

UWSA Board Meeting – Open session
October 17, 2018 – 5:00 p.m.
UWSA Board Room – 515 Portage Avenue

Board in Attendance:

Acting Chair/UWSA General Manager: Karolya Vargscarr

Secretary of the Board: Hasini Abeysekera

President: Morgan Brightnose

Vice President External Affairs: Zee Morales

Vice President Internal Affairs: Brenden Gali

Co - LGBT* Director: Violet Mayhem

Menno Simons Director: Chris Sundby

Science Director: Daniel Denton

Co-Community Liaisons: Ugonna Chigbo & Meseret Kahsay

Students in Attendance:

Dele Ojewule : Chairperson, CFS Manitoba

Silke Groeneweg

Board Absent:

Vice President Student Affairs Jade DeFehr

Aboriginal Students' Director: Daphne Comegan & Corey Whitford

Accessibility Director: Mohamed Behi

Environmental Ethics Director: Avery Letkemann

International Students' Director: Ifeoma Nnadi

Kinesiology and Applied Health Director: Kyle Friesen

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PACE Students' Director: Goldie Arora

Urban Inner-City Campus Director: Kale Swampy

University of Winnipeg Senate Student Rep: Michael Kvern

Board of Regents Student Rep: Megan Linton

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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 Wednesday, October 17, 2018 at 5:00pm at the UWSA Board Room. The President being absent, Karolya Vargscarr the UWSA General Manager acted as the Chair for today's meeting. The Acting Chair called the meeting to order at 5:12 pm. It was moved by the Environmental Ethics Director and seconded by the Menno Simons Director. A motion was proposed by the Chair that the original agenda need to be amended as follows: Added CFS Presentation as item 3, removed the closed session minutes for the Board meetings and Executive meetings due to the fact there were none, Moved Chair resignation from open session to closed session and added Student Life Committee minutes. The motion was moved by Science Director and seconded by the Co-Community Liaison. The Order of Business as amended was approved all in favour.

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3. CFS Presentation

The Chairperson of CFS Manitoba made a presentation about the CFS Federation and its history and also about its officials. The work of the Federation such as being an advocate to the Government about students, currently its working on getting Interest free of MB student aid and the fighting for the Intl students' health care with the Province. Days of Action that were organized by the Federation in 2016 and 2017 which its motive to awake awareness about the importance of free education and the following year was to raise awareness about Bill 31. Video of the 2016 day of Action was shown. Reasons why students should consider joining the group was explained as it would be beneficial to all the students and future students. One of the campaigns that are organized by the CFS is the partnership with via rail to receive discounts for students.

The Chairperson of CFS Manitoba afterwards answered a question which was directed by The Science director if there was going to be a group of students involved in CFS projects from U of W in their projects, The Chairperson, CFS Manitoba replied saying that there are few events planned for November and will be informed how to get involved. Further The Co-Community Liaison asked a question relating to the statistics of the success rate of the campaigns, he replied explaining a past campaigns results.

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4. Consent Agenda

a. Reports:

- I. Executive Reports – For Approval**
- II. Executive Hours – For Approval**
- III. Director Reports – For Information**

b. Minutes

- I. EXEC OPEN 180515 - For Approval**
- II. EXEC OPEN 180629 - For Approval**
- III. BOD OPEN 180918 - For Approval**

The Co-Community Liaison made a motion to approve the reports and minutes and The Menno Simons Director seconded.

The Menno Simons Director said that he is glad the donut order is up at the INDEX. The Vice President External Affairs explained about Procedure first and the policy for the positive space policy. The current structure was deem not successful and going forward thy will try to change it so it would be more successful. The Science director wanted to know about the bridging program. The Vice President External Affairs explained that the program is to simply provide assistance for new comers and refugees who seek help for post-secondary education. And at the meetings they mainly focused about how they

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should structure the program so that they will be able to take courses such as, introduction to university and Academic writing for free for the first year for a year and then finding alternative ways of funding for the rest of the years. Motion to approve was called by a vote and all were in favour. Motion carried.

