

University of Winnipeg Students' Association Board of Directors

OPEN Session Meeting Minutes, November 3, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting due to the COVID – 19 Pandemic

Board in Attendance:

Co-Chair of the Board: Anjola Aderinto

Co-Chair of the Board: Alizeh Faran

Secretary of the Board: Emmanuel Oladele

President: Kiratveer (Kirt) Singh Hayer

Vice-President Student Affairs: Reza Saker Hossain

Vice-President External Affairs: Jonathan Henderson

Accessibility Director: Sarah Anderson

Arts Director: Umar Awan

Business and Economics Director: Bedel Shafe'a

Environmental Ethics Co-Director: Adhiraj Majumder

International Students Co-Director: Riya Katia

Part-Time/Mature Students' Director: Clifford Stornel

Urban and Inner-City Director: Dagen Perrott

Emerging Leader Director – 2 Year Term: Faith Marcial

Recreation & Athletics Co-Director: Will Sass

Recreation & Athletics Co-Director: Ripanjot Kaur Gill

Science Director: Bavleen Kaur

Graduate Students' Director- Jude Obidiagha

Racialized Student Co-Director- Manjot Singh Sembhi

Racialized Student Co-Director- Shubham Kumar

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Emerging Leader Director (1-year term)- Karanpartap Singh

Emerging Leader Co-Director (2-year term)- Deep Thind

Emerging Leader Co-Director (2-year term)- Amanpreet Singh

Board Absent:

Community Liaison Director: Shawna Péloquin

International Students' Co-Director: Priyanshu Setia

Environmental Ethics Co-Director: Navdeep Singh

Student Living Director: Ifeoma S. Onyekwelu

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

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

Staff in Attendance:

Jennifer Black, General Manager

Thomas Hanan, Admin Assistant

Meagan Nenka, UWSA Chief Elections Commissioner

Olayemi Olaleye, Chief Financial Officer

Open Session

1. Call to Order

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The regular monthly meeting of the University of Winnipeg Students' Association Board of Directors was held on Wednesday November 3, 2021, via a virtual meeting due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Chair calls the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. Following the confirmation of quorum, the house continues to the agenda.

2. Introduction Circle

Anjola A. leads a circle of introductions with the directors in attendance.

3. Approval of the Order of Business

Kirt H. moves to approve the order of business

Motion carries

4. Special Business

a. Election Results Ratification

M. Nenka announces the election results:

Graduate Students' Director: Jude Obidiagha

Racialized Students' Co-Directors: Manjot Singh Sembhi & Shubham Kumar

Emerging Leader Director - 1 year term: Karanpartap Singh

Emerging Leader Co-Directors - 2 year term: Deep Thind & Amanpreet Singh Gill

Dagen P. moves to ratify election results

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b. U-Pass Update

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T. Hanan, reads a statement from T. Turner covering a brief history about the U-Pass, the written update is available in the board package. The plan is to have a referendum in March 2022 so that UWSA can determine if the U-Pass should be available to students in fall 2022.

c. Finance Report 2

O. Olaleye gives a brief presentation on the finance report for April-September 2021.

	Sept YTD Actuals	YTD Budget	Variance	
Revenues	1,818,918	1,639,861	179,057	11%
Expenses	1,664,276	1,693,631	(29,355)	-2%
Surplus/(Deficit)	154,642	(53,770)	208,412	

Bedel S. asks about variance in the Daycare budget and where the wage subsidy is appearing. Reza H. asks whether the reported surplus in the Daycare budget appears in this report.

O. Olaleye explains that the assumption in creating the budget was that there will be lockdown for the entire duration of the fiscal year. O. Olaleye and T. Brown are working on a new budget draft to present at an upcoming board meeting to balance overdraft budget lines and reflect this year's fiscal realities.

5. Consent Agenda

a. Reports

i. Executive Reports

- a) Kirt H. - He has been in Thunder Bay for a month taking care of his father. He has been meeting with Alumni Association council.

Continuing work on open-source educational resources. He wants UWSA to work towards creating a cricket pitch at Rec Plex Centre.

