

UWSA Board of Directors Meeting
October 29, 2015 – 6:00 p.m.
2M70 – 515 Portage Avenue

Present:

Karolya Vargscarr: Guest (General Manager)
Kevin Settee: VPEA
Peyton Veitch: President
Jesse Blackman: VPSA
Emily Epp: VPIA
Kelby Loeppky: Status of Women Director
Adrienne Tessier: Arts Director
Carly Cressman: Accessibility Director
Ashtyn Walker: Education Director
Jonathan Northam: LGBT Director
Morgan Brightnose: ASC Co-Director
Bianca Zinzombe: International Student Co-Director
Hazim Ismail: PTM Director
Andrew Vineberg: Guest
Jessica Botello-Urbanski: The Uniter (Guest)
Ariel Melamedoff: Chair of the Board
Alexa Potashnik: Guest

Absent:

Anna Huard: Graduate Students' Co-Director
Leah MacDonnell: Graduate Student CO-Director
Ted Du: Business Economics Director
Lester Aidoo: International Students' Co-Director
Sadie Phoenix Lavoie: ASC Co-Director

1. Call to Order
Meeting called to Order at 6:08 p.m.

2. Approval of the Order of Business

K. Loeppky: Motion to move item 5. C) to 5. A)
K. Settee: Motion to add ICR to Communications as item C)
Moved: K. Loeppky
Seconded: M. Brightnose
All in favour, none opposed.
Motion carries

Motion to invite Jessica into the meeting.
Moved: P. Veitch
Seconded: E. Epp
All in favour, none opposed
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3. Communications

a) UWSA-UW Lockhart Lease Agreement

P. Veitch outlined the index used bookstore space agreement. Agreement reloads in five-year increments for three cycles. Received relief on rent until the 5th year of occupancy, in which we pay \$13,000 per year for the occupancy of that space, which will come from the Building Fund in accordance with Bylaws and existing practices.

b) Executive Review

A. Melamedoff tasked with the Executive Review as Chair of the Board. He will compile a review of how the Execs have done so far. The review has been done different ways, surveys, etc. He plans on speaking to members of the Board and Staff, individually, to improve the quality of the response., and will book meetings with each person individually and set a schedule. Deadline is for the review is December 31, 2015.

c) ICR

K. Settee circulated two documents outlining findings. There was a Senate meeting on the findings regarding content criteria, had feedback from many faculties and members of the Senate. Main concerns came from Mark Vachon from the Geography Department articulated that he thought it violated the University's policy of academic freedom. Most members of the Senate do not believe that and openly spoke against it in the Senate Meeting. Discussed Manitoba, Linguistics, North America, and The Americas in the Senate, and decided to have it based in North America, so the content has to be based in North America primarily.

K. Settee discussed further details, and there will be a two-page report produced by Wab Kinew outlining the requirements for local content of this area that will be helpful to instructors, and pair in with the concept of diversity in the North Americas. Today the 80% of the content is focused on the sub-criteria notion was discarded; it's just "the majority" of the content. K. Settee is open to feedback and ideas, as well as concerns, as this work is under way.

February and March will involve a lot of work around the logistics of offering an adequate amount of courses for the student body in different years. K. Settee answered questions about the tone of the discussion at Senate and the openness to different views. Concerned most with the Local indigenous content and the course list, and will look at that moving forward, because there is no course list right now – as it is dependent upon the content criteria which has just been developed. The process for

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approving courses is the same, and the course will likely double-count as a Humanity or a Science course, and the approval process at the Senate will be the same. Student support behind the ICR is crucial and K. Settee is open to ideas about that.

Consultation last week with the UWSA and Wab's office, along with the advisory committee, brought together Indigenous and Non-indigenous scholars who have taught non-indigenous courses, and asked about what books, teaching methods, and audio visual materials they used and how they applied Indigenous perspectives to their work. All documents will be compiled into a report for the IR Committee, and for instructors who have never taught an Indigenous course. Instructors will need resources to deal with backlash from students, because some instructors that have never taught mandatory classes before, will be teach mandatory classes.

