



# UWSA

THE UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG  
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

## Open Session Package

November 2, 2022 Meeting of the  
UWSA Board of Directors

This package contains minutes and  
motions duly submitted to the Chair  
of the UWSA Board of Directors



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# UWSA By-Election 2022 Results

## Voter Turnout

Total Votes Cast: 1047

Eligible Voters: 9489

Turnout: 11%

*Votes cast at on-campus polling stations: 134 (12.8% of total votes)*

## Motion Recommendation

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the following students are appointed to the UWSA Board of Directors:

1. 2SLGBTQ\* Students' Director – Brie Villeneuve
2. Accessibility Director – Krina Patel
3. Environmental Ethics Co-Directors – Farwa Awan & Soban Faiz
4. Graduate Students' Director – Fathma Mehjabin
5. PACE Students' Director – David Dokun

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** Garv Kochar is appointed as UWSA Regent

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the following student are appointed as UWSA Senators:

1. Mubarak Owolabi
2. Leah Shore
3. Harpreet Singh Punjab
4. Rhythm Gill
5. Raihan Mahmud
6. Sualeha
7. Nicholas Wasyliv
8. Joshua Haney

Chief Operating Officer's Report to the UWSA Board of Directors Meeting  
October 2022

Highlights for the month of October 2022 are:

1. We have contracted with Payworks to manage the payroll for the UWSA and CKUW and the Uniter.
2. We have begun negotiating new agreements with CKUW and the Uniter as the agreements in place are outdated.
3. We are changing timekeeping processes and record keeping to be more accurate.
4. The Food Bank opened October 21, 2022 and will continue weekly.
5. We are waiting a proposal from MGEU on the UWSA employment contract with staff.
6. The Day care expansion proposal is approved by government, details will be released in coordination with the Province of Manitoba.
7. The UWSA byelection is complete. Congratulations to all newly elected members.
8. UWSA staff are working on site a minimum of three days per week with many on site every day. The General office is open to students 4 hours per day with the goal to be open regular business hours.
9. We are working with the UofW to upgrade cellular reception in the UWSA space. currently there is no cellular service in the area.
10. A bylaw review is ongoing and will be sent to the bylaw committee over the next months.
11. A list of all commitments made from the UWSA is in process and an aging report will be presented at all board meeting to keep track of projects committed and projects in process.
12. All Lounges are operating with Coordinators in place.
13. The General Manager has submitted her resignation.
14. The two investigations are concluding and the final results along with recommendations will be presented by the investigators to the board.

**DIRECTORSHIP:** *Science*

**NAME:** *Kaynat Grewal*

**DATE:** *October 26, 2022*

### INTERNAL MEETINGS

*No meeting occurred after the previous board meeting because the schedule of board members did not match*

### EXTERNAL MEETINGS

*Not yet*

### ACTIVITIES

- *Keeping everyone updated by posting some stories on @uwsasciencedirector*
- *Maintaining the @uwsasciencedirector Instagram page and replying to the questions if any.*
- *Reviewed bylaws*

