

University of Winnipeg Students' Association Board of Directors

OPEN Session Meeting Minutes, November 09, 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

Business and Economics Director: Jaspinder Kaur Dhillon

Community Liaison Director: Sarah Anderson

Emerging Leader Director (2nd Year): Amanpreet Singh Gill

Emerging Leader Director (2nd Year): Faith Marcial

Recreation & Athletics Co-Director: Vandan Khunt

Science Director: Kaynat Grewal

Part-Time/Mature Students' Director: Clifford Stornel

Accessibility Director: Krina Patel

Environmental Ethics Co-Director: Farwa Awan

Graduate Students' Director: Fathma Mehjabin

PACE Students' Director: David Dokun

Board Absent:

Vice-President External Affairs: Jonathan Henderson

Student Living Director: Vlad Samon

Arts Director: Umar Awan

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International Students' Co-Director: Christine Quiah

International Students Co-Director: Tomiris Kaliyeva

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

Racialized Student Co-Director: Oyin Akinboye

Indigenous Student Association Director: Gracie Grift

Environmental Ethics Co-Director: Soban Faiz

Staff in Attendance:

Omowunmi Williams – Administrative Assistant

Olayemi Olaleye – Chief Financial Officer

Open Session

1. Call to Order

The regular monthly meeting of the University of Winnipeg Students' Association Board of Directors was held on Wednesday 09 November 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 attendance.

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3. Approval of the Order of Business

Kirt H. moves motion to approve order of business

Motion carries

4. Special Business

a. Election Result Ratification – CEC

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

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4. Rhythm Gill 5. Raihan Mahmud

6. Sualeha

7. Nicholas Wasyliw

8. Joshua Haney

Kirt H. moves motion to approve the election results

Motion Carries

5. Consent Agenda

a) Reports

i) Executive reports

- Kirt H- He attended finance and director committees' meetings. He attended an IRSS event. He engaged with Muslims to renovate the mosque. He met with an MLA concerning international students' accountability issue. He met with the school's registrar to discuss course fees and study spaces. He attended meetings for post-secondary health care. There is progress being made in forming the cricket team.
- Reza H. - Welcomed new members of the board. He provided advocacy for students involved in academic misconduct and attended committee meetings. He attended departmental meetings to help students with academic misconduct. He has been meeting with students with concerns with the lab fees (and online course fees) charged for some courses. He attended the Student Life Committee meeting (the minutes have been sent to the board) where he approved 40 groups and another 6 in a different meeting. He attended Senate meetings. There has been concerns from the university about the international students in the committee meetings. He talked about bringing conference funding from financial aid back to the UWSA and explained what it meant. Working on a transcript that would have any co-curricular activities such as being a director on it.

ii) Director reports

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- Sarah A. - She has been planning the “More than a Door” event (November 16th, 4pm-5pm at the HIVE) This is to campaign for the University to be more accessible. She is working with university directors and the university’s representatives to talk about youth concerns and positive engagement.
- Faith M. - She attended the 2 Student Life Committee meetings and was the photographer for the UW Drag brunch.
- Vandan K. - He had mid-terms. He connected with students during the UWSA and many activities. He attended the cultural event.
- Jaspinder D. - She attended the Finance Student committee meeting. A student from JDC needed funding.

b) Minutes

- i. BOD 220928 OPEN
- ii. EXEC 220428 OPEN
- iii. EXEC 221026 OPEN
- iv. DMC 220609 OPEN
- v. DMC 220908 OPEN
- vi. SLC 220929 OPEN + Addendum

Reza H. moves motion to approve consent agenda

Motion carries

6. Communications

7. New Business

a. Advisory Circle Member Approvals

Sarah A. asked for the function of the Advisory Circle in the UWSA structure.

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Kirt. H answered and then read the by-law concerning Advisory Circle. Most board members were unclear on the functions of the Advisory Circle because Jonathan H. was not in the meeting to present it to the board.

Reza H. moves the motion to table the Advisory Circle Members approval at the next board meeting.

Motion Carries

b. Student Life Committee (SLC) - Applications of Students Group

Reza H. wants the board to allow SLC to notify students' groups concerning their group's applications results.

Reza H. Moves:

Whereas the student group applications, student group funding applications, and conference funding applications that are heard by the Student Life Committee are often time sensitive as students often need to know the UWSA's decision to make decisions on their group activities, events, or attending conferences;

Whereas the notification to student groups being subject to the board's approval causes delays in notifying the groups, and students, thus causing unprecedented issues for the groups and the students;

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Be it resolved that the student group start/renewal applications, student group funding applications, and conference funding applications which are unanimously approved by the Student Life Committee members can be reported to the applicants of those applications prior to the ratification of the board.

Be it further resolved that notifications to the groups will be only to indicate the possible final approval of their application, meaning the student life committee decision shall still be subject to the board's ratification before realization, and any approved funds or student group benefits for approved student groups can only be accessed upon the board's ratification of the decision made by the Student Life Committee.

Motion Carries

Sarah A. moves the motion to discuss the closed session

Motion carries

Closed Session

8. Consent Agenda

a. Minutes

vii. BOD 220928 CLOSED

viii. EXEC 220428 CLOSED

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ix. F&O 221019 CLOSED

9. Communication

10. New Business

11. Other Business

- Next board meeting: November 30, 2022

12. Adjournment

David D. moves the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:30pm

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