

University of Winnipeg Students' Association Board of Directors

OPEN Session Meeting Minutes, September 29, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting due to the COVID – 19 Pandemic

Board in Attendance:

Co-Chair of the Board: Alizeh Faran

Co-Chair of the Board: Anjola Aderinto

Secretary of the Board: Emmanuel Oladele

President: Kiratveer (Kirt) Singh Hayer

Vice-President External Affairs: Jonathan Henderson

Vice-President Student Affairs: Reza Saker Hossain

Accessibility Director: Sarah Anderson

Arts Director: Umar Awan

Urban and Inner-City Director: Dagen Perrott

Environmental Ethics Co-Director: Adhiraj Majumder

International Students Co-Director: Riya Katia

Part-Time/Mature Students' Director: Clifford (Cliff) Stornel

Recreation & Athletics Co-Director: William (Will) Sass

Women, Trans & Non-Binary Co-Director: Gursimran Kaur

Emerging Leader Director – 2 Year Term: Faith Marcial

Board Absent:

Emerging Leader Director - 1 Year Term: Chhavi Dhir

Science Director: Bavleen Kaur



University of Winnipeg Students' Association Board of Directors

OPEN Session Meeting Minutes, September 29, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting due to the COVID – 19 Pandemic

Environmental Ethics Co-Director: Navdeep Singh

Business and Economics Director: Bedel Shafe'a

Student Living Director: Ifeoma S. Onyekwelu

Women, Trans & Non-Binary Co-Director: Mansi K. Joshi

Community Liaison Director: Shawna Péloquin

Recreation & Athletics Co-Director: Ripanjot Kaur Gill

Staff in Attendance:

Jennifer Black, General Manager

Thomas Hanan, Admin Assistant: Interim Secretary

Alex Nguyen, Communications Manager

Open Session

1. Call to Order

The regular monthly meeting of the University of Winnipeg Students' Association Board of Directors was held on Wednesday September 29, 2021, via a virtual meeting due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m. Following the confirmation of quorum, the house continued to the agenda

University of Winnipeg Students' Association Board of Directors

OPEN Session Meeting Minutes, September 29, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting due to the COVID – 19 Pandemic

2. Introduction Circle

Alizeh F. led the circle with the directors in attendance.

3. Approval of the Order of Business

Dagen P. moves under new business item 7.c. letter of support for Merchants' Corner

Will S. moves item under new business 7.d work space at UWinnipeg for Directors

Kirt H. moves to approve amended agenda.

Motion carries

4. Special Business

- a. Secretary of the Board Appointment

Kirt H. shares that they interviewed Emmanuel and he has past experience with minute taking and is an excellent candidate.

Dagen P. moves to appoint Emmanuel Oladele as the Secretary of the Board of Directors.

Motion carries

5. Consent Agenda

University of Winnipeg Students' Association Board of Directors

OPEN Session Meeting Minutes, September 29, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting due to the COVID – 19 Pandemic

a) Executive Report

- i) Kirt H. – Kirt was involved in Roll Call tabling and was impressed by the number of directors that volunteered, specifically thanking Adhiraj and Umar who came very early with little notice. He also volunteered for the campus vaccine verification centre. He was interviewed by the CBC concerning the vaccine verification process at the University. He attended meetings and events held by other students' groups on campus. Would like to connect directors with student groups to increase engagement. Started an informal group of student group executives called ACES. He attended TRC events and went to the healing village with Jonathan H. He talked with some elders about a joint event with the Sikh Temple. He went for an MLA inauguration and met with some politicians to discuss how international students are faring. He was in touch with the Alumni Association Council, and Thomas attended for secretary support. He presented the executive team charter to the Dean Council and Regents.
- ii) Jonathan H. - He was involved with Health Care for All campaign and will be presenting a petition to Jamie Moses's office. Hosted Truth and Reconciliation events all week. The events have been very good. He has also been busy with CERC approving student groups and their funding. He attended the CKUW board meeting. He is considering hosting a CKUW show

University of Winnipeg Students' Association Board of Directors

OPEN Session Meeting Minutes, September 29, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting due to the COVID – 19 Pandemic

that features different student groups. Brought Karen Ridd's Intro to Conflict Resolution class to the Sacred Fire on the Legislative grounds and presented his story and the importance of student engagement with the TRC. Was invited on Tammy Wolfe's radio show Truth Before Reconciliation. He is looking forward to the Indigenous Advisory Circle interviews.

- iii) Reza H. – Gives recognition for the National day for Truth and Reconciliation and the events hosted by Jon this week. The UWSA offices will be closed for the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. He has been meeting with students and helping them with academic misconduct issues. He met with the Senate Academic Standards and Misconduct Committee on September 22 and raised concerns about misconduct issues affecting international students. Attended the University's Board of Regents and Regent Nominations Committee. Met with the Registrar's office to discuss UWSA's International Student Health Plan and Transit Bursaries, they decided to split the bursaries in half to allow students who begin classes in January to apply. He met with Human Right and Diversity Officer and is working on seminars to teach students about their rights at the university. As the COO position is vacant, Reza has stepped in as the Staff Relations Officer. If directors have concerns about student advocacy, please contact Reza or UWSA Program Manager, Binara Hewagamage. If you have concerns about staff you can connect with Reza or Kirt.