# **University of Winnipeg Students' Association Board of Directors**

**OPEN Session Meeting Minutes, September 28, 2022 – 5:30 p.m.**

**Virtual Meeting due to the COVID – 19 Pandemic**

## **Board in Attendance:**

Chair of the Board: Carter Wiens

Secretary of the Board: Emmanuel Oladele

President: Kiratveer (Kirt) Singh Hayer

Vice-President Student Affairs: Reza Saker Hossain

Vice-President External Affairs: Jonathan Henderson

Arts Director: Umar Awan

Business and Economics Director: Jaspinder Kaur Dhillon

Community Liaison Director: Sarah Anderson

Emerging Leader Co-Director (2-year term): Shubhdeep Kaur

Emerging Leader Director (2<sup>nd</sup> Year): Amanpreet Singh Gill

Emerging Leader Director (2<sup>nd</sup> Year): Faith Marcial

Racialized Student Co-Director: Oyin Akinboye

Recreation & Athletics Co-Director: Vandan Khunt

Science Director: Kaynat Grewal

Part-Time/Mature Students' Director: Clifford Stornel

Student Living Director: Vlad Samon

International Students' Co-Director: Christine Quiah

International Students Co-Director: Tomiris Kaliyeva

Indigenous Student Association Director: Gracie Grift

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**Board Absent:**

**Staff in Attendance:**

Thomas Hanan, Interim General 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 28 September 2022, via a virtual meeting due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. Following the confirmation of quorum, the house continued to the agenda.

## **2. Introduction Circle**

Carter W. led the circle with the directors in att.

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

**Kirt H. moves motion to approve order of business**

**Motion carries**

## **4. Special Business**

## **5. Consent Agenda**

a) Reports

i. Executive reports

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Kirt H- He attended UWSA Roll Call. He promoted the UWSA elections. He attended Senate meeting. He attended student orientation. He met with UWSA COO. He has been advocating for UWSA boardroom to be used as storage for student groups.

Reza H- He has been working on disproportionate academic misconduct among international students. He has been helping students with academic concerns

Jonathan H- He had been busy with taking care of his baby. He has been organizing the Truth and Reconciliation event. He was able to give out shirts and set up smudge centre. He has been in communication with Compass concerning mental health resources.

## ii. Director reports

- U. Awan- has been engaging with students.
- S. Anderson- has been involved in lots of events. She will be hosting an environmental event on October 6.
- T. Kaliyeva- has been working with Kirt H.
- O. Akinboye- followed up with her lounge coordinator.
- V. Khunt- attended the last 2 days of Roll Call and interacted with students.
- V. Salmon- attended Roll Call. He did not really interact with people. He delivered the detergent provided by the UWSA to residents.

## b) Minutes

### i. BOD 220831 OPEN

**K. Grewal moves motion to approve consent agenda**

**Motion carries**

## 6. Communications

## 7. New Business

- Hybrid meeting- Kirt. H discussed this.

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**Reza H. moves to enter the closed session**

**The motion carries**

# **Executive Committee – Open Session Minutes**

## **April 28, 2022**

Virtual Meeting due to Covid-19 Pandemic



In attendance:

Chair – Kirt Hayer, President

Member – Reza Saker Hossain, Vice President Student Affairs

Member – Bedel Shafea, Business and Economics Director

Member – Sarah Anderson, Accessibility Director

Absent:

Member – Jonathan Henderson, Vice President External Affairs

Staff in attendance:

Scribe – Emmanuel Oladele, Board Secretary

### 1) Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Kirt H. at 5:10 p.m. following the confirmation of quorum.

**Bedel S. moves the motion to approve the order of business**

**Motion Carries**

### 2) New Business

- a. Golden Key- They need an office space on campus as soon as possible.

Sarah A.- she supports the idea.

Bedel S.- Where was their office space?

Kirt H.- They were using one of the offices in the Education department. But they have been given a notice to vacate the space by May 1.

**Bedel moves the motion: Whereas the Golden Key has been given notice of eviction from their current office space and are therefore in need of a new space, be it resolved that the UWSA CEC office space be allocated as a temporary office space for the Golden Key till September 2022**

**Motion Carries**

- b. Cree Language and Culture Camp Donation- Reza H. said Cameron Adams reached out to him concerning funding his attendance to Cree Language and Culture Camp.

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Kirt H.- Cameron Adams needs \$4,500. UWSA has \$30,000 in its account. But the committee can only approve a maximum of \$1,000.

Bedel S.- It would have been nice to have a total breakdown of the costs and the details of the program. But the committee should approve \$1,000.

