

UWSA Board of Directors Meeting
January 27, 2016 – 4:00 p.m.
9th Floor Rice Board Room

1. Call to Order at 4:12 PM

2. Approval of the Order of Business

Bylaw amendments removed by the Chair: no discussion

Motion to approve the Order of Business

S. Lavoie/A. Tessier

Motion carries.

3. Communications

a) Financial Update

E. Epp presented the state of current organizational finances by department, and clarified the meaning of the lines in response to Board questions.

- EcoPIA has won an award, a sizeable grant of \$4,000 for a Seed Library.
- Foodbank is on track and well within budget.
- Aboriginal Student Council is well within budget, and is operating under-budget, and will be sending ten students to the Racialized Indigenous Student Experience (RISE).
- Women Trans-Spectrum Centre is on par with a small surplus and fundraised \$800, so they have room to put on Events and have fun with their collective
- Campaigns is under-utilized due to the Campaign Organizer position resigning, currently using funds for active campaigns.
- Bike Lab is over in each line except for Wages, but all purchases have been made for the year and the Staffing Structure will change for the remainder of the year to reflect restricted hours and to finish with a balanced budget.
- InfoBooth had a budgeted deficit, which we still finish with, but it will be smaller than we thought.
- International Students' Association hasn't been very active, resulting in a potentially substantial surplus.
- LGBT* Centre went over budget in a few lines, but have fundraised \$1100, more than enough to balance the budget.
- Positive Space appears to be on track, but there is a recent update that puts us over budget in this line.
- SafeWalk has spent \$53! The SafeWalk Coordinator is the last employee position that is honorarium based.
- Elections is balanced and we are in a good position going into the General Election with \$6000-7000 available.
- Student Support Program is basically out of money for the year. All grants have been given out. Cash is low but there are still grocery gift cards available. The program was accessed more this year than last year, so we will be making decisions in the next little while and coming to the Board for some direction.

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- index budgeted a deficit but it looks like we will be under that. Coffee service is just starting up, so we will be looking at taking in more revenue in the next little while.
- Events department update does not include Snowed In, but it went smoothly and with a balanced budget. \$9500 surplus, and are in a solid position for the remainder of the year.
- Health Plan Admin also underspent for the year, will be meeting with the Coordinator to build for next year's budget.
- Health Plan Dental deficit has had a substantial deficit, but is in the process of being remedied in cooperation with UWinnipeg Financial Department.
- (D. Ojewole arrived at 4:30)
- Admin department is doing well and aside from the \$200,000 un-budgeted donation to the Opportunity Fund. We have spoken with our Auditor to add a line for deferred revenue to spread this out and make it more reflective of our financial reality.

b. REBLITE Board

A. Melamedoff noted that some Bylaw Amendments were passed, including the introduction of a REBLITE Board, which stands for Referenda and Election Bylaw and Transparency Enforcement Board. This body evaluates the decision-making of the Chief Elections Commissioner and receives updates on how the Elections are going. If Board members would like to be a part of the REBLITE Board they can speak to the Board Chair.

J.Blackman specified that flexibility in scheduling is required, and encouraged Board Members to reach out to student friends that may be interested as well.

4. Consent Agenda

a) Reports

- i. Director Reports
- ii. Executive Reports
- iii. Executive Hours

b. Open Session Minutes

- i. Board of Directors Meeting Minutes (November 27, 2015)
- ii. Executive Committee Meeting Minutes (December 9, 2015, January 20, 2016)
- iii. Finance and Operations Committee Meeting Minutes (January 15, 2016)

Motion to approve Reports and Open Session Minutes omnibus.

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A. Tessier/S. Lavoie
Motion carries.

(M. Barkman entered and exited, 4:37 PM)

5. Items for Discussion

a) Policy Amendments

i. Section 1.1 Appeals.

J.Blackman circulated policy amendments for the Board’s consideration, Section 1.1 Appeals, and housekeeping changes to formatting.

K. Loepky described her concerns with advocating on behalf of students accused of Sexual Misconduct. K. Loepky emphasized the importance of a survivor-centered approach.

The Board discussed the nature of advocacy and the approach of particular students/cases in the scope of this policy. The concerns expressed about particular cases are not prevented by this policy.

