

UWSA Board Meeting – Open Session
October 17 2017 – 5:00 PM
UWSA Board Room – 515 Portage Avenue

Board In Attendance:

Chair of the Board: Michael Barkman

Secretary of the Board: Alexandria Ireland

President: Laura Garinger

Vice President External Affairs: Megan Linton

Vice President of Student Affairs: Brenden Gali

Vice President Internal Affairs: Morgan Brightnose

Accessibility Director: Mohamed Behi

Arts Director: Janel Bortoluzzi

Education Director: Taylor Daigneault

LGBT* Director: Solène Stockwell

Status of Women Director: Jade DeFehr

Students in Attendance:

Jerico Nieves

Board Absent:

Aboriginal Students' Co-Director: Daphne Comegan

Aboriginal Students' Co-Director: Corey Whitford

Board of Regents Student Representative: Abraham El-Giadaa

Business and Economics Director: Devin Woodbury

Community Liaison Director: Brayanna Petti

Environmental Ethics Director: Avery Letkemann

Graduate Students' Director: Laura Cameron

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Inner City Campus Co-Director: Lisa Strong

Inner City Campus Co-Director: Martina Saunders

International Students' Director: Simran Badhan

Science Director: Sia Kermani

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The regular monthly meeting of the University of Winnipeg Students’

Association Board of Directors (UWSA BOD) was held on Tuesday, October 17, 2017

at 5:00 p.m. in The UWSA Board Room. The President and Chair being present.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:14 p.m. The Arts Directors moved to

approve the Order of Business and seconded by the Status of Women Director. It

was moved by the President and the Status of Women Director to amend to add

“Sexual Violence Communication”, “Rooster Town Fundraiser” and “Inclusive Gym

Initiative” to Items for Discussion; and to add “September 28, 2017 UWSA Student

Life Committee Open Session Minutes”, “October 3, 2017 UWSA Finance and

Operations Committee Open Session Minutes”, “October 4, 2017 UWSA Campaigns

and External Relations Committee Minutes”, and “October 6, 2017 UWSA Exec

Committee Open Session Minutes” to the Consent Agenda under Open Session

Minutes. The motion to amend to add was seconded by the Vice-President of

External Affairs. The Order of Business as amended was carried all in favour.

Consent Agenda

Open Session Minutes

September 14, 2017 UWSA BOD Open Session Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved as corrected.

September 28, 2017 UWSA Student Life Committee Open Session Minutes

No discussion.

October 3, 2017 UWSA Finance and Operations Committee Open Session

Minutes

No discussion.

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October 4, 2017 UWSA Campaigns and External Relations Committee Minutes

No discussion.

October 6, 2017 UWSA Exec Committee Open Session Minutes

No discussion.

Reports

Executive Report – For approval

The Status of Women Director requested information on Rooster Town Blockade Fundraising. The Vice-President of External Affairs answered they are working in collaboration with the U of W library for a fundraiser planned in January with a panel discussion, access to archives including photos and maps, and oral histories that have been collected. The Vice President of Student Affairs added they attended RISE.

Executive Hours – For approval

The Vice President of External Affairs added on Friday, October 13, 2017 they worked on Take Back the Night Organizing.

Director’s Report – For approval

Written reports were received from the Status of Women Director and from the LGBT* Director. The directors in attendance provided oral reports.

The Status of Women Director reported their attendance and work with DivestUW Meetings, the Inclusive Gym Initiative, a UWSA photo shoot, and Flood The Leg Gallery.

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The LGBT* Director reported their attendance and work at the Flood the Leg Gallery, DivestUW Meetings, Banner Making for the Fall Graduation, and the Inclusive Gym Initiative

The Accessibility Director will provide a written report.

The Arts Director reported on their planning work with Loud in the Library Spoken Work Event November 30th 6:00pm – 8:00pm. The Arts Director encourages anyone liking to participate to contact them. The Arts Director is planning for Thrive Week and events for Health and Wellness including Self Care Workshops around Campus. The Arts Director reported on attending their first Senate meeting and UWSA photo shoot.

The Education Director reported on a robbery that occurred at the Education Students Lounge and they are working on the security and cleaning of the space. The Education Director reported on work with Flood the Leg Gallery, the Finance and Operations Meeting, and outreach efforts with their constituency.

The Chair noted that proposed amendments from By-Laws and Policy will go to the SGM on Wednesday.

It was moved by the Arts Director to move all reports and minutes as omnibus and seconded by the Vice-President of Internal Affairs. The omnibus motion on reports and minutes carried all in favour.

Items for Discussion

Student-At-Large and Subcommittee Approval

The previous meeting of the UWSA BOD approved the majority of the subcommittee positions as reported in the September 2017 Open Session minutes.

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The President updated that Cory Whitford was elected for Co-President for Aboriginal Student Council and is now an Aboriginal Students' Co-Director for the UWSA. Aboriginal Students' Co-Director Cory Whitford will sit on Finance and Operations. The September 28, 2017 Student Life Sub-Committee meeting used Vice-President of Internal Affairs as a proxy vote for Aboriginal Students' Co-Director Daphne Comegan.

The President moved to approval Students-at-Large to Sub-Committees as follows:

Student Life

Varinder Singh

Clare Blanco

Finance and Operations

Kerrie Ferris

Natasha Reimer

Mathew Franklin

Campaigns & External Relations

Sukhpreet Singh

Audrey Mercado

Brittney Thomas-Ljungberg

The motion to approve the sub-committee students-at-large was seconded by the Education Director. It was noted that the President is moving forward appointing the development of a standardized process for Students-at-Large as an Action Item. The motion to approve the sub-committee students-at-large carried all in favour.

