

**UWSA Board of Directors Meeting  
October 16, 2015 – 2:00pm**

UWSA Boardroom (OR06) – 515 Portage Ave.

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Present:

Carly Cressman: Accessibility Director  
Karolya Vargscarr: General Manager, guest  
Peyton Veitch: President  
Adrienne Tessier: Arts Director  
Kelby Loeppky: Status of Women Director  
Hazim Ismail: PTM Director  
Kevin Settee: VPEA  
Morgan Brightnose: Aboriginal Students' Co-Director  
Emily Epp: VPIA  
Jesse Blackman: VPSA  
Jessica Botella-Urbanski: The Uniter, guest  
Kevin Huska: Power to Change, guest  
Mary o Ajayi: Power to Change, guest  
Charles Okeke, Power to Change, guest  
Charlie Crow: student, guest  
Ariel Melamedoff: Chair of the Board

Regrets:

Ashtyn Walker: Education Director  
Jonathan Northam: LGBT\* Director  
Bianca Zinzombe: International Students' Co-Director  
Ted Du: Business and Economics Director

Absent:

Anna Huard: Graduate Students' Co-Director  
Leah MacDonnell: Graduate Students' Co-Director  
Sadie Pheonix Lavoie: Aboriginal Students' Co-Director  
Lester Aidoo: International Students' Co-Director

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 2:13 PM.

2. Approval of the Order of Business

E. Epp: Motion to strike items 3 a) and 3 b), as they were covered at our last board meeting, and to add a new item 3 a) Student Group Presentations, 3 b) By-elections, 3 c) All Candidates Debate, and 3 d) Consent Culture Forum

Moved: E. Epp

Seconded: K. Loeppky

All in favour, none opposed.

Motion carries.

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Motion to invite non-UW students into the meeting.

Moved: A. Tessier

Seconded: K. Settee

All in favour, none opposed.

Motion carries

### 3. Communications

#### a) Student Group presentation

##### I. Power to Change

Student Group representative talked about the group, and what they do.

P.Veitch asked about the Code of Conduct required of P2C leaders. Noted leaders of the group need to sign something that states leaders in the group cannot participate in any homosexual activity. The UW has a RWLE Policy, which UWSA students and student groups are obligated to adhere to. Discrimination based on a protected characteristic, such as sexuality, is not acceptable at the University of Winnipeg. Requested clarification about whether that group is open to students that identify with a protected characteristic.

Student: Code of Conduct was reworded when this was brought forward, and they hope that it satisfies. Student read the statement aloud.

K. Settee: Point of Information, did this Student Group apply and are we discussing this now?

A. Melamedoff: Clarified that this would be decided in Closed Session

#### b) By-Elections

E. Epp: Reminder that the by-election starts on October 5<sup>th</sup>, information is available at the office and the Chief Elections Commissioner is being hired.

A. Tessier: What should Board Members keep in mind?

E.Epp: Cannot scrutineer, cannot campaign on behalf of anyone, and should not have anything to do with the campaign, though you can encourage people to run. Best look and best practice for Board Members to be very hands-off with the election process.

#### c) All Candidates Debate

P.Veitch: October 5, 7:00 PM in Eckhart-Grammatte Hall we will be hosting an All Candidates debate with UWFA and the Alumni Association. If you'd like to submit a question we might ask, feel free to do so, there is a form on our website where you can do that until Friday. Doors open at 6:30, rush seating, free admission to attend. Libertarian and Conservative candidates are not attending, though have been invited.

#### d) Consent Culture Forum

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K. Loeppky: started a Consent Culture Committee. Building for the Province Wide CC Forum with CFS in February 2016, and other reps from across the province. If you have not been involved and would like to be, let me know.