**Sarah A. moves the motion: Be it resolve that \$1,000 be donated to the Cree language Revitalization camp**

**Motion Carries**

**Reza H. moves motion to enter closed session**

**Motion Carries**

- 3) Closed Session
  - a. Local 153 Vacancies Update-
- 4) Adjournment

**Reza H. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:29pm.**  
**Motion Carries**

# **Executive Committee – Open Session Minutes**

## **October 26, 2022**

### Virtual Meeting due to Covid-19 Pandemic



In attendance:

Chair – Kirt Hayer, President

Member – Christine Quiah and Tomiris Kaliyeva, International Students' Co-Directors

Member – Umar Awan, Arts Director

Member – Reza Saker Hossain, Vice President Student Affairs

Member – Jonathan Henderson, Vice President of External Affairs

Staff in attendance:

Advisor – Tom Sidebottom, Chief Operating Officer

Advisor – Ted Turner, Special Projects Manager

Scribe – Omowunmi Williams, Admin Assistant

Absent:

None

#### 1) Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 2:30 p.m. following the confirmation of quorum.

#### 2) Order of Business

**Reza H. moves to approve order of business**

**Motion carries**

#### 3) New Business

##### a. Observer Status with the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA)

Kirt H. presents two letters to the committee. The first letter is a letter of intent submitted in May 2020 by UWSA President, Jibril Hussein, requesting observer status with CASA. The second letter is supplementary letter of intent submitted by another student association.

T. Sidebottom states that considering the time that has passed, a new letter would need to be submitted to indicate intent.

Reza H. asks what it means to join CASA and who else is a member, Kirt H. indicates that both Laurentian University Students' General Association and Brandon University Students' Union are members. All committee members indicate support for joining CASA as observers. T. Sidebottom states that the decision should be up to the members.

**Jon H. moves that the UWSA sends a letter of intent to CASA in order to gain observer status with the organization of CASA.**

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### **Motion carries**

T. Sidebottom confirms that he and T. Turner will draft the letter for executive approval by November 3.

#### **b. Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA) Conference Attendance**

Kirt H. presents the opportunity to attend the CASA Conference as an observer to learn more about the organization and inquires if others can attend. Jon H. and Reza H. indicate that they will be too busy with other duties to attend.

T. Sidebottom flags that given current budgetary constraints, there are only funds available for one person to attend the conference. The conference funding budget can be re-evaluated by the Finance & Operations Committee for future opportunities.

**Reza H. moves that up to \$2000 of the conferences budget is allocated so that Kirt Hayer may attend the CASA conference.**

### **Motion carries**

#### **c. Support for Hurricane Victims**

Jon H. reminds the committee that they have been assigned by the board to consider a donation to the victims of Hurricane Ian. Kirt H. recommends that research into possible charities is conducted before an amount is allocated.

Kirt H. moves the agenda item “Support for Hurricane Victims” to the next Executive Committee agenda.

#### **4) Adjournment**

**Reza H. moves to adjourn at 3:02 p.m.**

### **Motion carries**

## **Regular Meeting of the Management Committee of UWSA Day Care Centre**

**June 9, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.**

*Via Zoom*

### **In Attendance:**

Ioulia Berdnikova - Executive Director, UWSA Day Care Centre

Kim Paz - Member/Chair

Cindy Doyle – Member

Justin Friesen – Member/Vice Chair [Acting secretary]

