

UWSA Board Meeting – Open session
September 18, 2018 – 5:00 p.m.
UWSA Board Room – 515 Portage Avenue

Board in Attendance:

Chair of the Board: Jacqueline Pelland

Secretary of the Board: Hasini Abeysekera

President: Morgan Brightnose

Vice President External Affairs: Zee Morales

Vice President of Student Affairs: Jade DeFehr

Vice President Internal Affairs: Brenden Gali

Accessibility Director: Mohamed Behi

Co - LGBT* Director: Jude Yellowega

Environmental Ethics Director: Avery Letkemann

International Students' Director: Ifeoma Nnadi

Kinesiology and Applied Health Director: Kyle Friesen

Menno Simons Director: Chris Sundby

PACE Students' Director: Goldie Arora

Science Director: Daniel Denton

Urban Inner-City Campus Director: Kale Swampy

Student Members in Attendance:

Shenal Fernando

Colin Hanlon-Dearman

Silke Groeneweg

Guests in Attendance:

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Canadian Federation of Students Manitoba, Chair: Dele Ojewole

UWSA General Manager – Karolya Vargscarr

UWSA Communications Manager – Shreya Jhunjunwala

UWSA Communications Assistant – Alex Nguyen

Board Absent:

Aboriginal Students' Director: Daphne Comegan & Corey Whitford

Community Liaison: Ugonna Chigbo & Meseret Kahsay

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 Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at 5:00pm at the UWSA Board Room. The President and Chair being present. The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:19 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, points A. Operational priority update – for information and C. Director Committee Selection – for approval in the closed session was removed as those updates could not be provided at the meeting. Also point B. Board and committee Orientation – for information in the same session was moved to 3. Consent agenda. The motion was moved by the LGBT Co-Director and seconded by the Science Director. A motion was brought forward by the Accessibility Director to amend to add "Support Accessibility Director attending the Accessibility conference" under 5. Items for Discussion. The Order of Business as amended was approved all in favour.

Note: The Chair remade a motion to carry out the Board and Committee Orientation prior to the Consent agenda. The motion was moved by the LGBT Co-Director and seconded by the PACE Director.

2. Orientation

Board and Committee Orientation – For Information

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The General Manager introduced herself to the house as a fulltime staff member who works closely with the Board and the Staff. The General Manager completed a short presentation about what the UWSA is, how Board of Directors meetings works and how you can get your ideas across in the organization. The General Manager also discussed possibilities of emailing out a copy of the presentation slides. The first few slides read out about the Vision and Mission statement, followed by an introduction of to what the UWSA is. Thereafter a brief explanation of the rest of the slides were given. Also, an organizational hierarchy was presented at the meeting to better understand the line of command, it was stated by the manager that the source of the diagram was from the Communications Department. The manager also mentioned that if there is something that you may want to be worked on or bring to light, campaigns that you're interested in or a project that you want to work on; email your idea to the chair of the board. The chair email was shared on the record. Lastly the General Manager talked about Campaigns and External Relations Committee (CERC).

3. Consent Agenda

Reports:

a. Executive Reports – For Approval

The Chair steered the meeting and opened the executive reports to be called out for approval and also provided few minutes off the meeting so that the members present did have time to read and prepare for debate. The chair also requested that going forward the reports to be sent out prior to the meeting so

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that such delays could be minimized. Within the reading gap the Environmental Ethics Director raised a question about if the CKUW meeting minutes were in there. The Vice President Internal Affairs answered that an update will be added to the next meeting agenda under Communications. This motion was moved to amend by the Environmental Ethics Director and seconded by the Science Director.

The Chair called a motion to approve the executive reports, it was moved by the Environmental Ethics Director and seconded by the PACE Director.

A Question was brought forward about the President's hours over the summer by the Acting Kinesiology and Athletics Director regarding whether the Health Plan meeting the President attended on May 11th was about health plan benefits, and the President answered that it was a contractual meeting about health plan billing with the University of Winnipeg.

Further, there was a follow up question from the PACE Director about whether PACE students were also included in the contract to come. The General Manager replied to the question, said that the meeting was about billing; with University of Winnipeg, just smoothing out the billing process between how student accounts are calculated for the health plan and how it can work better, and due to the fact that PACE programs runs at different lengths, insurance did not work that way, and that it works on an annual calendar, so they were unable to find an agreement regarding billing for how that would work. The General Manager further explained that the health plan cannot be optional to opt in or opt out unless they had other coverage and those terms were not agreeable to

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PACE. The PACE Director requested a follow up update on the health plan options.

b. Director Reports – For Information

The Environmental Ethics Director stated that the sustainable environment conference is coming up and there were sustainability council meetings held.

The PACE Students' Director rewrapped around the importance of the health plan for the PACE students and is waiting for an update. Secondly, they emphasized an ongoing issue about a student arriving to a recent exam late due to traffic, and was not allowed to take the exam or even retake with necessary fees. Requested what UWSA could do to support for a solution. Thirdly, an update was shared about organizing an excel program for PACE students to improve their skills in order to find better employment.