K. Settee wants to develop how this will be taught, once the "what" is taken care of, because there will be a bit of backlash and growing pains in the first years, so resources will need to be available.

d) PACE

P. Veitch discussed the integration of PACE into UWSA Membership. Met with the director of the PACE program and there are minor changes that will be brought forward, at the April General Meeting there will be a motion to ratify full-time PACE student membership in the UWSA. Hopefully will sign that agreement in the next coming weeks.

4. Consent Agenda

a) Reports

- i. Director Reports – for approval
- ii. Executive Report – for approval
- iii. Executive Hours – for approval

b) Open Session Minutes

- i. Board of Director Meeting Minutes (September 30, 2015)
- ii. Executive Committee Minutes (October 27, 2015)

A. Tessier pulled Exec reports from the package

C. Cressman pulled her own report

Motion to approve all reports omnibus, with the Executive Report and the Director Reports.

Moved: Jonathon/C. Cressman

Motion carries.

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A. Tessier asked P. Veitch about the outcome of meetings with Security regarding the protest in Riddell Hall concerning military recruitment. P. Veitch described the meeting that he had with Senior Administration of the University and the escalating impact of Security. Meetings will occur with the Labour Relations Officer of the University into the conduct of Security Services, specifically of Securitas Personnel and University of Winnipeg Security Employees.

C. Cressman highlighted that missing from her report is the fact that on Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. there will be the first Accessibility Committee Meeting. Will be meeting with staff from the Accessibility Office in the UWSA Board Room.

Motion to approve the Exec and Board reports.

A. Tessier/C. Cressman

Motion carries.

5. Items for Discussion
 - a) Sexualizing the 'Disposable' Woman Event Funding

“WHEREAS the Consent Culture Committee is organizing events to build consent culture on the University of Winnipeg campus;
WHEREAS the UWSA promotes the exchange of ideas and information, and the advancement of student interests;
BE IT RESOLVED that the UWSA commit up to \$450 in funding for the “Sexualizing the ‘Disposable’ Woman” panel discussion event to contribute to expenses including, but not limited to, venue, honorariums, and refreshments.”

Moved: K. Loepky

Seconded: E. Epp

Alexa Potashnik: CFS Racialized Student Commissioner:

The event will have a panel of four people will discuss sexualization and racialization of women of colour, and have booked EG Hall for November 30. Need to get this event off the ground, and are hoping to film the discussion and post it online. Would like to generate dialog on how to combat sexual based violence on campus and primitive notions on women of colour being sexualized on campus. Kicks off for consent culture forum in February, and the event is open to everyone.

E. Epp pointed out that we don't have an external donations line in the budget, as we're in a deficit year. Campaigns and Special Projects Line is \$1000, this would be half of that on one event, and there is money that has come out of there already. Doesn't feel comfortable approving all of it out of that one line. Open to other suggestions. Karolya suggested Positive Space.

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Motion amended to include: “from the Positive Space budget.”

Amendment accepted as friendly.

All in favour, none opposed.

Motion carries.

b) South Africa

Motion will task the President with writing a letter in solidarity with the South African student movement, which successfully blocked a 10% tuition fee hike.

Moved: P. Veitch

Seconded: J. Blackman

P. Veitch discussed 10% increases to tuition in post-apartheid South Africa and in light of the protests from students, the hike did not occur.

All in favour, none opposed.

Motion carries.

c) GICs

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the UWSA executive be tasked with exploring the possibility of investing a portion of accumulated building fund surplus monies in to Guaranteed Investment Certificates (GICs) through Assiniboine Credit Union, in accordance with the UWSA's ethical requirements.

Be it further resolved that the matter be reported back on at the November Board of Directors meeting.”

Moved: P. Veitch

Seconded: E. Epp

P. Veitch motivated by including that the pursuit of a capital expansion of the Daycare it is unlikely that the UWSA will be pursuing a capital project of this scale in the next 3-5 years, that being said, it's a particularly advantageous time to look at interest rates of 1.4% in the Building Fund and investing it to get a greater return for very little risk, at the very least the amount that would return would be a minimal percentage rate of return, 3%, not much, but would be greater than the percentage we get in our current high interest account.