Taylor Homenick – Member

Annie Laser – Member

Robyn Liddle – Member

Desirae Mercer – Member

Dennis Ng – Member/Treasurer

Tami Prinslo - Member

Nadine Vroom – Member

Wade Carriere – University of Winnipeg Director of Security & Risk

Tom Sidebottom – UWSA Chief Operating Officer

### **Regrets:**

Amy Desroches – Member

Natasha Hollett - Member/Secretary

Faizan Kahn – Member

Tara Myran – Member

### **1.0 Call the Meeting to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:01PM.

Introductions

### **2.0 Agenda and Minutes Approval**

#### **2.1 Motion to approve the agenda June 9, 2022**

Moved: Justin/Cindy, carried by consensus

#### **2.2 Motion to approve the May 10, 2022 minutes**

Moved: Tami/Cindy, carried by consensus

### **3.0 Daycare Safety Questions (Wade Carriere, UW Director of Security & Risk)**

Wade invited to present & take questions on daycare security. Will review daycare evacuation plan. University has been taking steps such as security at pickup/dropoff times, reviewing camera placement, and replacing glass with break-resistant materials. Incidents have been generally limited to off hours, e.g., vandalism, attempted break-ins. Some questions from board about guard placement, duties, patrols, and responses. Other plans include replacing blue (emergency) phones around campus and creating silent alert option on campus computers. Wade recommended parents can download the UW Safe App, which is available to everybody. Question about who to contact in case of incident – it was suggested alert both daycare staff and security. WPS is also an option but depending on incident priority UW security may

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respond more quickly. Wade urged committee members/parents/staff to contact him with any concerns they might have.

#### **4.0 Reports**

**4.1 Executive Director's Report**  
Ioulia presented.

#### **Enrollment**

The daycare is licensed for 96 pre-school children and 32 infants. All spots are full and waitlist is 172 children. Some parents are withdrawing for summer and being temporarily replaced with siblings age 6-7 who need summer care.

#### **Staff / Students**

We have 88 % of staff who are ECE trained. Four summer students have started, two more are starting July 4. Some staff changes.

#### **Program**

We continue with activities such as Guitar Garry, music with Margo, yoga with Cathy, Zumba and Music with Dee. Weekly Forest School Program. We are playing outside more. Staff planning many activities in the rooms. Children are getting ready for Father's Day breakfast (June 17). We are getting ready to celebrate National Indigenous Peoples Day. We have many activities planned, so we decided to divide celebration for 2 days (June 20 and 21). We are planning Family Fun Day on June 30. We will have many children's games, photo booth, food, and Guitar Gary. We are continuing with Friday's fundraising lunches. We have received highest ever summer funding from the Winnipeg Foundation for field trips and other programming.

#### **COVID**

We will wear masks until the end of June to be in line with the University's rules. We have PPE as needed. We are continuing to clean and sanitize the environment on a regular basis. Two COVID cases in PS2 room.

#### **Green Space**

University has set up Community Engagement Sessions: June 16 (5-7pm) and June 30 (5-6:30pm). Plan is to break ground in August.

#### **Other**

UWSA & UofW are working on Capital Building Fund proposal application for the daycare building expansion. Looking to add 18 preschool and 24 infant spaces. Tom reported the expansion will cost an estimated \$1.5M, UWSA executive is supportive.

Motion to accept report: Tami/Taylor

Motion carried by consensus.

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*Via Zoom*

**4.2 Financial Update (Dennis)**

There was no financial update last month since the financial statement was unavailable. So this update covers both April and May. We are currently running a \$165,000 surplus after two months (\$56,000 surplus for May), Expenses are about \$10,000 under budget, with May rent (\$2,500) still to be paid. Revenues are more than \$150,000 more than budgeted, due to parent fees and grants.

Parent fees are very high due to the subsidy being paid to the daycare in advance. ELCC will recalculate the subsidy in August / September, and things will even out eventually. Grants / donations include 2 ELCC initiatives: pension support and wage bridge grant. Pension will be paid to the staff in full. Wage bridge grant to be discussed. Food expense is offset by additional fundraising. Repairs and Maintenance Programming: some damaged walls were repainted. We may show large deficits in future months as the parent fees even out and the grants are paid to staff.

Motion to accept report: Robyn/Tami

Motion carried by consensus.

Ioulia noted that the government has advanced the Daycare about \$300k in subsidy payments based on future increases in parental eligibility. This could be increased or clawed back (i.e., reduced future subsidy) based on final determination of which parents will qualify.

**5.0 New Business**

**5.1 Retirement Enhancement Benefit and Wage Bridge Benefit**

Ioulia received \$9k in government funding to cover any wage gaps between ELCC-recommended and actual salaries. Almost all of our staff already receive above the recommended amounts, so based on Tom's recommendation Ioulia will get confirmation in writing about how money can be used.

