

Annual General Meeting of The University of Winnipeg Students' Association

April 1, 2021 – 12:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting due to the COVID – 19 Pandemic

Board in Attendance:

Chair of the Board: Anjola Aderinto

President: Shawna Péloquin

Vice -President External Affairs: Jonathan Henderson

Accessibility Director: Sarah Anderson

Community Liaison: Celina Clements

Education Director: Breanna Gans

Graduate Students' Co-Director: Alexandra K.Nychuk

Science Director: Olivia Ferreira

Student Living Director: Kiratveer Hayer

Urban Inner-City Campus Director: Dagen Perrot

Women & Non-Binary Students' Director: Ershiya Bagheri

Althea Dunlop

Audrelyn Tongohan

Bavleen Kaur

Charanjeev Kaur

Cliff Stornel

Collin Chartrand

Deep Thind

Gurpuneet Arora

Gursimran Kaur

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Joshua A Monterrubio

Josie Duthoit

Navjot Rai

Oshin Dharel

Pearl Irabor

Precious Gauthier

Priyanshu Setia

Rand Salem

Reza Saker Hossain

Riya Katia

Ripanjot Gill

William Sass

Umar Awan

Staff in Attendance:

Alex Nguyen – Communications Assistant

Jennifer Black: General Manager

Karolya Vargscarr: Chief Operating Officer

Meagan Nenka – Deputy Elections Commissioner

Olayemi Olaleye – Chief Financial Officer

Paige Stubson – Events Assistant

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Sam Sarty – Events Manager

Shreya Jhunjunwala – Communications Manager

Thomas Hanan – Administrative Assistant

Guests in Attendance:

Simon Hall – UWSA Auditor

1. Call to Order

The annual general meeting of the University of Winnipeg Students' Association Board of Directors (UWSA BOD) was held on Thursday April 01, 2021 at 12:30pm via a virtual meeting due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m. following the confirmation of quorum and acknowledgement of the land and water from where they were currently participating.

2. Introduction and Rules of Order

Chair of the Board of Directors, Anjola Aderinto, introduced herself and went through a description of the UWSA rules of order.

3. Approval of the Order of Business

Shawna Péloquin moves to approve the order of business.

Motion Carries

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4. New Business

a. Ratification of 2021 General Election Results

Chief Elections Commissioner, Meagan Nenka, presented the results of the 2021

General Election:

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

Business and Economics Director:

Bedel Shafe'a

Community Liaison Director:

Shawna Péloquin

Environmental Ethics Director:

Adhiraj S. Majumder and Navdeep Singh (Co-Directorship)

International Students' Director:

Riya Katia and Priyanshu Setia (Co-Directorship)

Part-Time/Mature Students' Director:

Clifford Stornel

Recreation & Athletics Director:

Ripanjot Kaur Gill and Will Sass (Co-Directorship)

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Science Director:

Bavleen Kaur

Student Living Director:

Ifeoma S. Onyekwelu

Women, Trans & Non-Binary Director:

Mansi K. Joshi and Gursimran Kaur (Co-Directorship)

Emerging Leader Director (1 Year Term):

Chhavi Dhir

Emerging Leader Director (2 Year Term):

Faith Marcial

UWSA Regent:

Princess Egwu

UWSA Senator:

Althea S. Dunlop

Alexandra Nychuk moves to ratify the election results

Motion carries

b. Student Motions

There were no duly submitted motions from the membership.

5. Communications – For information

a. Finance and Operations Presentation

i. 2020 Financial Statements

Chief Financial Officer, Olayemi Olaleye, shares a short presentation on the financial

update for the UWSA, as well as the 2021-2022 budget:

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- 2020 financial year audit completed
- Reported revenues of \$4,085,359 (2019: \$4,719,633)
- Reported expenses of \$4,180,959 (2019: \$4,348,797)
- Net deficit of \$95,600 (2018: -\$370,836)
- Fiscal year 2021 financial audit ongoing
- Reported revenue 18% over approved revenue budget on account of an increase in student fees, daycare revenues and Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy received in last 2 months of the year
- Reported operating expenditure 21% over approved expenditure on the back of a higher than planned student health care plan cost and staff salaries and wages.

ii. Proposed Operating Budget 2021-2022

	Proposed Bud22	Approved Bud21	YTD Actuals Jan'21	Variance	Variance
Total Revenue	3,420,713	3,321,194	2,812,838	99,519	3%
Total Expenditures	3,420,713	3,286,935	2,144,198	133,778	4%
Surplus (Deficit)	0	34,259	668,640		

iii. 2020 UWSA Report of the Auditor

Simon Hall explains his role as the auditor; a designated outsider, comes in and reviews the financial statements and accounting records and provides an audit report to explain an opinion on the financial statements, and if they're fair, accurate, complete, and conducted in accordance with general accounting standards.

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UWSA has received a “clear opinion” – but there was a fundraising component this year and because fundraising is none reciprocal, it's non-amendable to audit. The financial statements as prepared and presented include all revenues and expenses and are presented in a fair and readable way. A big reason for the deficit is because of the earmarking of funds for capital. Organization is in a strong financial position, but the position can be misunderstood because we show a deficit. It is a debt that the organization owes itself.

After the presentations the membership asked questions to which the staff clarify; As for the pandemic, it did not impact the audited financial year too much because the pandemic began near the end of the final quarter. The only impact is government subsidies that were received for March 2020.

K. Vargscarr and O. Olaleye elaborate on UWSA revenue; For the organization, largely student fees are the main source of revenue, currently there aren't many projects impacting revenue. Info Booth closing was a big decrease in revenue, Canada Post is usually a big part of our sales that happen through the Info Booth, copying and printing and Peggo cards are largely done at cost. The daycare has undergone two expansions already, and there is ever-increasing need for more spaces. A daycare expansion is

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something the Daycare Director will be bringing a proposal to the new board early in their term. The day care is by far the most lucrative of all UWSA services.

b. 2020-2021 Report of the Board of Directors

The Report of the Board is attached to the package, and is on the website, for the review of the membership. The report contains final reports of all directors and executive, as well as operational summaries for all major business conducted in the 2020-2021 academic year.

A summary of items featured in the report includes:

- Campaigns
- Capital projects
- Community support initiatives
- Departmental summaries for:
 - Events in the age of Covid
 - Communications
 - Retail
 - Services
 - General operations

c. 2020-2021 Report of the By-law and Policy Committee

The report of the by-law and policy committee is attached to the package, and is on the website, for the review of the membership. The report contains

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summaries, as well as the full details, of all changes to the by-laws and policies passed by the board of directors to date for the 2020-2021 academic year.

Major categories of by-law and policy changes include:

- UWSA Rules of Order
- Chair of the Board Employment
- Indigenous Advisory Circle
- State of Emergency By-laws
- Senator Election and Appointment
- Student Senate Caucus
- Election Reforms

6. Other Business

7. Adjournment

Breanna Gans moves to adjourn the meeting at 1:16 p.m.

Motion carries