

**UWSA Board Meeting – OPEN**  
**July 8, 2020 – 5:30 p.m.**  
Virtual Meeting due to COVID -19 Pandemic

**Board in Attendance:**

Acting Chair: Taylor Daigneault

Secretary of the Board: Hasini Abeysekera

Accessibility Director: Sarah Anderson

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 F. Idigbe

Menno Simons College Director: Alizeh Faran

Urban Inner-City Campus Director: Dagen Perrot

**Board Regrets:**

Business and Economics Director: Harsimrat S. Malhotra

Indigenous Students' Director: Cameron Adams

**Board Absent:**

Arts Director: Wesley Fallis

Community Liaison: Celina Clements

2SLGBTQ\* Director: Jacob K. Antman

Racialized Students' Director: Ella Taylor



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**Board on Administrative Leave:**

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

Yemi Olaleye: Chief Financial Officer

Ted Turner: Special Projects Manager

**Guests in Attendance:**

University of Winnipeg Senate Student Representative: Cheta D. Akaluka

University of Winnipeg Senate Student Representative: Ada Chukwudozie

Rostant John

Alexandra Koslock

**1. Call to Order**

The regular monthly meeting of the University of Winnipeg Students' Association Board of Directors (UWSA BOD) was held on Wednesday July 8, 2020 at 5:30pm via a virtual meeting due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Taylor Daigneault will be taking over duties as

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Chair of the Board for this meeting as currently the Chair position remains vacant. The  
Chair called the meeting to order at 5:41p.m. following the confirmation of quorum.

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

**Alexandra K. moves that “Executive participation in meetings” is added to the agenda  
under 7.c.**

**Motion carries**

**Motion to approve the agenda as amended**

**Moved by Alexandra N.**

**Motion carries**

**3. Special Business**

a. Motion – MSC Director

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT Alizeh Faran is appointed as the Menno Simons  
College Director.**

**Moved by Alexandra K.**

**Motion carries**

**4. Consent Agenda**

a) Reports

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i. Director's Reports

Alizeh F. – Nothing yet to report

Dagen P. - maintaining weekly check-ins with students, exploring different options for providing computer services to students while campuses are closed, looking for ways to build student involvement with the UWSA.

Francisca I. and Elsa O. - directed students to the u-pass survey, building a list of hospitals that direct bill for international students, worked with CFS-MB on a release on behalf of international students, meeting with IIRSS.

Nadia C. and Alexandra N. - connecting with grad students and providing them with help and guidance, organizing a townhall for graduate students to connect across faculties.

Sarah A. – directed students to the u-pass survey, working closely with CFS-MB to facilitate their grant for students with disabilities as applications are now coming in.

**Dagen P. moves to approve the reports omnibus**

**Motion Carries**

b) Minutes

i. BOD 200603 OPEN

ii. BOD 200612 OPEN



BOD 200708 OPEN

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iii. BOD 200616 OPEN

**Sarah A. moves to approve the minutes omnibus**

**Motion Carries**

**5. Communications**

a. Pandemic Operations Update

K. Vargscarr provided an update about UWSA operations. The University has provided its plan for the upcoming months. They will be accessible by appointment only. Therefore, the UWSA must remain a remotely operated organization and the board can continue to move and make decisions under the assumption that we will be remote until Winter 2021 at the earliest.

**6. New Business**

a. U-Pass Survey Results and Next Steps

J. Black provided an update about the results of the U-Pass survey. They are as follows:

Total (after deducting invalid entries): 1213

Yes: 570

No: 643



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K. Vargscarr presented operational concerns about offering the u-pass with the campus closed. T. Turner assured the board that the city is operating in good faith, and the u-pass will not be in jeopardy if it is temporarily suspended due to the extenuating circumstances of the COVID-19 crisis. After detailed discussion among the directors the board decided to put forward the following motion.

**Sarah A. moves to suspend the U-Pass program for the Fall term, and to move forward with work to provide a subsidy program for the Semester Pass.**

**Motion Carries**

**One abstention - Elsa O.**

b. Quarterly Finance Report and Updated Budget

K. Vargscarr and Y. Olayeye shared that there is an expected 2% decline in enrollment as projected by UWinnipeg administration on June 5; UWSA is projecting a 4% loss in revenue. There will be a 30% decline in parent fees at the Daycare because of public health restrictions requiring a decrease in child enrollment. The proposed budget reduces all operating lines to accommodate the overall projected losses in revenue.

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The Chair flagged that the motion to approve this budget was not duly submitted, violating by-law 10.5.xi.b. “Amendments to the Budget of the UWSA must be approved by vote at a meeting of the Board of Directors and may be made only after: Notice has been given to Directors at least one (1) week in advance or bringing such amendment to the Board of Directors.” The motion was therefore considered presented for information and will be considered at the next meeting of the board.

c. UWSA Interim Operational Changes to Accommodate Executive Leave

**WHEREAS the UWSA Executive are currently on a leave of absence;**  
**AND WHEREAS the Executive chair the majority of committees, hold many of the appointed committee seats, and bring forward the majority of committee business; AND WHEREAS past boards have appointed committees in September, instead running summer business through the board directly;**

**AND WHEREAS without Executive leadership, staff will need to hear more regular feedback from the board:**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the UWSA suspends the board sub-committees as appointed, until the Executive leave is resolved, and instead brings all business through the board directly;**

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT board meetings are scheduled bi-weekly instead of monthly until the Executive leave is resolved.**

**Moved by Francisca I.**

**Motion Carries**

**Dagen P. moves to take a ten-minute recess**

**Motion carries**

**The Chair called the meeting back to order at 7:48 p.m.**

d. Board of Regents and Senate Report and Recommendations

J. Black spoke about the meeting she had with the University Secretary about what gaps need to be filled on the Board of Regents and Senate while the executive are on leave, and recommended a motion which included: by-law changes to allow the board to make appointments to the Senate after July 1; filling empty Senate seats with volunteer directors; and appointing proxy representatives from those appointments to fill the Senate Committee seats currently vacated by Breanna B. and Melanie W.

The Chair flagged that this motion was not duly submitted, violating by-law 12.1.iv: “Notice of changes to the By-Laws shall be available to the membership on the UWSA website and by paper copy as requested,



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fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting at which they will be voted upon”. The motion was therefore considered presented for information and will be considered at the next meeting of the board.

e. CFS-MB Local 8 Representative, Temporary Appointment

J. Black presented the request from CFS-MB for the board to appoint a temporary Local 8 representative to fill Breanna B.’s vacancy on the provincial executive.

**Alexandra N. moves that Francisca I. is appointed as the Local 8 Representative on the Canadian Federation of Students Manitoba Provincial Executive until the UWSA Executive leave is resolved.**

**Motion Carries**

## **7. Closed Session**

**Sarah A. moves to enter closed session with an invitation to attending staff**

**Motion Carries**

a. Minutes

i. BOD 200603 CLOSED

ii. BOD 200616 CLOSED

b. Pandemic Operations Update

c. Executive Participation in Meetings

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d. Discussion of Recent UWSA Statement

e. Discussion of Paid Executive Leave

**Francisca I. moves to exit closed session**

**Motion Carries**

**8. Other Business**

**9. Adjournment**

**Sarah A. moves to adjourn at 9:22 p.m.**

**Motion carries**