

UWSA Board Meeting – Open Session
May 27 2019 – 5:00 p.m.
UWSA Boardroom – 515 Portage Avenue

Board in Attendance:

Acting Chair/UWSA General Manager: Karolya Vargscarr

Secretary of the Board: Hasini Abeysekera

Vice President External Affairs: Mahlet Cuff

Vice President Student Affairs: Noelle Sagher

Arts Director: Wesley Fallis

Accessibility Director Co- Directors: Sarah Anderson and Loc Trinh

Environmental Ethics Director: Avery Letkemann

Graduate Students Co- Director: Theresa Mackey

International Students' Director: Alex Ilesanmi

Menno Simons Director: Alexandra Koslock

Science Director: Ryan Nykvist

Racialized Students' Director: Ella Taylor

UWSA Office Manager: Jenifer Black

Board Absent:

Chair of the Board: Taylor Daigneault

President: Meagan Malcolm

Vice President Internal Affairs: Natasha Reimer

Aboriginal Students' Director: Cameron Adams and Kaylin Malcolm

Business and Economics Director: Anne-Cecile Panchaud

Graduate Students Co- Director: Rachael Kalaba

Recreation & Athletics Director: Himel Parekh

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Urban Inner-City Campus Director: Kale Swampy

Students in Attendance:

Shenal Fernando

Ozie Aghedo

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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 Monday, May 27, 2019 at 5:00pm at the UWSA Boardroom. The President being absent, the UWSA General Manager Karolya Vargscarr took over the Position as the Acting Chair for the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 5:02 pm. Soon after an introduction round was initiated by the chair. A motion was proposed by the Chair that the original agenda need to be amended as follows: in section two to table open and close session meeting reports, and to add an item "C" to section five: Director Email and policy package including special business. The Order of Business as amended was approved all in favour.

3. Special Business

- a) Approval of the Chair
- b) UWSA Rules of Order – For Information
- c) Appointment of Directors to Committees

The Chair explained the package given to the directors and explained the importance of maintaining the privacy of the information and also Email's sent out from their UWSA email addresses. The instruction of setting up the account was explained as well. Later the chair asked to read the document and sign the relevant documents. After going though all the documents one by one the chair explained them along her way. The chair also emphasized the importance of media attention and advised to reach to the executive committee for advice.

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4. Consent Agenda

a) Open session Minutes

- i. April 16, 2019 BOD Open session minutes
- ii. Executive Committee Minutes
- iii. Finance & Operations Committee Minutes
- iv. Campaigns & External Relations Committee Minutes
- v. Student Life Committee Minutes
- vi. Bylaws and Policy Committee Minutes

The minutes were passed followed by a motion brought in by Noelle Sagher the Vice President Student Affairs and seconded by Alexandra Koslock the Menno Simons Director. The chair also explained how the sub committees' work and how they minutes of these committee meetings are approved. The Chair also wanted the members to commit to these committees and to select ones that works best with their availabilities as making quorum and attending these meetings are important. And the Chair said that the committees will approach them during the month of July and also to Email the chair for any committee preferences. Further upon a request from a member there was a brief description of every committee presented.

Additionally the Chair reminded that, in an event that when there is a media request. To please contact the president and or communications.

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Before adjourning the Chair wanted to hear back for dates that would best fit for a board orientation. So that they would be able to express how they'd like to steer the organization during their tenure. And the chair requested to Email which dates that would not be suitable in August for this propose, and that way an arrangement can be communicated.

b) Reports

- i. Executive Reports – For approval
- ii. Director Reports – For approval
- iii. Director's reports – For approval

5. For Information

a) Notice regarding Food Bank

There was a notice provided to the house about the UWSA food bank that operates every Friday with two coordinators. The speaker said that the food bank deeply relies on the volunteers and recently there have been shortages, the speaker invited and requested to spread the word to come on Friday to help with the food bank. Few of the services that the Food bank offer was also discussed.

b) Mental health Commission of Canada Focus group – Accessibility Directors

The team provided information about the mental health Commission of Canada Focus group and provided additional information available online on their Facebook event group. The team advised that the focus group will take place on

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May 31 from 4:30PM to 6:30PM at Listerdale commons. The team also demonstrated the registration process.

c) Director Email and policy package including special business

6. Items for discussion

No items under this section was motioned.

7. Closed Session

a) Closed Session and “In camera” – For information

b) Closed Session minutes – For Approval

Closed session was not discussed in this meeting.

8. Other Business

No items under this section was motioned.

9. Adjournment

Directly following the final announcements, the regular monthly meeting of the UWSA BOD was adjourned at 5.48pm.