaining from the vote citing two groups 1)stoptranspologization and 2)the hearing voices network, and for the promotion of the DSM5 by jack.org. The Science director discussed how they believed that organizations working on mental health need to cite the DSM5. The Status of Women replied that the DSM5 is scientifically contested. The Education Director discussed the contention of DSM5. The President asked the board to keep discussion relevant to the motion.

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The amendment to the motion carried. The Status of Women and the Vice President of Internal Affairs Abstained.

The motion as amended carried with three abstentions. The Status of Women abstained.

The President read allow a message from the organizers on programming plans. The executive after reviewing the program will decide on if the UWSA logo will be shown.

Challenging White Supremacy Panel

The Vice President of Student Affairs highlighted a need for action at the University of Winnipeg to facilitate a conversation on white supremacy on campuses. The UWSA is organizing a speakers panel. They have been planning for the past month and half and will be held on Jan 24th. The Vice President of External Affairs wants to pay \$150 - \$200 for each of the four panelists. Student Darnel Walker asked the board to talk more about example of white supremacy on campus. The Vice President of Student Affairs discussed posters saying “Its Okay to be White” with razor blades on the back found around Winnipeg. Darnel responded with their experience on campus. They have been on campus for two terms and has not seen any signs of white supremacy. They asked for evidence that white people put up the “Its Okay to be White” posters. The Vice President of Student Affairs said they did not have evidence, but the intentions of the poster were clear. They discussed the savings from roll that can be used towards events like this. The

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Graduate Students' Director supported paying the panelists and asked if there was a reference on the payment of panelists in the past for the sake of continuity. The Vice President of External Affairs said that looking at the value of emotion labour on this topic and having a degree of flexibility was important, as previous academic panels may have had less emotional labour.

It was moved by the Vice President of External Affairs and seconded by the Community Liaison Director to pay panelists \$200 each. The motion carried.

Inclusive Change Room Proposal

The President presented the Inclusive Change Room Proposal. The proposal is to create an accessible change room on the second floor of the Duckworth Centre. The proposal would rework an existing washroom off the boardroom beside the ticket booth to separate it from the Boardroom, install a shower and make the space accessible. The washroom would also double as a space for people who do not use gender specific change rooms. The cost of the renovation is about \$25,000. The proposal asks the UWSA to cost share the project 50/50 with a maximum cost of \$12,500 for the UWSA.

This would be much closer than making folks go all the way to the Recplex to change. The Graduate Students's Director asked how the space was suggested and was wondering about other spaces that may be available that compare more to the gendered change rooms. For example locker and sauna spaces inside. Student, Darnel Walker asked if the UWSA owned the space. The President responded No and that it would be a partnership based on the UWSA's prior interest. The Vice

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President of Internal Affairs asked how the UWSA was put on the bill for 50%. The President answered that the project can happen faster if the UWSA sponsors and a student had emailed the UWSA saying they did not have a space to shower. The President said they would look into other space options. The Vice President of External Affairs asked if there will be a chair in the shower and if the entire space will be accessible. They also discussed that creating a new space that is so separate from other spaces isn't inclusive but creates otherness and exclusivity. Additionally they have found the University has a level of comfort to ask for funding from the UWSA when it is social justice oriented. The Status of Women asked if the gym managers are aware of the proposals yet, and they would not be comfortable voting on this yet because they have found the gym managers to be very eager and open to conversation on ways to do better. They believe it is necessary to have a gender-neutral space but also believes the UWSA needs to talk to the gym managers first. The LGBT* Director discussed the balance of urgency for folks to have a space conflicting with just getting it done with it done well. The Science Director discussed that it seemed the plans were all already in place. The Graduate Students' Director asked how long the process was going on for and if the UWSA can still have someone look at the downstairs area and alternative spaces. The President asked if the Inclusive Change Room Proposal could be tabled to the next meeting. The Board answered yes. The President asked for all other concerns to be emailed to them.

Referendum Question

It was moved by Education and seconded by the Vice President of Internal Affairs.

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WHEREAS the Education Students' Association has recommended a levy process as a form of income generation to better serve Education students at the University of Winnipeg and

WHEREAS the passing of the Advanced Education Administration Amendment Act will cause tuition fees to increase, adding financial strain to students currently enrolled in the Faculty of Education and

WHEREAS pre-service teachers are expected to absorb the costs of the supplies they provide their students during their practica

BE IT RESOLVED that the UWSA pose the referendum question "The University of Winnipeg Students' Association will impose a levy on EDUC courses of 25 cents per credit hour to be accessed only by the Education Students' Association as a means to create awards, bursaries, grants, or foundation investments with the express purpose of supporting Education students at the University of Winnipeg" on the ballot during the next general election.

The Vice President of Student Affairs said if the motion were passed the use of funds would be tracked. The Education Director discussed similar processes at other Canadian Universities. The motion carried.

CKUW PROJECT

The President provided an outline of the previous BOD meeting and concerns of the staircase feature in CKUW designs.

Recommendations by the UWSA BOD are as follows:

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- 1) No decisions based on construction prior to the release of an accessibility audit
- 2) The belief that a second floor/two floor station without a staircase disconnects workers within the space is the exact reason the UWSA does not want a staircase, as that would alienate folks constantly at risk of alienation.
- 3) It's inappropriate to give a proposal two days before it needs to be received
- 4) The UWSA does not want the staircase and if the UWSA is paying the amount of the budget CKUW requested they will not support.
- 5) Renegotiating UWSA presence on CKUW board

It was moved by the Vice President of External Affairs and seconded by the Science Director.

Where as staircases without subsequent elevators are isolating and alienating.

Be it resolved that the UWSA condemns the use of the staircase in this design and will not support this design as stands.

During discussion the Vice President of Student Affairs spoke that they were confused by the proposal because the UWSA BOD does not know the redesign. The Science Director asked if the increase in cost was due to the addition of an elevator with the staircase and asked why the cost would increase by removing the staircase. The Community Liaison director stated the CKUW needed to be more transparent with the UWSA on their design. The Environmental Ethics director asked if there was a way to have a UWSA BOD member sit in the meetings for the space committee. The President asked that the Vice President of Student Affairs sits on the CKUW meetings but the Space Committee is different. The President will add this to

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an action plan. The Vice President of Students Affairs stated they could change the financial agreement to a loan with CKUW. The Recreation and Athletics Director discussed asking the CKUW for a complete plan before any financial agreements.

The motion carried.

Regarding the CKUW Financial memo the UWSA will consult with their auditor about the exact amount of funds and pursue a payment plan.

Other Business

It was moved by the Community Liaison Director and seconded by the Vice President of Internal Affairs to approve The MSCSA Director once ratified to the Student Life Committee. Carried.

Adjournment

It was moved by the Environmental Ethics Director and seconded by the Accessibility Director to adjourn. Adjournment was carried. The regular monthly meeting of the UWSA BOD was adjourned at 8:10p.m.