



UWSA

THE UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

OpenSession Package

October 29, 2024

UWSA board meeting

Diksha Bansal, General Manager

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University of Winnipeg Students' Association Board of Directors
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Board in Attendance:

Chair of the Board: Jacob Cramer

President: Tomiris Kaliyeva

Vice President Student Affairs: Abrar Abdelmahmoud

Vice President External Affairs: Chhavi Dhir

Secretary to the Board – Emmanuel Oladele

Business and Economics Director: Oladayo Daniel Adeniji

Science Director: Mohammed Sheheryar Mouzam

Student Living Director: Aryan Sharma

Urban and Inner-City Director: Aleecia Doyle

International Students Director: Robinjeet Singh

Womens, Trans and Non-binary Student: Harleen Kaur

Accessibility Director: Mahavir Partap Singh

Recreation and Athletics Director: Lavmeet Singh

Community Liaison Director: Harleen Kaur Doel

Emerging Leader Director: Karaninder Singh Delow

Arts Director: Farwa Awan

Part-time/Mature Students Director: Harmandeep Ghataura

Board Absent:

2LSGBTQ* Students' Director: Muskan Vhora

Racialized Students Director: Tioluwalase Elizabeth Ajibola

Environmental Ethics Director: Arshdeep Singh Jassal

Staff in Attendance:

Special Projects Manager - Ted Turner

General manager - Diksha Bansal

Office Assistant – Cynthia Nwachukwu

Chief Financial Officer - Olayemi Olaleye

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Open Session

1. Call to Order

The regular monthly meeting of the University of Winnipeg Students' Association Board of Directors was held on Thursday, September 26, 2024, via Hybrid. The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:24 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

Abrar A. moves motion to approve the new order of business.
Motion Carries

4. Consent Agenda

i) Executive reports

Tomiris K.-

Updates

- Free flow ordered and arrived
- Second pool table in place
- VP Indigenous engagement stakeholder consultations started

Meetings with the university

- Travis Greene (AVP student engagement)
- Pavlina Radia (provost and VP academic)

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.Senate executive committee

- Strategic planning of the UW
- Regents
- Library
- Klinik+ housing

Events

- Roll call
- ISSC welcome back feast
- UW orientation (x2)
- UW adult learners' orientation
- ISS orientation

Abrar A.-

During the month of September, I actively participated in several initiatives and committees to support the University of Winnipeg Students' Association (UWSA). Key activities and engagements included:

- Collaborated closely with the University of Winnipeg Alumni Association to conduct a mentorship program, aimed at fostering connections between students and alumni.

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- Established valuable connections with executives from the University of Manitoba

Students' Union (UMSU) to explore potential collaborations.

- Regularly attended weekly Senate Appeals Committees to represent student interests

and ensure fair appeal processes.

- Joined the Senate Graduate Appeals Committee, contributing to the decision-making

process in graduate student appeals.

- Participated in the Board of Regents orientation, where I was appointed to the

Nominating Committee, allowing me to assist in important administrative decisions.

- Attended the CFS SKILLS workshop held at the University of Winnipeg.

- Provided support to multiple students who were facing academic/non-academic difficulties

by guiding them through the university of Winnipeg appeals process, and directing them

to the appropriate points of contact.

Overall, September has been a productive month focused on mentorship, collaboration, and

active involvement in key committees and workshops.

Chhavi D.- Chhavi attended the K-Clinic, Regent and Senate Executive Committee meetings. Chhavi is working with professors to put a limit of 40% as the percentage of final exam against the overall grade. Chhavi is working towards having a fair that educates students on resources for students throughout the city. Chhavi is working with

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security to install soft panic buttons on some floors that seem quite lonely (e.g. ISS's office floor). Chhavi is also collaborating with the school's residence to organize a Halloween Haunted so that students do not have to go outside of school to have fun.

ii) Director Reports

Lavmeet S.- Lavmeet is working towards creating a sport's day where students can participate in sports activities. He did a presentation on it.

Discussion

Question- Is the sign up going to be individual or as a group?

Answer- Each individual will sign up.

Question- Is there a fixed date?

Answer- There is no fixed date yet.

Tomiris- How much will it cost? For this event to hold, you will need sponsors.

Answer- The cost has not been determined. But it should not be a lot of money.

