



UWSA

THE UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

OpenSession Package

January 30, 2025,

Meeting of the UWSA Board of Directors

Diksha Bansal, General Manager

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University of Winnipeg Students' Association SGM
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In Person Meeting

Board in Attendance:

Chair of the Board: Carla

President: Tomiris Kaliyeva

Vice President External Affairs: Chhavi Dhir

Vice President Student Affairs: Abrar Abdelmahmoud

Urban and Inner-City Director: Aleecia Doyle

Science Director: Mohammed Sheheryar Mouzam

Recreation & Athletics Director: Lavmeet Singh

Staff in Attendance:

Special Projects Manager - Ted turner

General Manager - Diksha Bansal

Office Assistant- Cynthia Nwachukwu

Legal Counsel - Samantha Harvey

Corporate Account Manager -Emmanuel Iwuoha

Retail Assistant - Natasha Okey

Events Assistant: Alliana De Vera

Graphic Design Assistant: Russel Osis

Open Session

1. Call to Order

The Special General meeting of the University of Winnipeg Students' Association was held on Monday, January 13, 2025, in person. Following the confirmation of quorum (25 voting members), the house continued to the agenda. The total number of voting members was confirmed.

Tomiris moves the motion to appoint Carla as the Chair and Cynthia as the secretary for this meeting. Motion passes.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:54 PM. The Chair led an introductory by reciting the land acknowledgement and circle with the directors and members in attendance. The chair notes that the notice was provided to the members.

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2. Introduction to the Rules of order

The Chair reminds the members that the UWSA will not tolerate any form of harassment or aggression during meeting. She briefly summarized that this falls under safe and inclusive workplace educational policy. In the process, the chair reminds members that the meeting also falls under the UWSA Positive Space Policy to foster a welcoming and inclusive environment, and no form of harassment will be tolerated.

3. Approval of the Order of Business

a. Procedural Motions

The Chair calls on the president to introduce the following procedural motions to be voted upon by members:

The president moves the motion to allow for the attendance at this Special Meeting of all persons in attendance specifically to assist with the organization and conduct of the meeting, and specifically, Ted Turner and Samantha Harvey (legal counsel), and to grant Ted Turner and Samantha Harvey the right to address the Members and respond to questions on matters under discussion, subject to the approval of the Chair. Motion Passes.

The president moves the motion to extend the time of the meeting to 4:30 PM. Motion passes.

The President moves the motion to limit the debate time of members to 3-5 minutes per speaker per rotation. Motion Passes.

4. New Business

The Chair notes that in accordance with the notice provided beforehand to the members, the meeting is specifically to consider and confirm the revisions of the Bylaws which have been adopted by the Board of Directors. Additionally, the Chair reminds that the motion for members to debate will be limited to 3-5 minutes and any business unrelated to the amendments of the UWSA bylaws should be kept until the end of the meeting.

A. Motions –

The Chair transitions to the first item of business and calls for the president to raise the next order of business.

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The president moves the motion to approve, confirm, and adopt the enactment of the new Amended and Restated General Bylaws of the UWSA, as passed and enacted by the Board of Directors and in the form which was attached to the special meeting notice, in order to amend and replace the existing General Bylaws of the UWSA. Motion Passes.

B. The chair introduces Samantha Harvey to give a brief overview and context of revisions to the Bylaws.

Legal Counsel – Samantha Harvey provided a brief overview of the revisions to the UWSA Bylaws. These revisions were because of reasons like the need for clarity, consistency, readability of the bylaws as well as modernizing the UWSA election procedures. Language revisions targeted areas for improvement, such as where there were inconsistent uses of defined terms or repetitive sections. Certain sections relating to the roles of the officers of the UWSA were relocated to improve the readability of the Bylaws. Substantive revisions focused primarily on the UWSA's election procedures in order to clarify and confirm the UWSA's underlying intent in these sections.

i) Discussion Phase

The chair opens the floor for discussions and asked members to hold any business unrelated to the amendments until the end.

Student 1: Section 4.7- As an international student with a study permit, we are technically considered a resident by the Manitoba Act. Does it also to apply in this situation?