Co - LGBT* Director reported on volunteering at Roll Call, was also involved in this week's performance Arts hosting, and also reached out to the rainbow lounge and the women and gender studies student association to make an effort to address their issues.

Kinesiology and Applied Health Director brought in a motion to providing access to standing desks in class rooms.

Accessibility Director passed out a report and is to be discussed in 5. Items for discussion.

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Science Director reported that he had mostly been doing research and also had attended many science group meetings as he can such as, SOSA, CHEMSA, wildlife association etc. They're also trying to schedule a meeting with the Dean of science to discuss some improvements to be made to the science building such as making the SOSA lounge more accessible.

Menno Simons Director reported that they had a welcoming event last week including pizza and karaoke music, and is hoping to plan more events in the future.

Urban Inner-City Campus Director reported that he had a meeting with the department yesterday and is resolving an accessibility issue in the building, and also planning many programs including a movie night which is coming up. And planning to bring back, language programs, drumming nights etc. during the semester.

4. Communications:

a. Roll Call – For information

The General Manager provided an updated that Rollcall was held at beginning of September for students.

b. Summer Board Orientation – for information

The General Manager reported that it happened during the 3rd week of August at Merchant's Corner. Many directors were in attendance.

c. UWSA By-election – for information

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The General Manager informed that the Nominations begin on the 24th and will roll out till Oct. 4th. And positions are listed on the website. Also shared that it is important to encourage people to run for them as if not, they l'll have to be appointed.

d. Special General Meeting – for information

The General Manager said that the Special General meeting will be held on Oct 31st. And encouraged everyone to attend the AGM and SGM and stated that the main content of the SGM is to finish busiess brought forward in March related to the Retail department and the operating budget.

e. Robert's Rules of Order Remix – for information

The President mentioned that this follow up is originated from the AGM of 2017 to look into an alternative for Robert's Rules of order.

Note: The Chair further added to the communication that the chair would favor a consensus format to carry out meetings, and explained further how the format works.

The Chair called for an ad hoc committee to be created to look into other alternatives of decision making modules.

f. CKUW – Verbal Update

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The Vice President Internal Affairs provided a verbal update about the CKUW, firstly he explained what the relocation project is about. The project is about a new design for the CKUW called the Space project. An update about the project budget was provided that funds needed to be secured as the projected budget exceeds the analyzed expenses (figures were not shared). Conversations are ongoing about designs for the projects and an accessibility audit. The designs are projected to be finalized by the next few months and will open the project for contractors to bid. It was clarified that the funds are coming from the Capital fund.

g. mediaINDIGENA Podcast Event – for information

President made a request to move the above topic into item g. under communications and there were no objections.

The President reported that it was a weekly indigenous roundtable podcast. And the project is about having UWSA hosting the program for one day, and the team is still working on having the project commence a month from now, around Oct. 17th or 18th.

h. Accessibility Director Attending the Accessibility Conference

The Accessibility Director informed that the conference happened in May, and within the discussion a question was made about if it was different from any student having access to the funds or if it was different for a director requesting for funds, the Vice President Internal Affairs answered the question starting with a brief explanation about what the Positive space fund is and how the funds were

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used for various projects like the bike lab and it could be used for conferences as such because it falls in line with what the Positive space funding is intended for.

Further to a question about future possible funding for such occasions the chair mentioned that the request will be sent to a committee and then the decision for funding will be made there with good faith and will be brought to the board. They will update the Vice President Internal Affairs.

Later the Chair called in a vote using the new consensus decision making model, the group agreed to provide the funding the Accessibility Director requested for attending the conference, retroactively.

5. Items for discussion

The topics which were under 5. Items for discussion, a. mediaINDIGENA Podcast Event – for information and b. Accessibility Director Attending the Accessibility Conference were moved and discussed in section 4. Communications.

6. Closed Session

At the discussion for approval of the order of business, the topics were removed and therefore there were no discussions held for this session.

7. Other Business

The Menno Simons Director asked if there are specific election activities of the UWSA coming up. The Vice President External Affairs informed that there

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will be advance voting for the municipal election happening at the Bulman center at the beginning of October and that they are working to promote the by-election voting for the 24th as well. The Vice President External Affairs called members to email more information about ideas to promote it.

The President further added that there will be the first debate for the municipal election happening today at campus.

Acting Kinesiology and Athletics Director said that the Health Center in Duckworth building will be having a change in the services they offer, and called for an investigation to see what the changes would be and if it is in the best interests of students. The President explained how the charges are applied to their department for their services to be performed and explained that we will need to ask the administration about the matter.

PACE Director asked about policies in the administration of that office, the Vice President External Affairs answered that the UWSA will be able to be there to help negotiate a better policy for the interest of both parties, however as the PACE Director has the best connection to the administration, the PACE Director should be initiating the conversation with PACE Students.

8. Adjournment

The regular monthly meeting of the UWSA BOD was adjourned at 6:40pm.