

University of Winnipeg Students' Association Board of Directors
OPEN Session Meeting Minutes, March 10, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.
Virtual Meeting due to the COVID – 19 Pandemic

Board in Attendance:

Chair of the Board: Anjola Aderinto

Secretary of the Board: Hasini Abeysekera

2SLGBTQ* Director: Jacob K. Antman

Accessibility Director: Sarah Anderson

Community Liaison: Celina Clements

Education Director: Breanna Gans

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

PACE Director: Valerie Bermudez

President: Shawna Peloquin

Science Director: Olivia Ferreira

Student Living Director: Kiratveer Hayer

Urban Inner-City Campus Director: Dagen Perrot

Vice-President External Affairs: Jonathan Henderson

Board Absent:

Business and Economics Director: Harsimrat S. Malhotra

Indigenous Students' Co-Director: Gracie Grift

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Indigenous Students' Co-Director: Zackery Anderson

Menno Simons College Director: Alizeh Faran

Racialized Students' Director: Shubham Aman Kumar

Recreation and Athletics Director: Jacob Wiseman

Women and Non-Binary Students Director: Ershiya Bagheri

Staff in Attendance:

Karolya Vargscarr: Chief Operating Officer

Jennifer Black: General Manager

Olayemi Olaleye: Chief Financial Officer

Thomas Hanan: Admin Assistant

Guests in Attendance:

Pearl Irabor

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Open Session

1. Call to Order

The regular monthly meeting of the University of Winnipeg Students' Association Board of Directors was held on Wednesday March 10, 2021 at 5:30pm via a virtual meeting due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

Following the confirmation of quorum, a round of introduction was done, and the house continued to the agenda.

2. Approval of the Order of Business

Shawna P. moves to approve the Order of Business

Motion carries

3. Special Business

4. Consent Agenda

a. Reports

i. Executive Reports

a) Shawna P.

- Informed on Social media that she will not be seeking re-election for her position.
- Working with the University regarding Ethical Investments

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- Working on Strategic planning consultations and will be seeking a consultation firm to bring forward a strategic planning session in April.

b) Jonathan H.

- Working on campaigning about Bill 33 and strategizing to fight it and met with Jamie Moses of NDP and Douglas Vermont of the Liberal party.
- Finalizing the Student learning survey with CERC and will be approving it the next week to have it put out on the website.
- Partook in the Anti-Racism training that was provided for the staff.

ii. Director Reports

a) Breanna G.

- Attended the Finance and Operations meeting
- Partook in the UWSA game night

b) Celina C. – Nothing to report

c) Dagen P.

- Attended the Finance and Operations meeting
- Met with the library staff for a follow up meeting regarding the new library space

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- Had the UICSA check in with students

d) Elsa

- Had conversations with IRSS regarding support for the International students in need
- Working closely with CFS Manitoba concerning the health care plan for International students
- Interacting with International students via their Instagram page regarding updates with Covid-19

e) Francisca – Following Elsa's report, nothing to add.

f) Jacob A. – Nothing to report

g) Kiratveer H.

- Meeting with Shawna P. to discuss Student living problems in the residences regarding building management.

h) Sarah A.

- Looking into negotiating with the University about the Financial side of the Doors campaign and its variables

i) Valerie B.

- Met via Zoom with PACE students and shared information regarding her end of Directorship and received multiple emails regarding the upcoming vacancy of the seat.

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- Working to build more connection between the PACE and the University
- Started connections with the library and was appointed a seat on the Library committee.

b. Minutes

i. BOD 210224 OPEN

ii. F&O 210224 OPEN

O. Olaleye gave a brief presentation regarding the Proposed Budget for 2022. He presented the Revenue and Expenditure of the operating budget. For some of the key takeaways, He mentioned that the revenue increased by 3% while the expenses saw an increase of 4%, and project zero deficit for the coming year. Further the revenues were explained, and he showed that the biggest chunk is generated by student fees.

Further in response to questions asked, he explained how there was a surplus and explained expected subsidies.

Later K. Vargscarr notified the board of the possible volition of a by-law since there had being last minute changes to the budget and the documents were not presented a week ahead. To avoid this the house proposed the motion below.

Jacob A. moves to table the ratification of the budget until the next board meeting on April 7 to allow proper notice of the budget documentation.

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Motion carries

Shawna P. moves to approve consent agenda omnibus

Motion carries

5. Communications

a. Board Meeting Rescheduling

J. Black gave an explanation that this date is also the last day of voting for the rescheduled general election and because it is not appropriate to hold a board meeting as election results are being announced, the March 31 meeting will be rescheduled for Wednesday, April 7, 5:30 p.m.

She also mentioned that if there were any questions or concerns, they can be brought to the Chair and it will be up to the Chair to uphold this ruling or not.

New Business

b. AGM Meeting Rescheduling

Shawna P. speaks to this, she explained the importance of the AGM and the by-law framework of holding it after the elections. Later by-law 9.1 was read out and the consultations of the legal team was explained by Jen.

The recommendation was to hold the AGM soon after election.

Later the embers spoke about the motion.

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WHEREAS UWSA By-law 9.1 states that the Annual General Meeting is to be held at the University of Winnipeg every year following the general election and no later than the first day of spring.

AND WHEREAS The election cycle has been rescheduled to take place from March 1 to March 31, 2021 to accommodate the election reform process; thereby making it impossible for the UWSA to comply with the aforementioned by-law.

AND WHEREAS The AGM is currently scheduled to take place on March 17 at 12:30 p.m., in the middle of the general election cycle.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the UWSA reschedules the AGM for April 1 at 12:30 p.m.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the UWSA issue notice to the membership about the reason for rescheduling the AGM and offer a means for students to provide feedback on the decision.

Motion carries

Abstention: Kiratveer H.

- c. The UWSA International Student Health Plan Bursary – For Information

Shawna P. mentioned that they have been working with the Administration of the University and the Winnipeg foundation to establish an International student healthcare fund bursary and the UWSA approached with a donation of \$150,000.00 from the capital budget. Shawna P. and the UWSA have also been in

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contact to establish the qualifying criteria and have this ready by this year fall for students to access.

Alexandra N. moves to resume after a ten-minute break

Motion carries

Dagen P. moves to add a Special question discussion phase on the Library

Shawna P. speaks to this and starts by introducing the Library project that was Introduced to the Board few months ago regarding the engagement with the student association and also suggested this motion be tabled to the Bylaw and Policy committee. The motion was then passed around the table for directors to express their opinions and suggestions. Finally, Dagen P. answered questions that were asked by the other directors.

Jacob A. moves to table the motion to Bylaw and Policy committee.

Motion Carries

Abstention: Kiratveer H.

Shawna P. moves to invite J Black, K Vargscarr and T Hanan to closed session and to move into closed session.

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Closed Session

6. Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes
 - i. BOD 210224 CLOSED
 - ii. F&O 210304 CLOSED

7. New Business

- a. ECF Recommendation – For Approval

8. Other Business

9. Adjournment