Motion to put this forward to next meeting: Justin/Cindy

Motion carried by consensus.

**6.0 Closed Session**

Nothing to report

**7.0 Next Meeting Date and Adjournment**

**7.1** Next Meeting Date: September 8, time & place TBD. Justin will circulate a poll to decide whether to keep 7pm meeting time or return to 4pm.

**7.2** Adjournment



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*Via Zoom*

Meeting adjourned at 8:15PM  
Moved: Justin  
Motion carried by consensus

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**September 8, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.**  
*Via Zoom*

**In Attendance:**

Ioulia Berdnikova - Executive Director, UWSA Day Care Centre  
Kim Paz - Member/Chair  
Justin Friesen – Member/Vice Chair  
Taylor Homenick – Member  
Robyn Liddle – Member  
Desirae Mercer – Member  
Dennis Ng – Member/Treasurer  
Tami Prinslo - Member  
Amy Desroches – Member  
Natasha Hollett - Member/Secretary  
Tara Myran – Member

**Regrets:**

Nadine Vroom – Member  
Faizan Kahn – Member  
Cindy Doyle – Member  
Annie Laser – Member

**1.0 Call the Meeting to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:02PM.

**2.0 Agenda and Minutes Approval**

**2.1 Motion to approve the agenda September 8, 2022**

Moved: Justin, carried by consensus

**2.2 Motion to approve the June 9, 2022 minutes**

Moved: Justin, carried by consensus

**3.0 Reports**

**3.1 Executive Director's Report**

Ioulia presented.

**Enrollment**

Our center is full. In August we had 110% enrollment, but it went down in September to 100%. We were able to accommodate only 10 new preschool children (7 student; 1 faculty /staff; 2 community members) and 6 infants (3 students; 2 faculty/staff and 1 UWSA staff). Our wait list has 225 children now.

**Staff / Students**

We have 88 % of staff who are ECE trained. Everyone's criminal records, child abuse and First Aid/CPR are up to date. We will have the first aid re-certification course on November 15 for 13

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*Via Zoom*

staff, 3 staff already completed it over the summer. We hired one inclusion staff because funding was approved for one preschool child. Nettie accepted a term instructor's position at RRC Polytech. Maneesha returned. We have 3 students from MITT that have started today until the middle of October.

**Program**

Summer activities

It was a great summer full of different events. Some of them are:

- Family Fun Day
- National Indigenous Day Celebration
- Foam parties
- MAD Science
- ZUMBA
- Star Dome
- Canadian Park's nature program
- Fire house
- Music with Dee
- Music with Margo
- Guitar Garry
- Yoga with Cathy
- 4 Field trips: Hide and Seek; Kid's City; Farm and Living Prairie Museum
- Creative Movement classes
- Weekly Forest School program

Three summer months cost us roughly \$17,500.00 in activity fees, but \$12,400.00 came from grants and \$5,100.00 from our activities/special guests budget account. During the summer months we had a Developmental Studies cohort from the U of W visit the day care to share Indigenous knowledge. We facilitated a "lunch and learn" session for the university students and our staff.

On September 13 we will have a 2-hour workshop for the staff on "Portfolio writing" with Heather Krepski, Developmental Studies, Faculty of Education, University of Winnipeg. Heather will facilitate a workshop free of charge for the center.

Fall Activities

We started with our regular activities and Emergent Curriculum. We will start weekly Indigenous education for preschool children on September 12, 2022. This will be a 30 minute session for each preschool room each week. We will continue with forest school sessions until the colder months and we will continue with our Friday fundraising lunches. We now offer gluten free and lactose free options. We will start Speech Language Pathology (SLP) weekly sessions for 10 children! It is finally happening!

