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THE UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

UWSA Board Meeting July 21, 2025

Diksha Bansal, General Manager

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**University of Winnipeg Students' Association Open Session
Minutes June 30, 2025, Hybrid at 5pm (virtual/ UWSA Board
Room)**



University of Winnipeg Students' Association Board of Directors

Board in Attendance:

Christopher Yendt: Interim Chair of Board

Emmanuel Oladele: Secretary of the Board

Alan Saji Koshy: President

Harleen Doel: Vice-President Student Affairs

Omega Budhathoki: Vice-President External Affairs

Indie Lea Dufour (He/they): 2SLGBTQ* Students' Director

Brie Villeneuve (they/them/theirs): Accessibility Director

Ronel Shapiro: Business and Economics Director

Ayesha Raza: Community Liaison Director

Marnie Bloom: Education Director

Teddy Max Ruben: Emerging Leader Director

Samarjeet Singh: Emerging Leader Director

Denise Sharmell Cunanan: Arts Director

Pragun Raj Aul: International Students' Director

Oyindamola Eluwade: Racialized Students' Director

Nalina Bista: Recreation and Athletics Director

Molly Vanderwater (she/it): WTNB Student's Director

Aleecia Doyle: Urban & Inner-city Director

Board Absent:

Denise Sharmell Cunanan: Arts Director

Soban Faiz: Emerging Leader Director

Abhijit Sidhu: Environmental Ethics Director



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Harmandeep Kaur Ghataura: Part-time/Mature students' Director

Manatpreet Kaur: Science Director

Staff in Attendance

Cynthia Nwachukwu: General Office Assistant

Olayemi Olaleye: Chief Financial Officer

Diksha Bansal: General Manager

Ted Turner: Special Projects Manager

Tom Sidebottom: Chief Operating Officer

Open Session

1. Call to Order

The regular monthly meeting of the University of Winnipeg Students' Association Board of Directors was held on Monday, June 30, 2025, via Hybrid. Christopher Y. called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm. Following the confirmation of quorum, the house continued to the agenda.

2. Introduction Circle

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

Aleecia D. moves the motion to approve the order of business; Seconded by Harleen D.

Motion carries

Ronel S. moves the motion to add discussions on budget under "New Business."

Motion Carries

3. Special Business

4. Consent Agenda

a. Minutes



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i. BOD 250430 OPEN

Brie moves the motion to change the wordings of her report on page 8 of BOD 250430 OPEN minutes.

Motion Carries

Alan K. moves the motion to approve BOD 250430 OPEN minutes: seconded by Aleecia D. Motion

Carries

ii. Daycare Minutes

- Daycare Minutes- March 27, 2025
- Daycare Minutes- April 24, 2025

Harleen D. moves the motion to approve the Daycare minutes Motion

Carries

b. Reports

i) Financial Reports

□ Audit Report: Olayemi O. presented the financial report for the financial year end May 31, 2025 (April & May). He mentioned that the Audit report for the financial year end 2023/2024 is available and the auditors are satisfied with the UWSA's books.

Discussion circles

Aleecia D.: The Global Student Group's expenses were approved for reimbursement last year. They submitted receipts to prove they will they be given money out of the Students Groups budget?

Olayemi O.: Yes, they will be reimbursed for their expenses.

ii) Executive Reports

Alan S.: Alan S. attended many meetings with different departments in the university to understand UWSA's relationships with them. He noticed that there are some gaps in relationships. He attended conference, with Omega B., concerning student care plan (which will be called ALUMO). ALUMO is merger of their companies. This merger now gives them more leverage for providing better insurance plan for students and sponsoring students groups. ALUMO will now be



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providing gender affirming care. He met with various students' groups and administrative staff of the university. He is on the Winnipeg Police Board. The Winnipeg Police intends create a five-year transformative plan for community police. Alan voiced his concerns about the safety in downtown and the university campus. He also raised the concern of having a representative from the university of the Winnipeg Police Board. The Police Board will respond with a strategic plan at the end of fall. He met the President and Vice-Chancellor: Todd Mondor. They discussed tuition increases and potential administrative changes. The university is opened to conversations on providing more bursaries to students due to the tuition increase. The UWSA plans to plant a tree for the university.

Alan is excited to be part of the board and intends to come up with sustainable solutions for issues.

Harleen D.: Harleen D. attended the training sessions for Director's & Executives. The Executives have attended more than 35 meetings in the last month. Harleen attended a meeting to discuss the framework for academic misconduct & budget. Harleen attended the UWSA event. Harleen was on a panel at the Human Rights building. The Executives are looking to build strong communities within the campus. The UWSA is activating the Senate Caucus (only opened to active UWSA members). There is a talent show coming up in October.

