

UWSA Board Meeting – Open Session
September 24, 2019– 5:00 p.m.
UWSA Board Room – 515 Portage Avenue

Board in Attendance:

Chair of the Board: Taylor Daigneault

Secretary of the Board: Hasini Abeysekera

President: Meagan Malcolm

Vice President External Affairs: Mahlet Cuff

Vice President Student Affairs: Noelle Sagher

Aboriginal Students' Director: Cameron Adams

Accessibility Director Co- Directors: Sarah Anderson and Loc Trinh

Business and Economics Director: Anne-Cecile Panchaud

Graduate Students Co- Director: Racheal Kalaba

Graduate Students Co- Director: Theresa Mackey

International Students' Director: Alex Ilesanmi

Menno Simons Director: Alexandra Koslock

PACE Students' Director: Oze Aghedo

Racialized Students' Director: Ella Taylor

Science Director: Ryan Nykvist

Urban Inner-City Campus Director: Shawna Peloquin

UWSA Chief Operating Officer: Karolya Vargscarr

UWSA General Manager: Jennifer Black

Board Absent:

Vice President Internal Affairs: Natasha Reimer

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Arts Director: Wesley Fallis

Aboriginal Students'Co- Director: Kaylin Malcolm

Community Liaison Director: Aimee Louis

Environmental Ethics Director: Avery Letkemann

Recreation & Athletics Director: Himel Parekh

Students in Attendance:

Brendan Gali

Shenal Fernando

Jacee Forsythe

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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 24, 2019 at 5:00pm at the UWSA Boardroom. The Chair being present, the meeting was called to order at 5:05pm.

2. Approval of the Order of Business

The chair added A, B, & C for discussion into the open session under Other business, and mentioned that it was not a debatable motion, and it passed with all in favour.

Later Noelle added the Canadian Federation Student association discussion into special business – section 3A and the chair called in a non-debatable vote and it passed to be added with all in favour.

After any other changes were asked, the chair called in the house to approve the agenda, and a motion was put forward by Ryan and it was passed with all in favour.

3. Special Business

a) Canadian federation Student association presentation

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Brenden provided a presentation, stating with explaining his role as the president of the association for Manitoba as an elected roll. The presenter further described how the organization works. The presenter narrowed down his presentation today for the program called “Time to be Bold” it’s a program getting university students to pled to participate in exercising their voting rights in the federal election coming up. Further the presentation mentioned the key issues that they are lobbying on, on further elaborated on them. Goals of the movement was to hold the leaders accountable and make sure that they are representing our needs – (Goal #2) make post-secondary education a priority.

Later the floor was open for questions, Shenal questioned if CFS has pled their support to any political party, and Brenden confirmed that they have not.

b) UWSA Governing Practices Presentation

Jen presented a quick training on the governance of directors, the corporations act (provincial law), by laws (the laws of the UWSA), & Policies. Jen went over every slide and included a copy in the doc given at the meeting and also send one via Email to all directors. Director appointments and elections were also outlined. Jen also explained about Sub committees and work done by them.

Each subcommittee was briefly explained and how motions are made at meetings including what to expect in a SGM and how they work.

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Later the chair explained the Rules of Order – the UWSA uses the Roberts rules of Order. The Chair also mentioned that this method which is hey in more democracy, will ultimately see its self-operating without a chair. The chair explained how proposals and motions are made or amendments are made. The chair explained his powers, such as Tie breaker – Chair sides with the by-laws in this case.

Questions: Asked by the Menno Simons director that if a specific language was used during the by-laws and policy meeting. The chair replies language does not matter.

Sarah asked a question about motion to be on the agenda. Then the Chair replies that it needs to be sent 10 days prior if not at the start of the meeting but that would not guarantee that it will be added.

Later Brenden raises a suggestion to where to provide information on “Points of order”

Chair explains how: “Point of order” and also “point of Info” and how they work in the meeting.

4. Consent Agenda

The Chair did seek the majorities consent to move on to reports first and then continue on Open session minutes. Everyone responded favourably.

a) Open Session Minutes – for ratification

i. BOD Open Session Minutes

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ii. CERC Open Session Minutes

iii. B&P Open Session Minutes

iv. Exec Open Session Minutes

After providing ample time for the directors take a look at the open session minutes, a motion was called to approve the open session minutes and it was passed with all in favor.

b) Reports – for information

i. Chair's Report Executive Report – for information

ii. Executive Report – for information

iii. Director's Reports – for information

Moving to reports the Chair started off with good news about himself, later he introduced himself and announced the COO about finding a replacement for himself and he will remain in office until the office is comfortable with the replacement.