**COVID**

Masks are optional. We have PPE as needed. We are continuing cleaning and sanitizing the environment on a regular basis. There are no active COVID cases in a center that we know of.

**Green Space**

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We completed all the consultations, but we do not have the final numbers yet. Hopefully we will get a quote soon. We are planning to start renovation in early spring 2023.

**Other**

We participated in “Roll Call” which was a U of W event. It was for 3 days, we setup a table and had posters and we passed out pens and other items. The UWSA wanted us to participate in this for advertising purposes so students were aware of the daycare on campus.

The daycare will stop having Health and Safety meetings and will combine with the UWSA. Two staff and myself will participate. I hope that this way we will be more productive. Wade Carriere and I are reviewing our Enhanced Safety Plan and planning 2 drills for September: Lockdown drill and Evacuation fire drill. We will be evacuating to the science building.

*Expansion of the daycare update:* The UWSA has approved a commitment and a government grant is in progress.

Motion to accept report: Desirae/Tara  
Motion carried by consensus.

**3.2 Financial Update (Dennis)**

For the year we have a \$220,000 surplus, most of this is from parent fees. Ioulia explained that this is because the Government gave a big lump sum (over \$300000) to cover parent fees due to the changes in subsidy policy. After Christmas she anticipates that the parent fee amounts will go down so the surplus will be less.

Dennis continued the report:

Everything else is pretty normal and there is nothing out of ordinary happening this month. The daycare is in a good position, we are getting extra money from grants and he is confident there will be a sizable surplus by the end of the year.

Motion to accept report: Justin/Taylor  
Motion carried by consensus.

**4.0 New Business**

**4.1 AGM**

The AGM will take place on Oct 27<sup>th</sup> , 2022, in-person at 5:45pm. There will be pizza provided and there will be entertainment provide for the children of the parents who are attending.

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**5.0 In-Camera**

There is nothing to report this month.

**6.0 Next Meeting Date and Adjournment**

**6.1** Next Meeting Date: October 13, 2022 @ 7:00pm

**6.2** Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:46pm

Moved: Natasha/Justin

Motion carried by consensus

# Student Life Committee – Open Session Minutes September 29, 2022

Virtual Meeting due to Covid-19 Pandemic



In attendance:

Chair – Reza Saker Hossain, Vice President Student Affairs

Member – Faith Marcial, Emerging Leader Director

Member – Kaynat Grewal,

Member – Tomiris Kaliyeva, International Student Co-Director

Absent:

Christine Quiah, International Student Co-Director

Staff in attendance:

Scribe – Thomas Hanan, Interim General Manager

Wunmi Williams, Administrative Assistant

Ted Turner, Special Projects Manager

Guest:

Sarah Anderson, Community Liaison Director

## 1) Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 1:03 p.m. following the confirmation of quorum.

## 2) Approval of the Order of Business

**Kaynat G. moves to approve order of business.**

**Motion carries.**

## 3) New Business

### a) Student group approvals

Reza H. discloses his student group International Students Union (UWISU). Reza H.

asks Faith M. lead discussion so Reza H. can recuse himself for the conversation.

Tomiris K. asks if UWISU is connected to UofM ISU. Reza H. said it isn't.

**Tomiris K. moves to approve all returning student groups:**

Returning Student Groups 2022/2023	
Name	Recognized/Affiliated

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Happy Happy Friend Club	Recognized Group
English Literature Students' Association (ELSA)	Recognized Group
University of Winnipeg Biology Student Association (UWBSA) (BSA)	Recognized Group
University of Winnipeg History Students Association (HSA)	Recognized Group
University of Winnipeg Math and Stats Students Association (UWMSSA)	Recognized Group
University of Winnipeg Pre-Dental Club (UWPDC)	Recognized Group
University of Winnipeg soccer student group	Recognized Group
Queer Student Association (QSA)	Recognized Group
The University of Winnipeg Pre-Med Society (UWPMS)	Recognized Group
Kinesiology games (Kin games)	Recognized Group
UWSA Photo club	Recognized Group
Drag Student Association	Recognized Group
The University of Winnipeg's Pre-Veterinary Club (UWPVC)	Recognized Group
Psychology Students' Association (UWPSA)	Recognized Group
University of Winnipeg Physics Student Association (PHYSSA)	Recognized Group
Motionball	Affiliated Group