Omega B.: The Executives are working to restore many things that were lost (both in the university and outside). Omega envisions to be present within the campus community. Students are excited about the change of leadership. Omega also

attended the ALUMO conference. In this conference, she was able to connect with other students' groups and learn from them. She attended the Summer Connect event. During this event, there was collaboration with the music group. She is

working with the President's office to have a mental health framework on campus. There is an idea to have a fashion show on campus.

Question:

Aleecia D.: Why is Student Care being changed ALUMO? Why did they add gender affirming care?

Alan S.: ALUMO is a merger of 3 companies. This gives them more leverage to provide gender affirming care & advocacy.

Omega B.: The change is in its transition year. The name change will be rolled out slowly from Student care to ALUMO. Students will be duly informed.

Aleecia D. moves motion; seconded by Oyindamola E.

Motion Carries

iii) Director Reports

Molly V.: She attended a meeting with a professor concerning women and gender studies.



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Indie D.: He attended the Summer Connect. He was in contact with the Christian Association on campus. He is planning his goal for the year.

Brie V.: Brie attended the training sessions for Executives and Directors. They had meeting with Accessibility Services. They meet with incoming students who intend to use the Accessibility Services. They attended the Summer Connect event.

Nalina B: Nalina attended the Summer Connect event.

Ronel S.: Ronel attended the training for Executives and Directors. He also studied the budget

Pragun A.: Pragun organized a seminar for new students to educate them about the dangers of plagiarism. He is currently dealing with 30-40 of cases of plagiarism.

Aleecia D.: Aleecia met with the Global Student Group.

Teddy M.: Teddy studied the budget. He plans to connect with new students.

Samarjeet S.: Samarjeet connected with students.

Ayesha R.: Ayesha attended the training for Executives and Directors. She is working to ensure that there is strong connection within the university community. She is active with the United Students Justice of Peace. She is learning about plagiarism and AI. She was part of the science group mentor group. She is also mentoring.

Oyindamola E.: Oyindamola attended the training for Executives and Directors. She met with the former Business and Economics Director to discuss possibility of having cultural food on campus. She with Diversity to discuss this idea. But Diversity said the current contract they have won't allow it. She met with the Marnie B. to discuss about more funding for students and students' groups (possibly doing some fundraising). She is examining the current mentorship program and looking for ways to improve it.

Marnie B.: Marnie attended the Open Education conference at the University of Manitoba. She met with Oyindamola E. to discuss about more funding for students and students' groups (possibly doing some fundraising). She is also examining the current mentorship program and looking for ways to improve it. She met with students in the Faculty of Education about accessing French program & CPR. She is creating a form that will enable her to determine who will teach and attend the program.

5. Communications



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□ Committees Distribution of the UWSA Board of Directors

Diksha did presentation. Committee members will get teams invite.

Ayesha R. moves the motion to approve the committee distribution of the UWSA Board of Directors; seconded by Marnie B.

Motion Carries

6. New Business

- Questions on the Budget- Ronel S. had questions concerning the following expenses: consultant expense, legal expense and hone expense on the 2025/2026 budget.

Discussion Circle

Ronel S. Why are the consultant & legal expenses so much larger than the budget?

Olayemi O.: There were lots of issues with the Daycare, elections and concerns on certain issues that warranted in high consultant expenses and legal expenses.

Tom S.: Many of these issues were dealt in Closed sessions meeting in the previous Board.

Ronel S.: Why is the budget for phone expense being cut out completely?

Olayemi O.: There was more money in previous years because of COVID. Staff needed phone and internet allowances. But since COVID is over, phone expenses are not need.

Marnie B. moves the motion to move to closed session

Motion Carries



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Regular Meeting of the Management Committee of UWSA Day Care Minutes for June 26, 2025

There is a file attached named as “DMC250626_Minutes” linked to the email. Please refer to that file.

UWSA EXECUTIVE REPORTS JUNE 2025

President's Report – July 2025

Submitted by: Alan Saji Koshy, UWSA President

July has been a month focused primarily on relationship-building and high-level conversations that lay the groundwork for upcoming initiatives. While much of the essential work has taken place through strategic meetings rather than public events, these engagements have been instrumental in shaping the direction of our work as we move toward the Fall term.

