

**University of Winnipeg Students' Association Board of Directors**  
**OPEN Session Meeting Minutes, September 30, 2020 – 5:30 p.m.**  
**Virtual Meeting due to the COVID – 19 Pandemic**

**Board in Attendance:**

Chair of the Board: Anjola Aderinto

Secretary of the Board: Hasini Abeysekera

2SLGBTQ\* Director: Jacob K. Antman

Business and Economics Director: Harsimrat S. Malhotra

Community Liaison: Celina Clements

International Students' Co-Director: Onyinye Francisca Idigbe

Menno Simons College Director: Alizeh Faran

Racialized Students' Director: Ella Taylor

Urban Inner-City Campus Director: Dagen Perrot

**Board Absent:**

Accessibility Director: Sarah Anderson

Graduate Students' Co-Director: Alexandra K.Nychuk

Graduate Students' Co-Director: Nadia M. Chaharsoughi

International Students' Co-Director: Elsa Owusu

**Board on Administrative Leave:**

Vice -President Student Affairs: Melanie William

**Staff in Attendance:**

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Jennifer Black: General Manager

Karolya Vargscarr: Chief Operating Officer

**Guests in Attendance:**

Madison Carver

Joan Riggs

**Open Session**

**1. Call to Order**

The regular monthly meeting of the University of Winnipeg Students' Association Board of Directors (UWSA BOD) was held on Wednesday September 30, 2020 at 5:30pm via a virtual meeting due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. Following the confirmation of quorum, the house continued to the agenda.

**2. Approval of the Chair**

**Alizeh F. moves to approve Anjola Aderinto as the Chair of the Board.**

**Motion carries.**

**3. Approval of the Order of Business**

**Francisca I. moves to add "Committee appointments" as item 7b.**

**Motion carries.**

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**4. Special Business**

**5. Consent Agenda**

a. Reports

i. Director Reports

a) Dagen P.

- Putting together the partnership with Computers for Schools Manitoba.
- Interview with The Uniter regarding the partnership.

b) Jacob A.

- Finalized the statement for Support for Universal Basic Income with Shreya and uploaded to the website.

c) Harsimrat M.

- Working on concerns about the status of appeals process and concerns that the students have.

d) Alizeh F.

- Meeting with MSCSA students about safe spaces for all students and how to ensure their needs are met.

e) Francisca I.

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- Doing correspondence with International students who have been reaching out regarding the health plan.

b. Minutes

- BOD 200916 OPEN
- DMC 200707 OPEN
- DMC 200806 OPEN
- DMC 200910 OPEN

**Francisca I. moves to approve the consent agenda omnibus**

**Motion carries**

**6. Communications**

- Resignations – For Approval

J. Black briefly read the two resignation letters received from the Arts director, Wesley Fallis and a student at large – REBLITE committee, Nikki Rose Balagtas

**Jacob A. moves to approve the resignations**

**Motion carries**

**7. New Business**

- Positive Space Consultation Proposal – For Approval

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J. Black introduced the Positive Space Policy Consultation plan developed with the Events and Communications Department. The direction builds on motions passed by the board over the summer to consult with specific communities and advocates prior to developing the policy. The motion recommendation earmarks the majority of the Positive Space Departmental budget line to provide honorariums to those consulted.

K. Vargscarr flagged that the positive space budget was mistakenly reduced earlier this year because the Chief Financial Officer was unaware that it is levy funded and cannot be reduced—this error will be rectified in November.

**Celina C. moves: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the UWSA earmarks \$7,000 of the positive space budget's professional development line for the positive space consultations and policy drafting.**

**Motion carries**

- b. Committee appointments

**Francisca I. moves that Francisca I. and Elsa O. are appointed to the Executive Committee and REBLITE Board.**

**Motion carries**

- c. Special motion – Student Engagement

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**Dagen P. moves to have an open discussion on how to encourage engagement between the UWSA and the student body at large.**

**Motion carries**

Madison Carver reported on Board of Regents & Senate Vacancies and highlighted how important these governance bodies are to student representation. J. Black addressed the by-law barriers that have created this gap in representation and Madison C. agreed to attend a By-law and Policy Committee meeting on the matter.

**Dagen P. moves to enter closed session with an invitation to K. Vargscarr, J. Black and Joan Riggs.**

**Motion carries**

**Closed Session**

**8. Consent Agenda**

- a. Minutes
  - i. BOD 200916 CLOSED

**9. New Business**

- a. Catalyst Consulting Follow-up with Joan Riggs
  - i. UWSA Timeline of Actions
  - ii. Confidential Memo

**10. Other Business**

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**11. Adjournment**

**Ella T. moves to adjourn at 7:03 p.m.**

**Motion carries.**