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Working with PACE students having issues with class schedules and program requirements. He has been attending Board of Regents meetings and meetings of the Senate and Senate Committees. Worked to get student group applications approved at Executive committee and is meeting with the All-Council Executives. He has been talking to Jamie Moses concerning health care plan for international students and helping with a petition. Meeting with him tomorrow with MAPSS. He will be involved in organizing a protest on November 26th for the anniversary of the start of the Farmer's Protest. Anyone who wants to join the protest can contact him.

- b) Reza H. - The advocacy department is very active. He attended Senate and Board of Regents meetings. After determining that Nimbus Learning was not the right fit for UWinnipeg students, we still want to improve the existing tutoring program. Working with campus tutoring to look at expanding services. Open-source educational resources work is ongoing. He has spoken with Jamie Moses concerning health care plan for international students. He collected some signed signatures for the petition on health care plan. He and Sarah A. met with Human Rights and Diversity Officer concerning the issue of accessibility around campus. He

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also talked with Sexual Violence director concerning accessibility to resources. He met with New Journey Housing (providing newcomer, refugee, and immigrant housing support) about supporting international students who struggle to find housing. Passed a motion at Executive Committee to launch a student outreach initiative where executive and directors can table connect with students. Invites directors to contact him to participate. Discloses a potential conflict of interest, his involvement in the International Student Union.

- c) Jonathan H. - New students' groups were approved at Executive Committee. CKUW is moving back on campus. UWSA is looking for a slot in a radio station to showcase various students' groups. UWSA is looking for ways to help international students with housing. There has been support from CFS-MB in circulating petitions to improve the health care plan for international students. Wants to help the unhoused during the holiday by providing hot meals – is looking to partner with community groups – so far Helping Hand Royals and Healing Together have signed on – will be requesting support from UWinnipeg as well. Truth and Reconciliation week went beautifully. Interviews for the Indigenous Advisory Circle Interviews are ongoing. Working with

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William Hudson to establish a scholarship in honor of Eishia Hudson – has connected with the UWinnipeg Foundation and is looking into endowment fund options. Reminds directors of the CFS-MB AGM this weekend.

ii. Director Reports

- a) Adhiraj – Adhiraj M. – *Internal Meetings: Finance & Operations Committee, October 13, 2021, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM; Campaign and External Relations Committee, Oct 19, 2021, 05:00 PM; Election Accountability Board, Oct 14, 2021, 04:00 PM. External Meetings: Campus Sustainability Office, September 8th, 1:00 PM; GESA- Every Friday -12:30pm; Eco-Team- Every Tuesday- 11:30pm; UWISU- October 15th, at 12:00 PM, 27th October, at 12:30 pm. Attended a meeting regarding a campus sustainability regarding an event called Book Ripping Party. It is Collaborated with sustainable student groups on Campus (Campus Sustainability, GESA, ECO-team). Attended the F&O Meeting Where We Discussed about Directorship Lounge space, IT Purchase proposal, Conference Funding. I attended the Eco-Team, and we are having lots of exciting activities coming up the term.*

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I attend Gesa meetings every Friday and they have events coming up like Trivia night, Monday activities etc.

Being the Vice-President of Internal Affairs with the University of Winnipeg International Student Union I attended zoom meeting which is called the meet and greet. Discussed Strategies with leaders of the group to promote the group on campus. Discussed events and budgets for the upcoming event hosted by UWISU.

- b) Amanpreet S. – Nothing to report.
- c) Bavleen K. – She has been in contact with science related student groups to discuss how to promote them and has been promoting events and STEM related items on social media. She attended meetings of CERC
- d) Bedel S. – He attended three Executive Committee meetings. He has been meeting with the Accounting Student Association concerning a tax clinic for students and the community.
- e) Cliff S. – *Spoke with a mature student who brought up the subject of reverse ageism to me.*

They often have experiences with teachers bring up old events to the class with comments like “This was before your time...” or “Most of you won’t remember this...” and other fine phrases.

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For mature students these types of comments can be jarring and can make us feel as if we don't belong here.

Feelings that University is for the young is something that we get reminded of often enough in our daily lives having teachers remind us of it makes it that much harder.

These teachers are aware of the power of the words that they use.