Abrar- Talk to our communications manager concerning this.

Chhavi- You can reach out to faculties for collaboration. Also, you can add some other sports.

Questions- Will male and females have different races?

Answer- Yes, they will.

Mohammed S.- Mohammed has been working creating coop programs for students. These programs would include practicums. Some organizations are interested in this idea. Mohammed is working on each country having a tabling session for Cultural Day. Mohammed is proposing that the school have a campus shuttle service to and from classes, especially during winter (this was discussed under "communication").

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Oladayo A.- Oladayo is working on a mentorship program in partnership with the Minister of Urban Development and Housing (once a month for life). Oladayo is collaborating with the Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce for students to participate in year long programs.

Aleccia D.- Aleccia worked with Ted Turner to get bus passes for part-time students. She attended an event for Truth & Reconciliation Day.

iii) Finance Reports- Olayemi O. gave a presentation on the financial state of the organization from April 2024 to August 2024.

Question- Can reports on the events department be provided?

Answer- Yes, they can be provided.

b) Minutes

- BOD 240821 OPEN
- Committee Meeting Minutes
- Executive Committee Minutes240923
- Daycare Committee minutes 240624

Tomiris K. moves the motion to approve the consent agenda.

Motion Carries

5. Communications

a. Science Directors' topic of discussion- Mohammed wants the university to provide campus shuttle services during the winter and for the Selkirk's campus.

Question: Will two vans be sufficient for all students?

Answer (Tomiris K.): Yes, it should be. At the moment, about 60 students use the Safe Ride everyday. If we were to have a campus shuttle, it will be a first come, first serve basis.

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Answer (Mohammed S.): We can create a survey on the time students have their classes. It will require lots of planning.

Comment (Aleecia D.): The shuttle services might not be necessary, especially for Selkirk's campus. A solution to this is to ask professors to change their class times.

6. New Business

a. Statement on the encampment on the University's premises.

Abrar A.- This is regarding the encampment that happened on campus some months ago. The people involved in the encampment requested that the University disclose its funding disbursement that might be complicit in the Palestine genocide. A statement by the UWSA, reassuring students of their safety, has been issued. Abrar read the statement to the board.

Discussion

Jacob C.- The language in the first paragraph of the statement could hurt the UWSA's relationship with the school's management.

Tomiris K.- We are here to support the students and let them know we are here for them.

Abrar A.- We are open to any changes in the words used in the statement.

Oladayo A.- Oladayo believes war is political. The language of the first paragraph is tilted to one side. The language can be changed to make it non-political.

Tomiris K.- It has been called a genocide by the international community. Some students expressed concerns regarding their safety when the encampment was ongoing.

Mohammed S.- This statement will allow students to put more confidence in us in assuring their safety. Some sentences regarding the UWSA being against Islamophobic and antisemitism can be included in the statement.

Harleen D. moves the motion to table the final statement approval to the executive committee upon the communication department and the COOs reviewal.

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Abstinance: Karaninder S., Robinjeet S.

Motion Carries.

Committee Meeting Minutes

Student Life Committee

Date: Oct02,2024

Members In Attendance:

President - Tomiris Kaliyeva
VPSA – Abrar Abdelm Mahmoud
Recreation Director – Lavmeet Singh
Accessibility Director – Mahavir Partap Singh
SAL- Suhani Shankar

Staff in Attendance:

General Manager – Diksha Bansal

Open Session

1. Call to Order

The UWSA Student Life Committee meeting was held on Wednesday, October 2, 2024, via Hybrid. The chair called the meeting to order at 4.02pm.

2. Consent Agenda

a. Reports:

Abrar /Chair – Can I ask someone to move the motion to start the meeting?

Tomiris moves the motion

Abrar- motion to approve the returning students group

Recreation and Athletics Director moves the motion

Motion Approved Unanimously.

Abrar- discussed and show pending student group with committee members.

Discussion about King preist student group-We already have few christian group under the UWSA.

New Breed Campus - We already have few Christian group under the UWSA.

Abrar- Motion to table King preest and New breed student groups for the next meeting **.(pending clarification)**

Accessibility Director moves the motion.

Motion approved Unanimously.

Abrar- explains the application of Neuroscience group

Tomiris is okay with approving it but also there is a value to double check with the applicant.

