

**UWSA Board Meeting – OPEN**  
**July 24, 2020 – 5:30 p.m.**  
Virtual Meeting due to COVID -19 Pandemic

**Board in Attendance:**

Acting Chair: Taylor Daigneault

Accessibility Director: Sarah Anderson

Arts Director: Wesley Fallis

Community Liaison: Celina Clements

Graduate Students' Co-Director: Alexandra K.Nychuk

Graduate Students' Co-Director: Nadia M. Chaharsoughi

International Students' Co-Director: Elsa Owusu

International Students' Co-Director: Onyinye Francisca Idigbe

Menno Simons College Director: Alizeh Faran

Racialized Students' Director: Ella Taylor

Urban Inner-City Campus Director: Dagen Perrot

**Board Regrets:**

Secretary of the Board: Hasini Abeysekera

Business and Economics Director: Harsimrat S. Malhotra

**Board Absent:**

2SLGBTQ\* Director: Jacob K. Antman

**Board on Administrative Leave:**



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President: Jibril Hussein

Vice -President External Affairs: Breanna Belisle

Vice -President Student Affairs: Melanie William

**Staff in Attendance:**

Karolya Vargscarr: Chief Operating Officer

Jennifer Black: General Manager

Sam Sarty: Events Manager

**Guests in Attendance:**

UWSA Legal Counsel: Iain McDonald

CFS-MB Chairperson: Brenden Gali

**1. Call to Order**

The regular monthly meeting of the University of Winnipeg Students' Association Board of Directors (UWSA BOD) was held on Friday, July 24, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. via a virtual meeting due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. following the confirmation of quorum.

J. Black announced that Cameron Adams has officially resigned from his seat as Indigenous Students Representative.

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**2. Approval of the Order of Business**

**Ella T. moves to approve the order of business**

**Motion Carries**

**Dagen P. moves to add “Discuss Further Action Regarding the 2020-2021**

**Executive Slate” as item 7.d.**

**Motion Carries**

**3. Closed Session**

**a. Chief Operating Officer Report**

**b. Executive Leave and Board Meeting Participation – Consultation**

**with Legal Counsel**

**4. Open Session**

**Dagen P. moves to enter open session**

**Motion Carries**

**Sarah A. moves to take a 10-minute recess**

**Motion Carries**

The meeting was called back to order at 7:32 p.m.

**5. Special Business**

**a. Roll Call**

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S. Sarty presented a few different potential models for Roll Call that the events department has been working on to accommodate back-to-class celebrations during the pandemic; however, word received from the University today has prohibited any on-campus event that invites students to visit the campus, even if social distancing measures are taken. Sarty collected feedback and ideas from directors to be incorporated into the new plans. Sarty also recommended that item 6.c.iv. Sanitary Station Capital Proposal be struck from the agenda, as it will no longer be necessary.

**6. Consent Agenda**

**a. Reports**

**i. Director's Reports**

Dagen P. – weekly check-ins with UIC ended in early July and moved to a semi-weekly model to give participants a bit more space. Tech accommodation efforts are still underway, currently securing deals and offers for students from electronics providers and looking into capital purchase of laptops for departments to be lent or rented to students.

Sarah A. – communicating with students with disabilities that are reaching out with questions to try to prepare for the school year, helping connect students to Accessibility Services and acting as a liaison.

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Ella T. – working with Justice 4 Black Lives Winnipeg and Black Student Union.

Has been appointed to the Daniel McIntyre Community Association,  
providing services and support to Black and Indigenous People.

**a. Minutes**

ii. BOD 200708 OPEN

**Ella T. moves to approve the consent agenda omnibus**

**Motion Carries**

**7. New Business**

**a. Updated Budget**

**Dagen P. moves to approve the revised budget**

**Motion Carries**

**b. Board of Regents and Senate Report Recommendations**

J. Black presented the report as amended and asked for a motion to support the recommendations.

**Dagen P. moves:**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT by-law 4.3.v is amended to read:**

**“If, after the UWSA General Election, there are vacancies within the required number of student representatives outlined by the University of Winnipeg Act for the University of Winnipeg Board of Regents and/or the University of Winnipeg Senate, the UWSA Board of Directors shall be permitted to appoint students to fill those**

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vacancies. ~~These appointments must be made by July 1 of each year.~~

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the By-law and Policy Committee (upon reconvening) shall be tasked with developing by-law changes to encourage more candidates to run for Regent/Senate seats and/or policy and procedures for appointing student Senators and Regents on a go-forward basis.**

**Motion Carries**

**Celina C. moves:**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the following appointments are made: Ali Nychuck – Proxy – Student Appeals Committee**

**Motion Carries**

**c. Capital Proposals**

**i. Remote Offices – General Office**

J. Black presented the capital proposal and asked for a motion to support the purchase request

**Ali N. moves:**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the UWSA allocates \$1,014.46 in capital funding to purchase ergonomic home office solutions for UWSA staff.**

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**Motion Carries**

ii. Semester Bus Pass Subsidy – Services

J. Black and K. Vargscarr presented the report and discussed meetings so far with University on the subsidy. Vargscarr took recommendations from directors for students that should be prioritized for the subsidy: International students, student parents and students with families, students with disabilities, first year students. J. Black requested a motion to support the recommendations.

**Dagen P. moves:**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the UWSA works with UWinnipeg Administration to set up and administer a Semester Bus Pass Subsidy program (the subsidy).**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the eligibility criteria for the subsidy will be as follows:**

- 1) The applicant must meet the eligibility criteria for the U-Pass (must be a full-time undergraduate or graduate student at the University of Winnipeg);**
- 2) The applicant must apply through UWinnipeg Student Services and provide proof of purchase of the standard Winnipeg Transit Semester Bus Pass.**

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**BE IT FURTHER RESLOVED THAT the subsidy will cover the full \$78 fee deferential between the U-Pass and the Semester Pass using the following distribution model:**

- 1) During the months of August and September, only applicants with demonstrated financial need as established by UWinnipeg’s Award and Financial Aid Office, and who meet the eligibility criteria, will be awarded the subsidy;**
- 2) Starting October 1, subsidies will be awarded to all applicants who meet the eligibility criteria on a first-come/first-served basis until funds are exhausted.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the UWSA allocates \$25,000 of capital funds to the Semester Bus Pass Subsidy program.**

**Elsa O. moves to amend the motion to add:**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT those who meet the following criteria will be prioritized for the subsidy:**  
**International Students, People with Disabilities, First Year Students, Single Parents and Students with Families.**

**Accepted as a friendly amendment**



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**Motion Carries**

iii. **Bike Lab Security – Services**

J. Black presented the report and asked for a motion to support the purchase request.

**Dagen moves:**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the UWSA allocates \$6,153.84 of capital funding for the installation of an aluminum shutter system for the Bike Lab.**

**Motion Carries**

**d. Chair of the Board – Back up Appointment**

Taylor D. explained that the by-laws indicate that the President acts as Chair in the Chair's absence and, because the President is on leave, making a back-up appointment to the Chair is prudent.

**Alizeh F. moves to appoint Dagen P. as Chair of the Board in the event that Taylor is unable to fulfill the duties.**

**Motion Carries**

**8. Closed Session**

**a. Minutes**

i. BOD 200708 CLOSED

**b. Chair of the Board Hiring Process**

**c. Catalyst Consulting Update**

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**d. Discuss Further Action Regarding the 2020-2021 Executive Slate**

**Ali N. moves to exit closed session**

**Motion Carries**

**9. Other Business**

**10. Adjournment**

**Ali N. moves to adjourn at 8:57 p.m.**

**Motion Carries**