- The qualification of a director will be determined under the Corporations Act (Manitoba).

Student 2: Did the lawyers refer to the Manitoba accessibility acts in the adopting the revisions in the accessibility standards?

- The revisions focused primarily on the election procedures. However, the formatting may be considered and addressed later.

ii) Amendment Discussion Phase

The Chair opens the floor for friendly amendments. The Chair also reminded members of the time limit. Noting no amendments brought forward, the chair moves to the voting cycle.

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5. Voting/Motion

The chair calls on the president to restate the motion.

The president restates the motion to approve, confirm, and adopt the enactment of the new Amended and Restated General Bylaws of the UWSA, as passed and enacted by the Board of Directors and in the form which was attached to the special meeting notice, in order to amend and replace the existing General Bylaws of the UWSA.

The chair calls to put the motion to a vote and the Motion Carries (unanimously).

The chair opens the floor for members who might be seeking communication about other issues they want to raise or otherwise communicate directly with the UWSA Staffs or Special Projects Manager.

6. Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:32 pm.

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OPEN Session Meeting Minutes, Dec 03, 2024 - 5:00 p.m.

Hybrid Meeting (Virtual Meeting/UWSA Board Room)

Board in Attendance:

Secretary of the Board: Emmanuel Oladele

President: Tomiris Kaliyeva

Vice-President Student Affairs: Abrar Abdelmahmoud

Vice-President External Affairs: Chhavi Dhir

Accessibility Director- Mahavir Partap Singh

Community Liason Director- Harleen K. Deol

International Students Director- Robinjeet Singh

Part-time / Mature Students Director- Harmandeep Ghataura

Recreational and athletics Director- Lavmeet Singh

Science Director- Moh. Shehryar Mouzam

WTSC director- Harleen Kaur

Urban and Inner City Director- Aleecia Doyle

Board Absent:

Chair of the Board: Jacob Cramer

Arts Director- Farwa Awan

Bus and Eco Director- Oladayo Daniel Adeniji

Emerging Leaders Director- Karaninder S. Delow

Emerging Leaders Director- Gabriel Ioué

Env. Ethics Director- Arshdeep S. Jassal

2SLGBTQ Students Director- Muskan Vhora

Racialized Students' Director- Tioluwalese Elizabeth Ajibola

Student Living Director- Aryan Sharma

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Staff in Attendance

General Manager- Diksha Bansal

Special Projects Manager- Ted Turner

General Office Assistant- Cynthia Nwachukwu

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7. Call to Order

The regular monthly meeting of the University of Winnipeg Students' Association Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, December 3, 2024, via Hybrid. The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:09 pm. Following the confirmation of quorum, the house continued to the agenda.

8. Introduction Circle

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

9. Approval of the Order of Business

Abrar moves motion to approve the order of business

Motion Carries

10. Special Business

11. Consent Agenda

i) Executive reports

Tomiris K.- Tomiris attended the following meetings: Senate, Board of Regents, Dean of Arts, Leah Gazan, Manitoba Students Advocacy Network (MSAN), Executive Committee, Day Care and Indigenous round table. Tomiris mentioned that the university is planning on increasing tuition in the next academic year. This is because the university is predicting a huge decrease in international students' enrolments. Tomiris mentioned that the amendments to the by-laws will be approved in the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on January 13, 2025, by 12pm.

Abrar A.- Abrar attended the following meetings and events: CFS annual general meeting with Chhavi, writing event, “take back the night” protest, academic misconduct committee,

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student service committee, Senate, Board of Regents, and student groups. Abrar was appointed to the academic misconduct group to foster a mandatory AI course for 1st and 2nd year students. Abrar dealt with 2 Campus Living complaints and 2 Professors Complaints. Abrar also mentioned about the plan of the school to increase tuition in the next academic year. Abrar is working on professional mentorship programs for alumni. Abrar is working with Colin Russell on Grey transcript policy. Abrar is working on creating a workshop for students' groups to help them improve the running of their organizations.