A non-exhaustive list of key meetings this month includes:

- Ongoing meetings with **Dr. Pavlina Radia**, Vice-President Academic and Provost, to discuss academic support systems, student retention, and broader institutional collaboration.
- Discussions with **Travis Greene**, Associate Vice-President of Students, regarding improvements to student services and increased alignment between administrative units and the UWSA's advocacy goals.
- Meetings with **International Student Services (ISS)** to discuss how best to support international students and improve their access to resources.
- Meeting with **Danielle Dunbar**, Associate Vice-President Advancement, on a collaborative effort to work with the University to lobby governments and improve both student and alumni engagement.
- Meeting with **Gracie Grift**, President of the Indigenous Students' Association (ISA), to begin working more closely with the ISA on Indigenous student engagement and Truth and Reconciliation initiatives. We are committed to supporting their leadership and ensuring Indigenous voices are prioritized.
- Meeting with **Kim** and **Julie** from the University of Winnipeg PACE program to discuss stronger engagement with PACE students. Proposed ideas include hosting lunch hour events and expanding connections between PACE and broader UWSA initiatives.
- Meeting with **Colin Russell**, Registrar, to discuss several academic advancements. These include reviewing the 2014 co-curricular record report and reviving that effort, proposing a Senate motion to enforce a 40% cap on final exams and papers, and repurposing Room 1D10 as a recreational and

entertainment space. We also explored options for grade replacement policies and improvements to the Free Textbook Courses.

- Meeting with **Brianne from the Library** to begin work on promoting and expanding the Free Textbook Courses initiative. We are excited to collaborate further on this essential affordability project.
- Meetings with **Facilities** were productive in evaluating the Free Flow program. We are working to build a more robust structure around it and hope to establish a funding pathway and growth plan in the coming months.
- **Meeting with the Winnipeg Police Board** to ensure continued student involvement in the strategic planning process for policing in Winnipeg. This work builds on our participation in June's roundtable and ensures that student perspectives are reflected in public policy.
- Internal UWSA Executive planning meetings to review budget priorities, governance development, and student outreach.
- Preliminary planning discussions regarding Fall Orientation and Welcome Week events, with a focus on equity, accessibility, and engagement.
- Check-ins with members of the University of Winnipeg's senior administration to follow up on tuition-related concerns and financial support for students.

We also continued holding **weekly summer office hours** on Thursdays from 12:00 to 1:00 PM, which have been helpful in maintaining accessibility and gathering input from students who are active on campus over the summer. These drop-ins offer insight into the evolving needs of our student body and help guide our advocacy efforts.

In addition, we are actively working on improvements to our **student group structure**. This work aims to create a clear and sustainable framework for supporting student groups starting this Fall and beyond, ensuring that all groups receive the resources, recognition, and guidance they need to thrive.

There are several initiatives taking shape, and I am excited to share these developments with the Board of Directors and the committees that follow, so we can ensure that we get things going in a collaborative and timely manner.

Throughout the month, we have been actively preparing for the Fall 2025 semester — both in terms of governance (with the Board of Regents and Senate) and programming (supporting student

groups, services, and events). I am also continuing follow-up work from June's Winnipeg Police Board roundtable to ensure that student voices remain present in ongoing strategic consultations.

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As always, I remain committed to ensuring that our work is grounded in student priorities and done in the spirit of collaboration, accountability, and transparency.

In solidarity,

Alan Saji

Koshy (He/Him)



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University of Winnipeg Students' Association
Vice President Student Affairs – Board Report (21st July 2025)

Name: Harleen Kaur Deol

Date: July 31, 2025

Over the past month I've continued building on the work we started earlier in the term. We attended the June Board of Regents and Senate meetings, where the university budget was officially approved. In the Senate meeting most of the items were course name changes and academic updates, but it was still good to be present and hear the conversations. I also had a brief meeting with Alex, our Events and Communications Manager, about the Talent Show we're planning for October. Right now, we're in the early planning stages but it's exciting to see ideas coming together.

Work on the Student Group Funding Model has been moving forward too. What we have decided so far is that funding will be linked directly to the registration process. When groups register, they will fill out an additional form with required documents, for example a year-long budget spreadsheet and a list of events they're planning. We're still working out the specific criteria, but these are the baselines we've agreed on, and hopefully by next board meeting we'll have the whole model ready to present.

Another big part of this month was meetings with the library team and then with Colin Russell, the university's Registrar. In both meetings we pushed on textbook costs and the extra fees students sometimes pay for online assignment platforms. We talked through what steps might help bring those costs down or even remove them. With Colin we also discussed the co-curricular certification, the 40% cap on final exams, and even explored the idea of a gaming lounge on campus, which would be huge for students if it happens.

We also had an intro meeting with PACE where they shared how much their programs contribute to the province, with about 80% of their students staying in Manitoba and working after graduation. They want to collaborate with us more, especially with the challenges they're facing around enrollment due to new immigration policies. On the advocacy side, we met with Senator Osler and were able to touch on concerns like student safety, rising tuition, and areas where more support is needed. There have been ongoing staff meetings and Senate committee meetings throughout the month as well, and by the time I'm writing this, we're hopeful that the Student Senate Caucus will also be in place and working soon.

That's it from my side for now. If I've missed anything, I'm sure my colleagues will fill in the gaps.