University of Winnipeg Students' Association Board of Directors

OPEN Session Meeting Minutes, September 29, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting due to the COVID – 19 Pandemic

A) Directors

- i) Sarah A. - Looking at University's Academic Accommodations policy and making recommendations. Has met with Reza and KV about supporting students with concerns about accommodations. Looking to make the Access Lounge a bookable space.
- ii) Will S. - Trying to get students to play sports again, however, there has been some work at Recplex. Would like to sync the community sports and Wesmen's schedule to increase drop in engagement and support. Expresses the difficulty connecting with students and the need for better social media options for directors.
- iii) Cliff S. - Was involved in Roll Call and Truth and Reconciliation Week events. Is also struggling to connect with students and prepared a motion for the agenda to address the difficulties.
- iv) Adhiraj M. – Volunteered at Roll Call. Met with different student groups so that he can promote them. He met with the Campus Sustainability Coordinator work on some projects. Would also like to thank the directors and executive for all the support.
- v) Umar A. - Financial and Operations Committee was cancelled this month. Volunteered at Roll Call. Represented the UWSA at the Film and Theatre Orientation Day and connected with the Photo Club.

University of Winnipeg Students' Association Board of Directors

OPEN Session Meeting Minutes, September 29, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting due to the COVID – 19 Pandemic

- vi) Dagen P. - Attending By-law and Policy Committee meetings in preparation for the elections. Met with classes on the inner city campus to present on UWSA services. He was involved in Roll Call. He met with Merchant's Corner staff and is supporting the Merchant's Corner Board in drafting conflict resolution procedures. He is also formalizing his positions seat on their board to ensure student representation at Merchant's Corner going forward. Is participating in strategic planning with MCI. He connected with Seed to Pathways program to build relationships with high school students and help them transition into post-secondary. There are ongoing issues with elevator access at the inner city campus. Currently students can request FOBs to use the elevators but they are out of order. UWSA is responsible for the cleaning of their offices, and he has been doing that.
- vii) Riya K. - Working on some issues regarding international students with her co-director.
- viii) Faith M. – Helped hand out swag bags at Roll Call. She met with other directors at the orientation. She went to Assiniboine park to see Student Groups with some other directors include GESA and Photo Club. Has signed up as a member with the Unity student group and can attend as a UWSA representative if desired.

b. Minutes



University of Winnipeg Students' Association Board of Directors

OPEN Session Meeting Minutes, September 29, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting due to the COVID – 19 Pandemic

i. BOD 210825 OPEN

ii. CERC 210917 OPEN

Dagen P. moves to approve consent agenda omnibus.

Motion carries

b) Communications

a. Elections Management Team Update

J. Black provides an update that the elections have begun with nominations opening on Monday. LAHRK has been contracted to provide support to the election management team again. Christine Q. is no longer working as an Election Campaign Facilitator because of an unnavigable conflict of interest. Ursella K. and Meagan N. have agreed to balance the duties of the CEC and ECFs and are confident that the by-elections can be implemented without an issue.

c) New Business

a. UWSA Discord Server

Cliff S. explains that a Discord server is a way to connect better with UW students, student groups, and alumni. This app is being used by many Universities. This will allow directors to connect with students and do their jobs

University of Winnipeg Students' Association Board of Directors

OPEN Session Meeting Minutes, September 29, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting due to the COVID – 19 Pandemic

effectively. The app can be a platform for group messaging, game nights, and events. Since we wouldn't be kicking students off the server once they graduate, it would also be a good way to connect with alumni. We can represent student groups and help them build a platform.

Cliff S. moves:

I MOVE THAT we establish a Discord server for the University of Winnipeg Student Association.

I FURTHER MOVE THAT Initial moderator for the server shall come from the Board of Directors and members of the UWSA staff.

I FURTHER MOVE THAT The strategic oversight of the server shall be managed by the Communication Department

I FURTHER MOVE THAT \$500 is earmarked in the budget to promote the Discord server among the student body and for some prizes to be awarded on the server to encourage its use and people joining.

Reza H. thinks it is a good idea. However, individuals can remain anonymous and post inappropriate content. UWSA will have to take full responsibility of it. Director express broad support for the motion and a need to increase opportunities for student engagement urgently. Several directors echo the concern that liabilities must be properly controlled and covered.

University of Winnipeg Students' Association Board of Directors

OPEN Session Meeting Minutes, September 29, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting due to the COVID – 19 Pandemic

Cliff S. responds to Reza's concerns by saying that there are ways to control the contents of the server. A. Nguyen explains how the contents will be controlled by the UWSA Communications department, and clear rules will be put in place.

Cliff S. moves a friendly amendment that the discord server does not go live until the liability and roles for the discord server are cleared past legal.

Reza H clarifies that he is not against discord server. He just wanted to know if UWSA can make it safer.

Quorum was lost at 6.46 p.m.

Closed Session

8. Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes
 - i. BOD 210825 CLOSED

9. Communication

10. New Business

11. Other Business

- a. Ambassadorship Policy Package Reminder – Please respond to Jen's email!
- b. Next Meeting of the Board: November 3, 2021, at 5:30 p.m.

University of Winnipeg Students' Association Board of Directors

OPEN Session Meeting Minutes, September 29, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting due to the COVID – 19 Pandemic

12. Adjournment

Quorum lost at 6:46pm.