Chhavi D.- Chhavi attended the following meetings and events: Senate, Board of Regents, Library committee, and CFS annual general meeting. Chhavi is working with the awards and bursaries department to make the criteria for awards more inclusive. Chhavi learned more about indigenous culture. Chhavi mentioned that the University of Winnipeg ranks bottom in international students awards and scholarships. Chhavi is thinking of organizing a peaceful protest against the increase of tuition. Chhavi was at the Dean's council to discuss making courses' exams not more than 40% of total grade. Chhavi is working with Abrar on the mentorship program. Chhavi wants to improve UWSA's presence on social media platforms.

ii) **CFS Report-** Abrar A. gave a presentation on the CFS conference

iii) **Director Reports**

Mohammed M.- Mohammed attended the cultural events that took place on campus in November. Mohammed is still working with the Associate Dean of Science on providing coop opportunities for science students. Mohammed is looking into the possibility of organizing a job fair in February 2025 for the faculty of science. Mohammed plans to meet with representatives of all the faculty of science students' groups.

Aleecia D.- Aleecia attended the North End engagement committee meeting. Aleecia wrote to the Dean of Arts to reinstate a course that was cancelled.

Lavmeet S.- Lavmeet met with Alex to discuss using The Recplex centre as the venue for the Sportsday. Lavmeet is aiming to host the Sportsday in February 2025.

b) Minutes

i) BOD 241026 OPEN

ii) Executive committee minutes

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Abrar A. moves the motion to approve the minutes

Motion Carries

Aleecia D. moves the motion to approve the consent agenda.

Motion Carries

12. Communications

Tomiris K.- Directors should endeavour to submit a written report of their activities for the month. This is for accountability purposes.

13. New Business

- i) Approval of By-laws and Policies Amendments.

Tomiris K.- This came as a result of a messy election. There were gaps in the by-laws. Ted Turners and the lawyers helped in the amendment process.

Ted Turner gave a summary on major areas of the amendment. He mentioned that the process of approval is: Executive committee approval, Board approval and Approval at the Annual General Meeting.

Abrar A. Moves the motion:

Whereas the Executive Committee has approved the submitted proposed amendments to the UWSA's General By-laws and UWSA Policies which amend several areas of the By-laws and Policies for clarity and consistency, and modernize the UWSA's election procedures.

Whereas the Executive Committee has determined that it is desirable to recommend that the Board of Directors adopts the proposed amendments to the By-Laws and Policies.

Be it resolved that:

1. The Board of Directors adopts the proposed amendments to the UWSA's General By-laws and UWSA Policies, in the forms to be attached to the minutes of this meeting, respectively, as Schedule "A" (General By-laws) and Schedule "B" (UWSA Policies); and
2. The Board of Directors further adopts that the By-law revisions be submitted for approval to a Meeting of the Members held at UWinnipeg on January 13th, 2025.

Motion Carries

Abrar A. moves the motion, seconded by Mohammed M.:

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Whereas: A meeting of the membership is required in order to approve the By-Law amendments adopted by the Board of Directors at the December 2024 meeting of the UWSA Board of Directors

Be it resolved that: The By-Law amendments adopted by the Board of Directors at the December 2024 meeting of the UWSA Board of Directors be submitted for approval to a Meeting of the Members held at UWinnipeg on January 13th, 2025.

Motion Carries

ii) Calling of Special General Meeting

Tomiris K.- The Special General Meeting will take place at the Hive on January 13, 2025, by 12pm.

iii) Approval of Black History Month Scholarship

Abrar A. gave a presentation on it.

Chhavi moves the motion to approve Black History Month Scholarship

Motion Carries

Chhavi moves the motion to go into the closed session.

Motion Carries



Health Safety Meeting Minutes **January 15, 2025**

There is a file attached named as “Health Safety Meeting Minutes” linked to the email. Please refer to that file





DIRECTORS REPORT

Director of Urban and Inner-City Studies- Aleecia

Thursday January 9, 2024

- Met with student about Health Plan concerns
- Introduced myself and my role to new students in all Merchants Corner classes
- Advertised the SGM at Merchants Corner
- Continued work on the UICSA guiding principles
- Attended December Executive Committee meeting
- Submitted Student Group application
- Monthly student association meeting, we will be organizing a community food closet.
- Attended student interviews with the Dean of Arts candidates.