Abrar- Motion to table the neural network group to the next meeting .

Tomiris moves the motion.

Diksha – Explains about the badminton group

Diksha – Motion to table the badminton club application.

Accessibility director moves the motion

Motion approved Unanimously.

Diksha explains about the linguistic group

Diksha – Motion to table the linguistic group for the next meeting **(until further clarification)**

Recreation and Athletics Director - moves the motion

Motion approved Unanimously.

Diksha – explain about USWung and had some doubts regarding their fee.

Diksha - Motion to table the U swung for next meeting (until further clarification)

Tomiris moved the motion

Motion approved Unanimously.

Abrar- Table the Student Sports Club to clarify their promotional paragraph.

Tomiris moved the motion

Motion approved Unanimously.

Abrar discussed and explained all the new student groups mentioned

Tomiris moved the motion

Motion approved Unanimously.

Diksha explained about the biochemistry group .

Abrar moves the motion to approve the biochemistry

Tomiris- moved the motion

Motion approved Unanimously.

Abrar- motion to table the UW racquet revolution club (regarding badminton)

Recreation and Athletics Director moves the motion.

Motion approved Unanimously.

3. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 pm.

Executive Commiiteee meeting

Date -October 23 ,2024 at 11:00 am

Members In Attendance:

President - Tomiris Kaliyeva

VPSA – Abrar Abdelmahmoud

VPEA – Chhavir Dhir

Urban and Inner-city Director – Aleecia Doyle

Environmental Ethics Director – Arshdeep Singh Jassal

Staff in Attendance:

General Office Assistance – Cynthia Nwachukwu

Open Session

1. Call to Order

The UWSA Executive Committee meeting was held on Wednesday, October 23, 2024, via Hybrid. The chair called the meeting to order at 11:04 AM. Following the confirmation of quorum, the house continued to the agenda.

2. Consent Agenda

a. Reports

Tomiris K. – Notes that there is a lot of students' groups to approve.

Abrar A. – Based on the SLC committee meeting, student groups with similarity in name, mission and objectives as well as new groups must be evaluated and tabled. These following students' groups were tabled and evaluated.

U SWUNG

LINGUISTIC STUDENT ASSOCIATION

BADMINTON GROUP

STUDENT SPORTS GROUP (SSC)

UW RECQUET REVOLUTION CLUB

KING PRIEST YOUTH CHURCH

NEW BREED CAMPUS FELLOWSHIP

Aleecia Doyle moves the motion to approve the following new student groups; U SWUNG, LINGUISTIC STUDENTS ASSOCIATION, UW RECQUET REVOLUTION CLUB, KING PRIEST YOUTH CHURCH, NEW BREED CAMPUS FELLOWSHIP.

Motion passes.

The following pending returning student groups and new groups were tabled and evaluated.

RETURNING STUDENT GROUPS:

Finance and Economics Students' association (FESA)

University of Winnipeg Pre-Dental Club (UWPDC)

Immigrants and Refugees Student Club (IRSC)

Indian Student Association (ISA)

University of Winnipeg Cricket Club (UWCC)

Rhetoric, Communications & Writing Student Association (RCWSA)

Manitoba council for exceptional Children- University of Winnipeg chapter (UWMCEC)

NEW STUDENT GROUPS:

ID (Idea Miners)

Society for Self-Consciousness (SFS)

Creative Writing Club (CWC)

University of Winnipeg Bangladeshi Students' Association (UWBSA)

University of Winnipeg Art History Student's Association (UWAHSA)

Female+ Filmmakers

Black Scientists Network (BSN)

University of Winnipeg Nigerian Students Association (UWNSA)

UoW Badminton Group – was denied since there was an existing badminton group.

ALEECIA D. – Suggest that the Society for Self-Consciousness should change their title. However, the description of their mission should remain unchanged. She proposes that the SSC group be tabled and informed of the change.

Question:

Arshdeep S. – Do we have any Badminton group?

- Yes, we do have one formed.

Aleecia Doyle moves the motion to approve all presented student groups with the exception of the badminton group and tabling the self-consciousness student group until name is changed.

MOTION PASSES.

3. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 AM.

**Regular meeting of the Management Committee of UWSA Day Care
Minutes for September 12th, 2024 at 4:30 PM**

Management Committee Meeting

UWSA Day Care

September 12th 2024.

