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THE UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Open Session Package

AUGUST 21, 2024 Meeting of
the UWSA Board of Directors

Diksha Bansal, General Manager

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University of Winnipeg Students' Association Board of Directors

Open Session Meeting Minutes, August 21, 2024 – 2:00 pm.

Hybrid Meeting

Board in Attendance:

Chair of the Board: Jacob Cramer

President: Tomiris Kaliyeva

Vice President Student Affairs: Abrar Abdelmahmoud

Vice President External Affairs: Chhavi Dhir

Business and Economics Director: Oladayo Daniel Adeniji

Emerging Leader Director: Gabriel Louer

Emerging Leader Director: Karaninder Singh Delow

2LSGBTQ* Students' Director: Muskan Vhora

International Students Director: Robinjeet Singh

Arts Director: Farwa Awan

Community Liaison Director: Harleen Kaur Doel

Environmental Ethics Director: Arshdeep Singh Jassal

Part-time/Mature Students Director: Harmandeep Ghataura

Accessibility Director: Mahavir Partap Singh

Recreation and Athletics Director: Lavmeet Singh

Womens, Trans and Non-binary Student: Harleen Kaur

Student Living Director: Aryan Sharma

Board Absent:

Urban and Inner-City Director: Aleecia Doyle

Racialized Students Director: Tioluwalase Elizabeth Ajibola

Science Director: Mohammed Sheheryar Mouzam

Staff in Attendance:

General Manager - Diksha Bansal

Chief Operating Officer – Tom Sidebottom

General Office assistant – Cynthia Nwachukwu

Corporate Account Manager – Emmanuel Iwuoha

Retail Assistant – Natasha Ohai

Open Session

1. Call to Order

The regular monthly meeting of the University of Winnipeg Students' Association Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, July 31, 2024, via Hybrid. The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:07 PM. Following the confirmation of quorum, the house continued to the agenda.

2. Introduction Circle

The Chair led an introductory circle with the directors in attendance.

3. Approval of the Order of Business

Tomiris K. motions to move the approval of the order of business. Motion

Carries

4. Consent Agenda

A) Reports

I) Executive Reports:

A) Student Care

Report presented by Tomiris K. and Abrar A.

- Discussed the tour that student care provided for the executives which provided them networking opportunities, ability to draft ideas and proffering solutions to challenges on campus.

B) CASA

Report presented by Tomiris K. and Chhavi D.

- Execs are CASA observers until November 1st, 2024. The policy conference is the only conference that the executives have attended during this observership. A more detailed report about CASA will be presented at the next board meeting.

Emmanuel I. - Presents further on the Transition to Student Care

Provides a brief highlight of the challenges with Greenshield and reasons for the switch after proper evaluation.

- We did not have a leading administrator and health plan broker in the program – limiting negotiating power.
- Administrative Issues – Data security in Greenshield.
- Unsettling issues with the UWinnipeg partners due to inefficient processes.

Advantages of Partnering with Student Care

- **Cost Savings** - Student have equal access to primary and secondary healthcare. There is a universal fee of \$330 for international students, domestic, part-time and PACE students regardless of the number of registered courses.
- **Mental Health Services** - Student Care possess EMPOWER ME – a 24/7 mental health service.
 - Will provide confidential support for mental health, family and career counselling.
 - Virtual healthcare assistance is accessible to domestic students.
- Positive relations with UWinnipeg Partners.

- Brokered: better broker system for better terms and improved services.
- Effective Administration, improved data security and faster plan activation.
- Student Care has a properly structured platform.
- As opposed to Greenshield, Student Care has additional dental benefits. Discount networks – exclusive health and dental network services.

Questions:

Jacob C. - Asked about Indigenous students' subgroup in the health plan

- The Indigenous subgroup has been removed since the fee is now universal.

- Indigenous Student group was consulted, and they were on board since only a few students utilized the Indigenous health plan.

Director Reports:

b) Minutes

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Abrar A. (VPSA) motions to approve the consent Agenda.

Motion Carries

5. Communications

- i. Presented by Tom Sidebottom – Respectful Workplace Environment Reminder
-Tom briefly reminded all board members to maintain a respectful workspace.

6. New Business

- a. MGEU Local 433 Contract Renewal
COO Tom presented the proposed MGEU Local 433 Contract Renewal

- The UWSA bylaws closely mirror the living wage policy.
- Negotiated every 5 years
- The minimum wage is not the living wage
- The proposed wage will be in the range of the living wage

Chhavir D. (VPEA) motions to approve the contracts renewal – Approved.

No voters against the motion.

7. Special Business

- a. UWSA is proposing \$15,000 for free flow from capital funds.

Presented by Tomiris K.

- The University of Winnipeg partners with the UWSA to implement this initiative.
- Free Flow was introduced last year to 7 bathrooms.
- \$15,000 is apportioned by facilities and \$15,000 is allocated from the UWSA.

- This year, the executives plan on introducing the initiative to more gender-neutral bathrooms.
- \$30,000 will cover 10 months of the school year.

Farwa A. (Arts Director) moves the motion to approve the \$15,000 for free flow from capital funds.

No voters against the motion.

8. Closed Session

a. Reports -

- i. Day Care Report – tabled to the next board meeting

b. Communications -

- i. Committee Distribution

Jacob C. - Directors can choose to accept the committees assigned to them or choose to disagree.

Abrar moves the motion to approve the committee's appointment.

Tomiris K. - Directors should be aware of their portfolios/roles and have issues directed to the appropriate department. Plans to have more events to improve engagement on campus.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 PM.