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National General Meeting

The President presented on the UWSA's attendance for the upcoming National General Meeting for the Canadian Federation of Students. The President sent an email out last week for interest and apologizes for the short turn around time. The President reported the short turn around time has been an issue in the past but the UWSA has received a small extension. The UWSA receives one free spot from the federation as a local, and the UWSA had the budget to send the Vice-President of External Affairs, the Vice-President of Student Affairs, the Status of Women Director and the Accessibility Director in addition. Issues that are a found as a concern from our local will be raised. The Aboriginal Student Council will be sending Aboriginal Students Co-Director Cory Whitford and Aboriginal Student Council VP Communications Teddy Lands. If anyone is interested in going to the National General Meeting in the future please be sure to communicate with next year's executives.

Our Turn

The President presented on Our Turn. Our Turn is a national, student-led coalition working to improve sexual violence policies on campuses. A representative of Our Turn has approached the UWSA from Carlton University. Our Turn put together a scorecard to judge campus policies and University of Winnipeg received a low mark. The UWSA was encouraged to join the coalition and utilize the Our Turn toolkit. There was a press conference on Wednesday to announce the University of Winnipeg scorecards and received a lot of media.

It was moved by the President and seconded by the LGBT* Director:

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“Be It Resolved the UWSA recognize and condemn the culture of rape that exists on our campus and in our society.

Be It Resolved the UWSA adopt and implement the recommendations of Our Turn’s National Action Plan based on a UWSA task force on this issue.”

During discussion the President supported that the action plan has a number of different ways to implement policies and the UWSA can develop policy that fits the most for the organization and university. For more information on Our Turn there is a Facebook page with the National Action Plan attached. The President supported that Our Turn is well researched with good recommendations such as a task force.

During discussion the Status of Women asked what the task force is made of. The President responded the task force is students and directors that would want to be involved.

It was moved by the Vice-President of External Affairs to amend by replacing “task force” with “working group” and seconded by the Education Director.

During discussion the LGBT* Director asked how the working group would be decided and raised concerns on members joining the working group that do not agree with sexual assault on campus to be a problem. The LGBT* Director stated that people on the working group must be serious on resolving the problem of sexual assault.

The Vice-President of External Affairs raised the idea of tabling the definition.

The President asked if the board could approve it as is and approve the working group as how people are interested before applying limits yet.

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The Chair called to question all those in favour of the amendment for replacing “task force” with “working group”. The amendment was carried.

The motion as amended:

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The motion as amended was adopted all in favour.

Rooster Town

The Vice-President of External Affairs reported on the 49 peaceful protesters being sued for damages of potentially over \$500,000 by a private developer who owns a large section of Parker Wetlands. The Vice-President of External Affairs provided a background of the history of the land, and of the peaceful protest and blockade. There is a fundraising campaign for legal support on Go Fund Me. Moving forward the Vice-President of External Affairs is working on a Rooster Town Fundraiser.

No motion was put forward.

Inclusive Gym Initiative

The Status of Women Director presented on the Inclusive Gym Initiative communicating its continuation and classroom presentations. The Status of Women Director asked for directors to encourage folks to attend the inclusive hours. The LGBT* Director reported on their experience during the inclusive hours and has found it being utilized and busy. The Vice-President of Student Affairs

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recommended for folks with questions on the experience during inclusive hours to reach out to the LGBT* Director. The Status of Women Director stated there is a summarized version of the Inclusive Gym Initiative report online.

No motion was put forward.

CKUW Expansion Update

No update was provided at this time and no motion was put forward.

Sexual Violence Policy Consultation

The UWSA and University of Winnipeg is offering 4 consultations for student input on the development of the University of Winnipeg’s new sexual violence policy. There is a Facebook event page on the UWSA page. The consultation dates are:

Oct 19, 12:00pm at The Hive

Oct 25, 12:30pm at 1M28

Nov 1, 12:30pm at The Hive

Nov 6, 6:00pm at The Bulman Student Centre.

There is no pressure on people to speak or share experiences. Counselors will be available throughout the consultations. The President urges directors to reach out to constituencies to attend.

No motion was put forward.

Other Business

Bill 31

The Vice-President of External Affairs communicated on the events on Bill 31. Bill 31 Hearings held by the Standing Committee on Human Resources will be

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Wednesday, October 25 and Thursday October 26 from 6:00pm until Midnight but,

the President reported that there is a possibility to stay past midnight until folks are kicked out. People can write a letter of support to defeat the bill. It is encouraged to bring quiet activities, such as knitting and tea with the President. If interested in attending contact the Vice-President of External Affairs.

SGM

The Special General Meeting will be held on October 25, at 12:30pm in the Hive.

CFS Day of Action the 26th

Rally! Fight the Tuition Hike – Scrap Bill 31 will be held on October 26, at 12:00pm on the Front Lawn of the University of Winnipeg.

Tomorrow Dodge ball Game Students vs. Faculty

The UWSA team will be playing at 12:20 in the RecPlex Gymnasium to raise money for the United Way. All are encouraged to attend.

Adjournment

It was moved by the Status of Women Director and seconded by Accessibility Director to adjourn. Adjournment was carried all in favour. The regular monthly meeting of the UWSA BOD was adjourned at 6:19pm.