5. Communications

a. REBLITE Meeting – For Information

A complaint came up during the nomination period, the findings were that the person had an invalid student number on their nomination form and the students came forward to request to procure some signatures as a makeup and the committee ruled that it was more than reasonable and approved. The ruling said that the students can continue to participate if they submitted the valid signatures during the given time frame. And it was said that the space for signatures were at 200 slots which is more than the recommendation of 25.

There was also a request to provide a complaint form not only during the campaign period but also during the election period.

The Co-Community Liaison inquired as to from where the changes will take place and the Chair explained that the Chief Elections Commissioner will not be the one but it would be from the office and then the executives will also work on them.

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b. Health Plan and PACE Update – For Information

This was brought up by The PACE Students' Director in the previous meeting and the Chair explained that the PACE students were UWSA members but however they aren't given access to program which are intended for Grad and undergrad Students (which include the U-PASS and the health plan) as the Grad and undergrad Students are charged according to credit hours; PACE students cannot be accessed by this criteria as they are enrolled in a fulltime post certification program and they are not considered university students, it is in other words considered a different establishment which is operated and administrated separately.

Further to a question which was brought up by the PACE Students' Director during a previous meeting, "How can PACE students have access to the health plan and why don't they?", the chair updated that that conversation is being followed up on and there's going to be a meeting on November 21st with Greenshield to discuss the feasibility of the request.

c. November Meeting Location - For Information

The location for the next meeting was changed to Room 2M70 and the Chair also simultaneously answered to The Co-Community Liaison's question that the reason for the change is unknown at the moment.

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d. VPSA – VPEA Portfolio Update - For Information

The Vice President External Affairs explained the job roles of the position and also the role of the Vice President Student Affairs, and explained that according to events taking place in the external environment; their work load may vary and as oppose to last year there is a decrease in work load for the VPEA position and therefore would be switching “student groups” towards the portfolio of the VPEA from VPSA.

The Co-Community Liaison questioned if the duties will be permanent roles of the VPEA and the VPEA explained that they will monitor the productiveness of the change this year and present the finding and suggestion at the next AGM.

6. New Business

a. SGM Meeting Agenda 181031 – For Approval

The Chair statutes that the meeting will take place on October 31st at the HIVE, and reminded that the Directors are not allowed here but the Chair and the secretary is allowed to be there along with the students. The business Manager, Mr. Tom Brown who acts as the external auditor for the organization was added to the SGM agenda as he has to be authorized to speak to the CRA on regarding Tax purposes. The operational budget and the INDEX retail update was delivered, the next fiscal year budget is not approved yet and the INDEX is

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included in the operational budget. A detail update and the decision of discontinuing or continuing of the loss making INDEX retail outlet will also be provided at the SGM. Also the Chair mentioned that the SGM will be chaired by an external hire from a professional chairing organization. The Chair then called in a motion to the previously made change to the SGM agenda and it was moved by The Science Director and seconded by The Co - LGBT* Director, later the above communication was voted all in favour.

b. RISE Motion - For Approval

The Vice President Internal Affairs conveyed that, The Canadian federation of Students of Manitoba is hosting a national summit once more, and explained that there is an opportunity to host our own summit once every two years and we will be able to host it. A motion was presented and moved to the table by the Vice President Internal Affairs, the result of the University of Winnipeg Student Association allocate \$5000.00 to help host the 2019 Prairie RISE summit. Past summit organizers were discussed and was mentioned that we hosted it two years back. The Co-Community Liaison questioned if there was room in the budget for the said allocation of funds, the Vice President Internal Affairs replied that the funds were allocated in the budget since the inception and the funds are available. Other student organizations who are part of the summit who had confirmed funds was discussed. The allocation was ruled all in favour.

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c. Sub-Committee Selection - For Information

The Chair explained the importance of the Sub-committees and explained the commitment of at least one subcommittee meeting and one board meeting per month for directors. Later a brief overview of the committees were provided. Further the Co-Community Liaison wanted to know if Co directorship position require both directors to be in the same subcommittee? The Chair pointed that they can be one two subcommittees per say but anyhow they will have to share the vote on the board.

7. Closed Session

8. Other Business

9. Adjournment

The regular monthly meeting of the UWSA BOD was adjourned at 6:25pm. Motion was carried by the Menno Simons Director and seconded by the Science Director.