Many are very cautious about the words and terms that they use to ensure that they do not discriminate against other based on sexuality, ableism, ethnic and racial background.

Perhaps a reminder that Age is something that should not be discriminated against as well, might be in order from the UWSA.

Had some comments made to me about teachers reusing lectures that they recorded earlier in the pandemic for asynchronous classes.

If we are paying full price for the class, why is a professor getting to reuse old lectures.

If the teachers are going to be doing less work for the class should the class not cost less?

- f) Dagen P. – Working with new Merchants Corner board. He has continued his work with Community Education Development Association (CEDA) pathways – connecting mentors and tutors to

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high school students to help bridge them into post-secondary or just support additional learning.

g) Faith M. - She attended a photo group meeting. She has been connecting student groups with UWSA supports.

h) Ripanjot G. – Attended KATSA (Kinesiology and Athletic Therapy Student Association) open meeting on- campus 2D12 on October 22nd from 12:30 to 1:30pm.

Being *motionball's* Event Director I'm running a #NoGoodWay 2021 contest to eliminate the R-word used for people with intellectual disabilities, from daily conversations and social media. In this contest students or faculty of University of Winnipeg is encouraged to submit a 10 second video to spread awareness about the campaign in their own creative way and get featured in the National contest of #NoGoodWay cup 2021 videos across Canada.

Registered a recognized student group named 'UWinnipeg *motionball'*. Reviewed UWSA website, Studied student group benefits.

Read through the return to campus and events rules from UWSA and UWinnipeg website.

Brushed up on bylaws.

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- i) Sarah A. – Attended Executive Committee meetings. She met with the Human Rights and Diversity Officer, with Reza, to talk about accessibility on campus and the new reasonable accommodations policy that the university is developing. There will be an event to help students. She has also been helping students over email by supporting accommodation questions, connecting them to resources, and helping with appeals.
- j) Umar A. - He attended the Finance and Operations Committee meetings. He encouraged students at the U of W campus to go vote either in person, outside of Riddell Hall, or online. He has also been helping with Kirt in organizing the Farmers Protest.
- k) Will S. - He met with the head of RecPlex to discuss how to encourage people to use the RecPlex facilities by making the space more welcoming to beginners. He is working with the Ripan to develop ideas to support shy or inexperienced gym users. RecPlex is looking to build a calendar for small sport activities and he would like that shared on the UWSA website.

b. Minutes

- i. BOD 210929 OPEN
- ii. DMC 201022 AGM
- iii. DMC 210513 OPEN
- iv. DMC 210610 OPEN

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- v. DMC 210909 OPEN
- vi. EXEC 211008 OPEN
- vii. EXEC 211015 OPEN
- viii. EXEC 211025 OPEN
- ix. F&O 211013 OPEN

Dagen P. moves to approve consent agenda omnibus.

Motion carries.

- i) **Communications**
- j) **New Business**
 - a. UWSA Discord Server – For Approval – Tabled from Sept 29

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.

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I FURTHER MOVE THAT the discord server does not go live until the liability and roles for the discord server are cleared past legal.

Cliff S. gives a brief explanation of what the discord server is. J. Black reviews the report provided by legal available in the board package. Adhiraj M. supports the motion but wants to ensure the user policy is thoroughly examined. Bedel expresses support for the motion as well and inquires whether there is a cost to setting up the server.

Motion carries.

b. Access Lounge Booking – For Approval – Tabled from Sept 29

Sarah A. moves:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT individual use of the Access Lounge service center to accommodate students disabled by barriers be approved, pending operational planning and safety approval by the UWSA Finance and Operations Committee and the University of Winnipeg.

Directors express support for the motion. No no comments or concerns are raised.

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Closed Session

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Sarah A. moves to enter closed session

Motion carries

k) Consent Agenda

a. Minutes

- i. BOD 210825 CLOSED
- ii. EXEC 211008 CLOSED
- iii. EXEC 211015 CLOSED

l) Communication

m) New Business

n) Other Business

- a. Ambassadorship Policy Package Reminder – Please respond to Jen's email!
- b. Next Meeting of the Board: December 1, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

o) Adjournment

Dagen P. moves to adjourn at 7:05 P.M.

Motion carries.