4. Consent Agenda

K. Loeppky pulled the Executive Report

Motion to approve the remainder of the Consent Agenda

Moved: E. Epp

Seconded: J. Blackman

K. Loeppky: Kevin, could we get a verbal update on the Indigenous Credit Requirement and Merchants Corner?

K. Settee: Last meeting for ICR 3 weeks ago, introduced by Wab Kinew. Any course that is recommended has to fit these content criteria. There are two parts:

- 1) Local and represent the contemporary issues of a certain area, we decided on North America, and nations around Manitoba, as well as indigenous nations around the world.
- 2) Has to meet 4/5 of the following criteria:
  - i. culture,
  - ii. history,
  - iii. languages,
  - iv. contemporary issues, or
  - v. residential schools.

It was voted that that would be the content criteria that each course would have to meet, at an 80% rate of indigenous content. Event held in Eckhart-Grammatte Hall on Oct 6, an engagement of Sadie Lavoie, Wab Kinew, and Neil Besner. People will be asking question, and they will not necessarily be answered, but their concerns will be heard.

A. Tessier: Asked about indigenous instructors

K. Settee: Discussion shifted from professors, to how the courses would be vetted. An email hasn't been sent out yet with minutes, but the amalgamated discussion will be available once it is in the community. Another thing he is working on is a Gallery Walk, to bring together indigenous scholars in Manitoba that have taught indigenous courses, to ask them for direction. Nobody on the Indigenous Requirement Advisory Committee has taught a mandatory Indigenous course. We need people who have taught these courses to make it more meaningful, and to learn more about interacting with students. Would like to present this information to the advisory committee. That's happening October 20.  
Students

K. Settee: With Merchant's Corner we have done consultations. UWSA donated \$75,000 to the capital project development and is given 250 sq ft of office space for 15 years. Has

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been figuring out what support services we will offer there in the North End. Will have our first satellite office of the UWSA. Going to different groups to ask what type of support services they need. If we are going there, we need to engage with the community, not bring our own ideas there. So far, I went to SEED and learned about an Asset Building Program to build savings. Went to IRCOM, very similar to what's happening at Merchant's Corner regarding advocacy, education, and childcare, but they don't offer University courses, they will be a mentor to us and help us with the Asset Building Program, if that's something the Board decides we should do. After school programming could help with the transition from High School to University. SEEDA will get close with us and we'll be seeing them a lot, it only makes sense that we work with them to figure out services. Can also help with housing, make ISIC cards, operate a Foodbank, and use the Student Support Program there potentially as well. I see the Merchant's Corner for an amazing way for the UWSA to help students graduate and obtain employment. There are so many different ideas, if anybody wants to get involved with it, let him know, will likely be doing another 5 or 6 consultations. The second part is synthesizing the information for a presentation to the Board here in January or February. The Board needs to decide how it will be staffed, full time, part time, part of Urban Inner City Studies, volunteer, etc.

K. Settee: SNA and Manitoba Rental Network and the UWSA wants to potentially open a housing registry for students that are having a hard time finding apartments. An online database would allow us to vet which apartments are safe, but that whole project has been put on the backburner.

C. Cressman: Asked if Mark Rumel was on the advisory committee

K. Settee: Not indigenous but well respected in the community and has created models.

Motion to approve the Exec reports.

Moved: K. Loeppky

Seconded: A. Tessier

All in favour, none opposed.

Motion carries

b. Open Session Minutes

Motion to approve Consent Agenda part b)

Moved: P. Veitch

Seconded: H. Ismail

K. Loeppky: Asked why CERC didn't meet

K. Settee: Didn't make quorum, but talked about Divestment. Leah was in Europe and Sadie had a wedding.

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All in favour, none opposed  
Motion carries.

### 5. Items for Discussion

#### a) Special General Meeting

Motion to have a Special General Meeting Wednesday, November 4, 2015 from 12:30-2:30

Moved: J. Blackman

Seconded: E. Epp

J. Blackman and E. Epp motivated and explained. Bylaws can be changed at this meeting, this is after the By-election. Need the bylaws changed for the General Election.

All in favor, none opposed.  
Motion carries.

