

UWSA Board Meeting – OPEN
June 16, 2020 – 5:30 p.m.
Virtual Meeting due to COVID -19 Pandemic

Board in Attendance:

Interim Chair of the Board: Taylor Daigneault

Accessibility Director: Sarah Anderson

Arts Director: Wesley Fallis

Graduate Students' Co-Director: Alexandra Nychuk

Indigenous Students' Director: Cameron Adams

International Students' Co-Director: Elsa Owusu

International Students' Co-Director: Francisca Idigbe

Menno Simons College Director: Alexandra Koslock

Racialized Students' Director: Ella Taylor

Urban and Inner-City Campus Director: Dagen Perrott

President: Jibril Hussein

Vice -President External Affairs: Breanna Belisle

Vice -President Student Affairs: Melanie William

Board Regrets:

Secretary of the Board: Hasini Abeysekera

Business and Economics Director: Harsimrat Sing Malhotra

Board Absent:

2SLGBTQ* Director: Jacob Antman

Community Liaison Director: Celina Clements

Indigenous Students' Co-Director: Kaylin Malcolm

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Graduate Students' Co-Director: Nadia M. Chaharsoughi

Staff in Attendance:

Chief Operating Officer: Karolya Vargscarr

General Manager: Jennifer Black

Communications Manager: Shreya Jhunjunwala

Guests in Attendance:

Alizeh Faran

Lena Andres

Jamie Irvine

Maria Farag

Pearl Irabor

Shenal Fernando

1. Call to Order

The duly called meeting of the University of Winnipeg Students' Association Board of Directors (UWSA BOD) was held on Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. via the virtual platform Zoom due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. following the confirmation of quorum.

The house introduced themselves and the Chair explained the UWSA Rules of Order.

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2. Approval of the Chair

Ella T. moved that Taylor Daigneault is appointed as interim Chair of the Board.

Motion carries

3. Approval of the Order of Business

Ella T. moves to approve the order of business.

Motion carries

4. New Business

a. Executive Leave Decision

KV – presented the advice of UWSA legal counsel and the University of Winnipeg’s Human Rights and Diversity Office (HRDO) that the Executive be placed on a leave while the investigation is ongoing.

The house discussed impacts that the leave might have on an investigation and UWSA work.

Ella T. moves to place the Executive Directors on a paid administrative leave until the HRDO investigation is complete.

Motion carries.

b. U-Pass Suspension for Fall Term

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KV – presented the recommendation that the U-Pass be suspended for the fall term because the University has alerted us that the vast majority of classes will be online in the fall.

The house discussed the impacts of suspending the U-Pass on the most vulnerable students and expressed a need for community consultation on the matter.

Dagen P. moves to suspend the U-Pass from the Fall 2020 term student fees and reassess the fee in advance of the January 2021 Winter term commencement and fee evaluation period

Motion fails

Francisca I. moves that the UWSA hold consultations with students and community on whether or not they support suspending the U-Pass in the fall term.

Motion carries

Alexandra K moves for a 5-minute recess.

Motion carries

Meeting called back to order at 6:58 p.m.

5. Closed Session

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Ella T. moves that the meeting enter closed session with an invitation to attending UWSA staff and the Executive Directors currently on leave.

Motion carries

6. Other Business

7. Adjournment

Ella T. moves to adjourn the meeting at 9:38 p.m.

Motion carries

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