A. Tessier: this would be locking the other Boards out of that money. You can't touch the money once it's in the GIC. This is a fairly long-term decision.

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P. Veitch: We would lose a portion of the principal amount if we did need to access it – and that we would not be investing the entire amount of the Building Fund.

K. Settee asked what portion.

P. Veitch answered to be determined, there may be contribution limits for some of them, and information will come to light from people from ACU.

d) Student Group Space Utilization

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Student Life Committee be tasked with developing a student group space utilization protocol. The protocol shall establish clear & transparent procedures whereby student groups can access UWSA spaces on a rotating basis.”

Moved: E. Epp

Seconded: K. Settee

E. Epp motivated by explaining the shared office space of the Bike Lab Coordinator, EcoPIA Coordinator, and Fun Class student group, and the desire to have the opportunity open to all student groups, to be more fair. This motion creates a protocol so that all student groups have the same opportunity. Some groups on campus have their own spaces and lounges external to our spaces, and would like to ensure it is a process. Will not be labour intensive, or require Board approval. Should be equitable and accessible.

J. Blackman motivated that this protocol is a good idea for multiple reasons, and would like a roadmap for student groups to follow. A portion have faculty space, a portion have space in our Interfaith room, among the remainder there are 12-18 student groups that fall into a certain category and may require space, or be channeled into one of those Service Centres to share space. This process will make it clear.

A. Tessier asked why Photo Club has space, and would like protocol for losing rooms outlined.

J. Blackman said that it was differing Board priorities that led to groups being reallocated. Photo Club was more practical; we had a functional dark room.

E. Epp specified that the approval of the Coordinator is dependent upon

A. Tessier asked who would make decisions about it year to year,

E. Epp specified that it would be the Student Life Committee.

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All in favour, none opposed

Motion carries.

e) Bulman Student Centre Capital Purchase

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the UWSA approve a \$7000 capital purchase of new couches and love-seats to furnish the Bulman Student Centre.”

Moved: J. Blackman

Seconded: E. Epp

J. Blackman motivated that the seating space has been reduced in common areas and is looking for a \$7000 amount to purchase furniture for Service Centers.

Motion to table to Finance and Operations Committee

Moved: J. Blackman

Seconded: A. Walker

Motion carries.

f) Advocacy Campaign

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the UWSA task the VPSA with running a campaign to promote the UWSA’s advocacy for campus and academic issues.”

Moved: K. Settee

Seconded: B. Zinzombe

A. Walker motivated that the Vice-President Student Affairs should be able to promote advocacy for the UWSA in this regard. J. Blackman would like students to know that the UWSA does advocacy work.

All in favour, none opposed

Motion carries.

Motion for a 10 minute recess.

Moved: E. Epp

Seconded: J. Blackman

Motion carries.

Motion to invite K. Vargscarr and move into Closed Session omnibus.

Move: P. Veitch

Seconded: A. Tessier

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6. Closed Session

- a) Student Group Approval
- b) Labour Relations
- c) Health Plan Deficit
- d) F&O Recommendations
- e) Approval of Closed Session Minutes
 - i. Board of Director Minutes (September 30, 2015)
 - ii. Executive Committee Minutes (October 2, October 27, 2015)
 - iii. Student Life Committee Minutes
- f) Student-at-large Resignations

7. Other Business

- a) CKUW Radio Marathon - J. Blackman

12 hour period of student-only produced content

C. Cressman circulated a sign-up sheet.

- c) By-election
 - E. Epp said results will be recounted by the Chief Elections Commissioner, we will know the results of the by-election tomorrow.

- d) SGM – J. Blackman
 - We're not ready for November 4, 2015 based on submission of motions to appropriate committees to get recommendations. Would like to set it for January 2016.

Motion to set a date and time for a Special General Meeting for
Wednesday, January 13, 2016.

Moved: J. Blackman/A. Walker

Motion carries.

E. Epp reminded directors that motions need to be submitted before
Christmas in order to go through the appropriate committees.

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8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:12 p.m.

Moved: E. Epp/Bianca

Motion carries.