#### b) Space Re-allocation (Bike Lab, EcoPIA, ISA, Photo Club)

Motion to move Bike Lab and EcoPIA to the old Pet Sole space; ISA to the old Peer Support Space; Photo Club to the old Photo Club space.

Moved: J. Blackman

Seconded: E. Epp

All in favour, none opposed.

Motion carries

#### c) Daycare Expansion

Motion that the UWSA allocate up to \$450,000 from the Building Fund towards a Capital Expansion of the UWSA Daycare, subject to approval of the Board of Regents and the Province.

Moved: P. Veitch

Seconded: E. Epp

P. Veitch motivated the need:

10% of students are parents, the trend is moving upward, in bringing non-traditional learners to the University.

The current UWSA Daycare Centre has a reputation for being an extremely high quality and excellent facility is struggling to meet the demand that exists among students, faculty, and community.

12/96 spaces at the daycare are for infants. The remaining 84 are for preschool aged children. Looking at an addition for 32 new children, 20 for infants, 12 for

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preschoolers. This will help us take a significant bite out of the waiting list to satisfy the need.

P. Veitch motivated the logistical considerations:

To fund a 32-space expansion the total cost would amount to roughly \$1 million, including construction, design, a 20% contingency, and ancillary costs. We currently have \$1.2 million in our building fund, but it would be imprudent of us to spend the bulk of that on one capital project; in addition, the daycare is ours, but the University of Winnipeg owns the building. Because the UW owns the building and because we need to make partners to defray the costs, the UW has agreed to put \$150,000 on the table to contribute to the project. In return, the UWSA is putting forward a proposal to pay the University an annual \$30,000 out of the UWSA Daycare Operating Budget as compensation for rent and operating costs of the Centre. This expansion has been budgeted for, and it can be, while maintaining a small surplus and moving towards a Living Wage Model at the Daycare.

The agreement, and the letter shown that was sent to Dr. Trimbee also reserves spaces for students and faculty as a good faith gesture.

Requested \$400,000 from the Province, the application was projected.

P. Veitch stressed other sources of funding and the financial health of the organization, meetings that occurred with the Childcare Coordinator and the Province was impressed with the UWSA's level of preparedness.

Further motivated that affordable housing, food insecurity, and access to childcare are all considerations when it comes to attracting and maintaining students at the University of Winnipeg and removing barriers to education that are not tuition fees.

H. Ismail: Asked about revenue loss being calculated into the \$30k

P. Veitch: Answered that the University recognizes that this in no way covers the costs of operating the centre.

E. Epp: \$30,000 was settled on, \$30k for 5 years, which covers the University's capital donation. This has been approved by the Board of Regents Finance Committee and will be sent to the Board of Regents on Monday.

H. Ismail: Asked when we will hear back from the Province

P. Veitch: Typically announced in April, but there is a blackout period from January-April 19 due to the upcoming provincial election, has a feeling we could hear about this sooner than the Spring, possible before the Winter. From the Province's point of view, announcing good news before the blackout period is beneficial for them. Thinks there is a chance we'll hear about it very soon.

J. Blackman: Confirmed the amount in the bank account.

A. Melamedoff: Confirmed \$700-800k remainder after this expense, in the Building Fund

P. Veitch: Confirmed, and said the project of relocating the UWSA Offices could be impeded, but many small-medium capital projects could be funded.

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All in favour, none opposed.

Motion carries.

Motion to move into closed session and invite K. Vargscarr in.

Moved: E. Epp

Seconded: K. Vargscarr

All in favour, none opposed.

Motion carries.

6. Closed Session

a) Student Group Approval

b) Student Group Funding Request

i. FUN Class

ii. JMP Student requesting funds, not a UW Student

iii. Students for Liberty \$200 request

iv. University of Winnipeg Biology Students' Association funding request

c) Approval of Closed Session Minutes

d) Student at-Large Appointments

8. Adjournment

Motion to exit closed session and adjourn

Moved: E. Epp

Seconded: J. Blackman

All in favor, none opposed.

Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 3:56 PM.