Warm regards,

Harleen Kaur Deol

Vice President Student Affairs



DIRECTORS REPORTS

Board Report: June 2025 Overview To: Board Members

From: Marnie Bloom, Education Director Date: July 21, 2025

I. Conferences

- A Day for Manitoba Educators: Best Practices in Holocaust Education—May 13, 2025, Congregation Shaarey Zedek, *Jewish Heritage Centre of Western Canada & Azrieli Foundation*
- Open Horizons: Affordability and Access through Open Education—June 11 & 12, University of Manitoba, *The Manitoba Open Education Symposium*

II. Operational & Strategic

- French Education Course: Developed and dispersed a volunteer registration form for the French education course. The form was sent to the French department.
- CPR & First Aid: Contacted multiple organizations to gather information and assess options for potential training sessions and certifications for students.
- Holocaust Education Week/Month Planning: Reached out to the Azrieli Foundation regarding their Holocaust Education Week/Month events, aligning with curriculum requirements. Discussions are ongoing to integrate their programming.

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- **Workshops:** Drafting topics for a series of workshops for education students across the academic year, designed to provide practical skills and enhance their portfolios.

III. Next Steps

- **French Education Course:** Follow up with submitted volunteer forms and schedule initial meetings; continue discussions with the French Department.
- **CPR & First Aid Training:** Review proposals from organizations and finalize a plan for approval.
- **Holocaust Education:** Continue collaboration with Azrieli Foundation to solidify event details and scheduling for the upcoming academic year.
- **Workshops:** Finalize the workshop schedule and content for the upcoming academic year, and secure necessary resources and presenters for each session.

Name: Oyindamola Eluwade

Title: Radicalized student director

Organization: UWSA

Date: July 21st, 2025

1. Overview

This report highlights my key activities over the past few months. While this has been a quieter period due to external work commitments, I've continued laying the groundwork for meaningful initiatives aligned with our goals.

2.Key Activities and Progress

- **Campus Food Meetings:**

Researched some more into this initiative **and** will meet again with Oladayo on Sunday to speak more on the platform we hope to use.

- **Fundraising Exploration for Student Groups:**

Began early planning for fundraising strategies that could support student-led groups and initiatives, including identifying potential sponsors or collaborations with student groups on the idea, fundraising ideas have been sent to Alex, and I am waiting for a response from the student life committee, in terms of approval.

- **Ongoing Planning:**

Continued outlining ideas and preparing materials for future initiatives, with the goal of resuming full momentum soon.

3. Challenges

Balancing external work responsibilities has limited the time available for initiative work during this period. However, I remain committed and plan to re-engage more actively as capacity increases.

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4.Next Steps / Priorities

- Follow up on food initiative meetings to explore next steps.
- Formalize fundraising plans.
- Mentorship program.
- Familiarizing myself with my committee.
- Re-establish a regular planning schedule to increase project consistency.

2SLGBTQ REPORT:

I completed an online workshop from the Canadian Women's Foundation titled "Reclaim Your Digital Space: Help End Gender-Based Digital Harm" - if anyone has recommendations for more other workshops like this, please let me know!

I continued connecting with the UW's 2SLGBTQIA+ community via the UWQSA Discord server.

I also connected with Travis Greene to continue ensuring that students have their chosen names used. I'm considering finding ways to consult with students regarding this and other concerns they have on campus. This will be a year-long, ongoing project, building on the work done by my predecessors.

ARTS DIRECTOR REPORT

- Connecting with local photographers, videographers, and producers for potential workshops
 - Baeza Productions
- Connecting with local businesses about student discounts to promote sponsorship potential and future business relations
 - SPC Card
 - White Star Diner
 - Dan's cafe
- Connecting with local non-profits for potential internship opportunities, sponsorships, and networking
 - MCC Canada
 - Aikon
- Starting to reach out to the student groups for the Arts, introducing myself to them as the new Director of Arts



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July Board Meeting Directors Report Aleecia Doyle

Director of Urban and Inner-City Studies UWSA

- Met with Ted regarding daycare management committee
- Drafted a letter to the city about the bus routes neglecting the Balmoral Station
- Checked in with 311 about the approved loading zone outside of Merchants Corner. They approved the request for a loading zone to make drop/off and pick/up safer for our students, especially those with accessibility needs, and haven't put the signs up yet.
- Connected with the GCSAC about their reimbursement and potential event for the fall
- Connected with the students from my campus to gather interest on an event for the beginning of the school year and begin to set goals for the year.



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UWSA Daycare Wage Increase Motion

Whereas the UWSA Daycare is required to administer proposed wage increases in keeping with ELCC (MB Early Learning and Childcare) funding requirements.

And Whereas the Daycare Management Committee has recommended further levels of, and specification to, the proposed wage increases.

Be it Resolved That:

All UWSA Daycare Staff will receive wage increases according to the recommended ELCC wage target level with a minimum increase of 2% applied to all staff.