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Education Student Association (EdSA)	Recognized Group
U of W Toastmasters Club	Recognized Group
Jeux du Commerce West (JDC West)	Affiliated Group
InterVarsity / IVCF	Affiliated Group
Chemistry Student Association, ChemSA	Recognized Group
MESCSS	Recognized Group
Philosophy Student Association (PhilSA)	Recognized Group
University of Winnipeg Campus Conservatives (UWCC)	Affiliated Group
Hillel Winnipeg	Affiliated Group
The University of Winnipeg Jack.org	Affiliated Group
The University of Winnipeg Nepalese Students' Association (UWNPSA)	Recognized Group
The University of Winnipeg Ukrainian Students' Association / UWUKRSA	Recognized Group
Global College Student Advisory Council (GCSAC)	Recognized Group
University of Winnipeg Classics Students Association - UWCSA	Recognized Group
Geography and Environmental Students Association (GESA)	Recognized Group
The University of Winnipeg Golden Key Chapter (UWGK)	Affiliated Group
Illicit Dance Crew	
Anthropology	
UW International students' union	



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**Motion carries.**

**Tomiris K. moves to approve New Student Groups:**

New student Groups	
Name	Recognized/ Affiliated
University of Winnipeg Anime Club	Recognized Group
Jewish Student Union - JSU	Recognized Group
Power Bible School	Recognized Group
UWPMS	Recognized Group
The University of Winnipeg Indian Students' Association (UWISA)	Recognized Group
KATSA	Recognized Group

**Motion carries**

## **b) Funding**

T. Hanan stated that the Queer Student Association wants \$3250 for funding. Reza H. says they cannot approve more than \$1000, and they need specific information about the event and need to specify the timeline of their events along with prioritizing what is important. They can apply multiple time, and Reza says they have time to reach out. We will speak internally about policy. Tomiris K. asked if we could give them \$1000 for a term and thinks it is a good idea to reach out to them and get more information. Tomiris K. is worried about them waiting, and Reza H. will reach out and then get back to them.

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**Tomiris K. moves to table Queer Student Association funding request until next meeting.**

**Motion Carries**

Global College Student Advisory Council is requesting money to start up community-based advocacy, ted talks/conferences, and other work with local NGOs.

**Tomiris K. moves to approve Global College funding for \$1000**

**Motion Carries**

T. Hanan states the next group which was UW Pre-Veterinary Association. They are asking for \$35.83 to purchase supplies for their table at Roll Call on September 6th and 7th. All materials were bought at Dollarama & Bulk Barn.

**Tomiris K. moves to approves \$35.83 for UW Pre-Veterinary Association.**

**Motion Carries**

T. Hanan states the Drag Student Association which needed an amount of \$80.

**Kaynat G. moves to approve \$80 for the Drag Student Association.**

**Motion carries**

## **c) Conference funding**

T. Turner speaks to this, sharing that the UWSA previously did Conference funding management, and then Awards and Financial aid took over. It has been an executive initiative to being back to the UWSA. The awards have strict criteria. A lot of the

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awards we work with through the University have a needs-based criteria, it is not quite as important and we count on them to lead this work. Ted can read the initiative if that is helpful. UWSA members with costs, it is meant to assist students that align with UWSA values. The UWSA travel fund supports UWSA travel cost is used for travel and commercial needs that benefits the UWSA. Preferences will be given to students in their final year or graduate studies. \*It would cover their expenses such as Air travel, transportation, food and housing. Applicants must provide receipts to be reimbursed. Funding available at the moment is \$4700. The idea of a cap on the fund is to regulate it, and coming up with a number would be separate discussion. Timing, it would be good to meet monthly to look at them, with the first of the month being the monthly deadline.