Noelle the Vice president of Student affairs briefed on the reported which was already distributed to the house, and provided highlights of the report- some of them were, attending Senate meetings, event communication meetings, among

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many external meetings one of the highlights was the event meeting which is set for October 04th.

The President – Meagan produced highlights on her meetings and upcoming events. One includes the September 30th event which is happening at the lounge. September 18th climate first event pre-event work shop and the rally.

Mahlet, The Vice president of external affairs spoke about her highlights. Meeting with women and gender studies association, meeting Sarah and Loch to discuss their projects coming up. Monachia rally was one of the events she participated in. Met with Mandolene grey about the climate rally.

Sarah and Loch – Co accessibility directors briefed about the meetings they attended and the event planning meetings that they were involved in.

Oziegbe the PACE director spoke about a meeting he had with the program director at PACE about more information on the different programs that could be initiated.

Ella the Racialized Students' Director spoke about meeting with the new coordinator of the by pod-lounge, participated in some behind the scene with the students color collective, attended student life committee and campaigns committee.

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Ryan the Science director extended his apologies for missing the last meeting and that he attended the campaigns and external relations committee, several science student groups, and he is also organizing a committee of science student groups.

Shawna the Urban and inner city director – went on to mention that they are happy to be present on the board and wants it acknowledged that their membership struggles against colonial institutions, they are dealing with start of school and had a locked down situation at merchants corner.

Cameron the Aboriginal Students' Director: provided a brief intro about himself. ISA has been stocking food for sept, had their first potluck (2nd Sep), they are also in the process of bringing in a Dakota elder to speak about his residential school experience. Next traditional potluck (next Wednesday) and they are planning a Halloween event as well.

Anne the business and Economics director mentioned that she presented at first year orientation and volunteered as well. She is also a part of finance committee.

Alexandra the Menno Simons mentioned that she did not submit a report. She attended the by-laws and policy committee meeting and three meetings with the faculty. She volunteered at role call. She raised concerns about Text book costs. Connected with Sara of the UWSA about the strike. She is also trying to become

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Fair trade campus certified. Lastly she updated everyone on the community event coming up (an annual event) that is run by faculty with a central theme.

Alex the International student's director also apologized for not submitting a report for the meeting, anyhow he did update the house on attending many events and meetings, border rally, volunteered at Role call. He also extended concerns about tuition hikes.

Later there were the others who introduced themselves. They included students and staff members.

5. For Information

a) For Discussion

a) Motion – CERC Committee Appointment

Be it resolved that Ryan Nykvsit is appointed to the Campaigns and External relations committee.

This was moved by Megan and presented to the motion. Later it was passed with all in favour.

b) Motion – REBLITE Committee Appointments

Chair provided a brief introduction about the Reblite Committee. And then invited directors to be on the board.

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A motion was called by Noelle to approve Shona, Anne & Cameron as directors for the committee while having Alex & Alexandra as alternate directors to the committee. The motion carried with all in favour.

c) Motion – Director’s Office

- The International Students’ Director made a motion to have an office for all the directors to use.

With all being in favour the motion was tabled to be moved the F&O committee.

d) Motion – International Student’s Health Plan

- The International Students’ Director made a motion for the international student health plan.
- The director spoke to his motion mentioning that the students had concerns about paying for two health plans. And spoke that the students are not happy with it.
- Later the motion was tabled to be discussed in the CERC committee.

e) Motion – New Directorship: Social Director

- The International Students’ Director made a motion to create a new Directorship for social events.

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- The Director spoke to his motion saying that it would be better to organize social engagement events as such and having a dedicated director for the purpose.
- The President brought forward a motion to table the current motion to the By-laws and policy committee.

And it was approved with all in favour to table the motion.

The Chair facilitated a motion to have a brief recess which was brought in by Noelle, and the meeting was in recess as all was in favour.

Soon after the chair called the meeting to order, a motion was called in to enter closed session with The COO and the General Manager being present. The motion passed with all in favour.

5. Closed Session

6. Other Business

7. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.