K. Loepky would like to exclude situations related to Sexual Misconduct Protocol from the policy. Sexual Misconduct is different because of the survivor-centered approach.

J. Blackman stressed that he would not like to support someone who is accused of something discriminatory in any way, and would like to reserve the choice.

(K. Settee entered at 4:53 PM)

A. Melamedoff recapped the changes, the addition of item (a), which stresses that students disclose a truthful account to UWSA representatives, and changing the word “appeal” to “advocate”.

Motion to move the policy amendments to section 1.1 Appeals.

J.Blackman/P.Veitch

Motion carries.

ii. Section 11: Student Groups.

Motion to approve policy amendments to Section 11: Student Groups.

J. Blackman/M. Black

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J.Blackman motivated by moving through the changes to Student Group policy related to the inclusion of community members, an increase in printing budget application, and the ability to apply for additional funding. J.Blackman answered questions from the Board regarding the changes, particularly with the distinction between student members with paid positions, and student members with unpaid positions and community group connections.

A.Tessier moved the following amendments:

- g. Must re-apply each year to approve Student Group status.
- Will be taken as a friendly amendment.

The group is comprised of University of Winnipeg students and non-University of Winnipeg students. They may have funding or support from external organizations or chapters, with the exception of the University of Winnipeg.

P.Veitch suggested the following wording:

Affiliated Groups may have consistent funding or support from external organizations or chapters.

Moved: A. Tessier

Seconded: P. Veitch

Amendment carries.

Comments and questions were discussed by members and students.

All in favour of adopting the new policy and striking the old policy.
Motion carries.

b) Space Proposal

K. Vargscarr gave background information and motivated proposal.

Motion to adopt the Office and Student Group Space Re-Structuring Proposal as recommended by Finance and Operations

Moved: E. Epp

Seconded: J. Blackman

All in favour, none opposed

Motion carries

c) Consent Culture Forum Funding

Motion to approve a donation of \$1000 in funding for the Consent Cultural Forum.

K. Loeppky/E. Epp

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K. Loeppky described that a cross-cultural consent culture forum combatting sexual violence on campuses is coming up, is bringing a proposal forward to ask for \$1000 in funding for this event. Has registration forms for Directors who would like to get involved.

E. Epp outlined options for funding that were plausible.

All in favour
Motion carries.

Motion to move into closed session and invite K. Vargscarr in
J. Blackman/A. Tessier
Motion carries.

6. Closed Session

a) Student Group Approval

- i. Economic Students - Recognized
- ii. Greek Students' Society - Affiliated
- iii. Games Club - Recognized
- iv. Young Parents' Movement of Winnipeg - Affiliated
- v. UW Wildlife Society - Affiliated
- vi. Billionaire's Club - Recognized
- vii. UW Campus Association for Baha'i - Affiliated

b) Approval of Closed Session Minutes

- i. Board of Directors Meeting Minutes (November 27, 2015)
- ii. Executive Committee Meeting Minutes (January 20, 2016)
- iii. Finance and Operations Committee Meeting Minutes (January 15, 2016)

c) Student At-Large Resignation

7. Other Business

a) AGM

J. Blackman announced the AGM March 23, 2016.

b) General Election Query

A. Tessier requested that the rules and regulations for Board members are laid out for the UWSA General Election, particularly if Board members are running.

J. Blackman requested that A. Tessier ask him or speak to the Chief Elections Officer.

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Clear ones include: not using UWSA resources, your UWSA title, nor to represent the UWSA in campaigning or making purchases. Do not campaign for anyone, and stay away from the UWSA General Offices.

(T.Du entered at 5:39 PM)

c) Rec Director Announcements

M. Black is promoting rec events, and the Duckworth Challenge is wrapping up in the competition against UManitoba. Serving bison burgers, and money raised is going to the Breast Cancer Awareness fundraising for the Women's Basketball Team. Feb 4th at 6:30. 12th and 13th Canada West Wrestling Championships. Prepare for a wrestling bombardment in Riddell at some point, they are trying to do promotion. KATSA is hosting a super bowl party with Pong, had 18 teams participate last time and did really well. \$10 at the door at Garbanzo's, and you get a piece of pizza. Games are free for all students, and you can buy beer and hot dogs.

8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 5:44.

P.Veitch/K.Loepky

Motion carries.