Tomiris K. asks about the cap, and to make sure they can maintain the consistency. There is limited funding, and want to be able to help as many students as possible. Reza H., thought \$800-\$1000 would be enough and students can only get funding once a year. Funds helping those who need it most, educational, academic before, community will be reviewed on case by case basis. Tomiris K. stated what the criteria would be?

The committee agree with the funding cap being \$800 - \$1000. Tomiris K. thinks it needs to be clear that the cap is \$1000, and not every applicant will receive that much. Reza H. says that priority will be given to students who are academic aligned with their conference. Students have to get invited and it has to be meaningful.

Reza H. this responsibility has been moved away UW Finance to the UWSA. It is not specified in the by-law right now that Student Life Committee handle it. Reza H. asks

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if this committee is in the position to take on this work. Committee members agree to take on Conference Funding.

**Faith M. moves to accept Conference Funding management into the Student Life Committee portfolio**

**Motion carries**

4) Adjournment

**Kaynat G. moves to adjourn at 1:58 p.m.**

**Motion carries**

# **UWSA Conference Funding Procedure Outline and Proposal**

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UWSA student conference funding aims to support students in need of funding to bear a part of the expenses for attending conferences that are relevant to their academic studies and research at the University of Winnipeg. In some cases, funding may be approved for conferences that are not academic in nature but add significant value to the student's studies given that the conference meets all other criteria mentioned in this document and relevant UWSA policy and by-laws. In order to ensure that this support can be extended to more students, the following guidelines will be in place as decided by the Student Life Committee at its September 29, 2022, meeting.

## **Funding Criteria:**

1. The applicant must be a current student at the University of Winnipeg and a current UWSA member.
2. The applicant must have a current minimum CGPA of 2.0 or above.
3. The conference should ideally be academic in nature and in the applicant's field of study or research at the University of Winnipeg.
4. If the conference is not an academic conference in the field of the applicant's area of study or research, the following criteria must also be fulfilled in addition to the abovementioned requirements:
  - a. Attendance at the conference is considered valuable and would add value to the student's studies and research at the University of Winnipeg.
  - b. Participation in that conference is meant for students and scholars.
  - c. The student is a direct participant in the conference, meaning the student will be speaking, or presenting their work, or has been specifically invited to participate in the conference due to the relationship between the conference's topic, and the applicant's area of study, expertise, or accomplishments in that field.
  - d. A letter explaining how the conference meets the criteria for acceptable non-academic conferences as outlined in this section
5. Any other criteria mentioned in the UWSA policy and by-laws. (As of now, we are not aware of any such criteria).

## **Funding Amount:**

1. Maximum amount that can be approved is 75% of the total conference expense or 1000 CAD whichever is lower. Expenses may include airfare, residence, and/or other applicable costs related to the conference and travel.
2. The amount of funding approved can vary depending on the available funds and as deemed appropriate by the UWSA.

## **Procedure:**

1. Students must fill out a form on the UWSA official website. The form shall include information such as the student information, conference details including total expenses with a clear breakdown of the costs, and the amount requested from the UWSA conference fund.
2. Completed application with all required information must be submitted prior to the Student Life committee meeting that takes place before the conference. A list of upcoming meeting dates will be made available on the UWSA website.

3. The UWSA Student Life committee will review the applications and make decisions. Students will be notified of the decisions after the meeting.
4. Applicants can access the fund once approved by the Student Life committee, however, the applicants must submit copies of their expenses after the conference. (This point needs to be further reviewed at the committee or at the board).

**Important Notes:**

1. In case any information presented in this document conflicts with other UWSA policies and by-laws, the information in the UWSA policy or by-law will be accepted and the information in conflict will be called to review at the following Student Life committee and/or board meetings.
2. Academic conference funding requests will be prioritized if the available fund is deemed inadequate.