548 Furby Place Wpg, Mb R3B 2V8

Start time: 4:34PM

End time: 5:31 PM

Present:

Justin Friesen (Vice-Chair; chaired meeting)

Ioulia Berdnikova (Daycare director)

Robyn Liddle*

Chelsea Drane*

Erin Panchuk*

Brandon Deamel*

Sarah Reilly*

Sheri – Lynn Skwarchuk

Vanessa Wiedeman (Secretary)

*Via zoom

Regrets:

Kim Paz (Chair)

UWSA Representatives

Joshua Hofmeister (Treasurer)

Marcela Castro Montanares

Annie Laser

Ted Turner (UWSA)

Nadine Vroom

**Regular meeting of the Management Committee of UWSA Day Care
Minutes for September 12th, 2024 at 4:30 PM**

1.0 Start Meeting

1.1 Call meeting to order by Justine @ 4:34 PM

2.0 Agenda and Minutes approval

2.1 September 12, 2024 Agenda

2.2 June 27, 2024 Minutes

Motion to approve/adopt by Vanessa and Sheri

3.0 Reports

Director's Report

Enrollment

- Up to September, center's utilization rate was around 117%.
- As of this week, utilization rate is a little under 100% and it will climb as infants turning 2 years and moving into pre-school program. All infant spots are filled until mid 2026.
- We have over 600 children on the waitlist. Around half on it are students. We receive several requests a day about the waitlist.

Staff update

- We have 40 staff on a payroll now. This number includes one staff on the long-term disability and one staff on the short-term disability.
- 3 staff returned from the maternity leave in September.

- 4 summer students completed the term and returned to school.
- Santana's last day will be September 19. She accepted government job.
- 92.18% of trained staff.
- We had a staff meeting on September 10, 2024.
- Health and Safety meeting was held on July 3, 2024.
- I booked staff's Winter party at Kum Koon Garden on December 13, 2024

Program

- We had a good summer with many field trips and entertainers.
- Green space completed and children are really enjoying it.
- September started very smooth.
- I will include team leaders report about programs on my next report.
- I booked flu vaccine clinic for October 29 and November 4, 2:00 – 5:00. It will be 3 health care staff.
- We practiced Emergency Evacuation drill on July 22 and August 1, 2024. I involved University security staff to observe it so we can identify problem areas. As a result, we identified:
 - the need of additional emergency exit door in PS 3 and PS4 room so we can evacuate children without going to the hall.
 - we need a system that we can notify fast everyone in a center about the dangerous situation. It was recommended to set up flashing strobes in a whole center and emergency buttons. System should be connected to the university security.
 - Infants 1,2, and a pre-school room need a new door lock, so they can lock the door fast in case of emergency. We replaced 3 locks last week.

University is working on a quote, and I will apply for the grant to address some of the recommendations.

3.1 Financial Update:

- The statement presented has several discrepancies; Bank Charges, Insurance expenses, supplies expense, Vacation pay, Employer RRSP expenses. Overall actual year to date is showing more than it should be.
- Ioulia is working with the CFO on discrepancies

4.0 New Business

4.1 Vote for new Secretary, Cindy has resigned

5.0 In Camera

6.0 Next meeting date and adjournment

6.1 Update on expansion of 548 Furby Place

6.2 No UWSA reps

6.3 Follow up on Financial Report

6.4 Next meeting date; October 10, 2024

6.5 Adjournment, 5:31 PM

Motion to adjourn: Justin

Reports

Executive Report:

President Report :

UWinnipeg Affairs:

- meeting with the president's office
- Regents meeting
- Senate executive committee
- Senate appointments made
- UW convocation platform+ convocation dinner
- Meeting with Travis

External Affairs:

- Lobby Week CFS
- BASA meeting
- HESA student leadership consultation
- UW strategic planning steering committee meeting
- Manitoba Students weekly meetings
- Alumni council meeting

Internal Affairs:

- Exec committee meetings
- CKUW first podcast
- Statement published
- Free flow long term funding soon
- VP Indigenous engagement stakeholder consultations soon

Communications:

Urban and Inner-City Director proposed to schedule the next board meeting in Merchant's Corner.

New Business- No new Business.