

UWSA Board Meeting – OPEN
March 26, 2020 – 5:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting due to COVID -19 Pandemic

Board in Attendance:

Chair of the Board: Ryan Beady

Secretary of the Board: Hasini Abeysekera

Accessibility Co-Director: Sarah Anderson

Arts Director: Wesley Fallis

Business and Economics Director: Anne-Cecile Panchaud

Graduate Students' Co-Director: Racheal Kalaba

Menno Simons College Director: Alexandra Koslock

Racialized Students' Director: Ella Taylor

Science Director: Ryan Nykvist

Urban and Inner-City Campus Director: Shawna Péloquin

Women and Non-Binary Students' Director: Neda Masoomifar

President: Meagan Malcolm

Vice -President External Affairs: Mahlet Cuff

Vice -President Student Affairs: Noelle Sagher

Board Absent:

Director of Student Living: Reza Saker Hossain

Indigenous Students' Co-Director: Cameron Adams

Indigenous Students' Co-Director: Kaylin Malcolm

Graduate Students' Co-Director: Theresa Mackey

International Students' Director: Alexander Ilesanmi

Accessibility Co-Director: Loc Trinh

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Staff in Attendance:

Karolya Vargscarr – Chief Operating Officer

Olayemi Olaleye – Chief Financial Officer

Shenal Fernando – Chief Elections Commissioner

Guests in Attendance:

David Teffaine

Diamond

Elsa Owusu

Francisca Idigbe

Jibril Hussein

Melanie William

Sam Cohn

Sophia Hershfield

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1. Call to Order

The regular monthly meeting of the University of Winnipeg Students' Association Board of Directors (UWSA BOD) was held on Thursday March 26th, 2020 at 5:00pm via a virtual meeting due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. Following the confirmation of quorum, the house introduced themselves and continued to the agenda.

2. Approval of the Order of Business

“Mezzanine project update and Indigenous advisories circle” was added into the agenda under New business item d and e by Meagan.

Seconded by Anne.

“COVID-19 Student support” was added into the agenda under New business item f. by Alexandra

Seconded by Wesley

“COVID-19 – Graduate Student” was added into the agenda under New business item g. by Rachael

Seconded by Shawna

Motion to approve the agenda as amended

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3. Consent Agenda

a) Reports

- i. Executive Report – For approval
- ii. Director’s Reports – For information

Motion to approve the reports omnibus

Moved by Shawna

Seconded by Ryan

Motion Carries

b) Open Session Minutes – For Approval

- i. BOD OPEN 200227
- ii. DAYCARE OPEN 200109
- iii. DAYCARE OPEN 200227
- iv. EXEC OPEN 200205
- v. CERC OPEN 200310
- vi. F&O OPEN 200311

Motion to approve the minutes omnibus

Moved by Ella

Seconded by Neda

Motion Carries

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4. Communication

a) Pandemic Operations – For information

Karolya provided an update about UWSA operations. Services centers were cancelled and staff are being paid as budgeted. They are matching daycare vacation and trying to avoid layoffs. Fulltime staff are now working from home successfully. Tom is working at UWSA office due to being linked to the server at work.

b) Director Honorariums – For information

Karolya stated that honorariums were to be sent out via e-transfer the following Monday.

c) U-Pass Update – For information

Noelle spoke about the recent events that took place at the city of Winnipeg and answered questions about the U-Pass. Noelle extensively described the events and how it led from being cancelled to coming back into the City's budget at a higher price.

5. New Business

a) Election Report – For approval

Shenal the Chief Election Commissioner provided a report of the past election that was carried out. He began by thanking all who helped to

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make this election successful. He later announced the results of the election and presented the expense reports. Following the report there were questions directed at him by various members present.

Motion to approve the election report

Moved by Ella

Seconded by Wesley

Motion Carries

b) REBLITE Report – For approval

The chair provided a verbal report to the house about the REBLITE committee. The Chair justified the decision of the committee to stand by the ruling that was made by the CEC following the disqualification of three members. The chair also reminded the board that the committee's decision is final and binding and may not be appealed. Following the report the chair answered questions from the members.

Motion to approve the REBLITE Report

Moved by Mahlet

Seconded by Meagan

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Motion to take a 10 minute break

Moved by Rachael

Seconded by Ella

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c) Operating Budget 2020-2021 – For approval

Firstly Karolya spoke to this topic. She spoke about the enrolment of student and the 1% decrease. She also spoke about the budget being adjusted for inflation.

Yemi spoke about the budget and provided a presentation. This included the financial goals that the UWSA is looking to achieve.

Later both answered questions about the budget prior to the motion to approve.

Motion to approve the Operating Budget

Moved by Shawna

Seconded by Rachael

Motion Carries

d) Mezzanine project – For information

Meagan spoke to this topic. This was regarding room ORM12 which is located in the Mezzanine level. This is to be used as an office space for the Indigenous Students' Association.

e) Indigenous Advisory Circle – For approval

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Meagan provided a verbal report to the members about the creation of an Indigenous advisory circle that ratifies the business of the UWSA, this report was also virtually shared with attendees.

Be it resolved that an Indigenous Advisory Circle will be created to ensure that UWSA governance, programs, and services are guided by an awareness and understanding of Indigenous People;

Be it further resolved that the Indigenous Advisory Circle will ratify the UWSA Board Meeting minutes to ensure there is transparency, accountability, and Indigenization in the organization;

Be it further resolved that the meetings of the Indigenous Advisory Circle will be held monthly.

Be it further resolved that members of the Indigenous Advisory Circle will be invited to open session meetings of the Board of Directors and will be granted speaking rights to present updates on projects and initiatives of the circle.

Be it further resolved that the chair of the Indigenous Advisory Circle will be an Indigenous student of local 8 assigned by the Board of Directors.

Be it further resolved that \$5000 will be allocated annually on an ongoing basis to animate the work of the Indigenous Advisory Circle, as directed by the Indigenous Advisory Circle. Any balance of these funds will accumulate if not used in any fiscal period.

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To this Rachel added a friendly amendment to include the representation of Indigenous graduate students.

Moved by Wesley

Seconded by Shawna

Motion Carries

f) COVID-19 Student support – For information

Alexandra spoke to the hardships that students are going through, spoke extensively about accessibility to services and exams. They also promoted the steps that they will be taking to make sure that there will be a fair finals.

g) COVID-19 – Graduate Student – For information

Rachael spoke to the particular needs of grad students when it comes to GPA totals and grades appearing on their transcripts. This discussion was tabled to a sub-committee.

Moved by Ella

Seconded by Mahlet

Motion Carries

6. Closed Session

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Motion to invite Karolya and Yemi to closed session

Moved by Noelle

Seconded by Ella

Motion carries

7. Other Business

8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:37pm

Moved by Ella

Seconded by Rachael

Motion carries