UMSU Board of Directors Meeting
October 24, 2019
6:30 p.m.
UMCU Council Chambers, 176 Helen Glass

Attendance
Nina Lam, UMSU Chairperson
Jakob Sanderson, UMSU President
Sarah Bonner-Proulx, UMSU VP Advocacy
Kyra Fanning, UMSU VP Community Engagement
Jelynn Dela Cruz, UMSU VP Student Life
Mbueli Matshe, UMSU VP Finance & Operations
Carly Frey, UMSU Governance Executive Assistant
Victoria Nwabuisi, International Students’ Representative
Trevor Smith, LBGTTQ* Representative
Eliza Hydesmith, Accessibility Representative
Alicia Kubrakovitch, Indigenous Representative
Anika Khan, Arthur Mauro Students’ Association
Julius Chester, Arts Student Body Council
Lauren Slegers, Commerce Students’ Association
Mia Doan, Commerce Students’ Association
Amy Tran, Community Health Students’ Association
Shaylyn Maharaj-Poli, Education Students’ Council
Shawn Williment, Faculty of Agriculture Students’ Organization
Jessica Beaudin, Inner City Student Council
Ketan Bansal, Manitoba Dental Students’ Council
Silas Koulack, Manitoba Law Students’ Association
Arnav Sud, Manitoba Medical Students’ Association
Oluwatosin Daso, Nursing Students’ Association Council
Marianna Pozdirca, Pharmacy Students’ Association
Harry Singh, Physical Education Recreational Kinesiology Student Council
Mahkam Shariatzadeh (proxy), Residence Students’ Association
Karlee Lemus, Society of Earth Sciences and Environmental Students’
Chicago Auger, Students of Fine Art
Gloria Aza Farje, Society of Music Students’ Association
Jasmine Tavares, St. Paul’s College Students’ Association
Cory Frederickson, St. Paul’s College Students’ Association
Brendan Scott, Science Students’ Association
Dani Stackiw, Science Students’ Association
Matt Rakar, Science Students’ Association
Chloe McElheron, Science Students’ Association
Jenny Peters, Social Work Students’ Association
Chimdi Chijioke. University College Residence Students’ Association
Chase Yanke, University of Manitoba Athletic Council
Erin Thomas, University of Manitoba Engineering Society
Tyrese Gibbes, University of Manitoba Engineering Society
Ashraful Reefath, University 1 Student Council
Lauren Gray, University 1 Student Council
Kezia Wong, University 1 Student Council
Okechukwu Efobi, University of Manitoba Graduate Students Association
Thomas Blumer, General Manager
Mohammed Soussi Gounni, Student-at-large
Ayesha Sultan, Student-at-large
Mana Ajal Lalpian, Student-at-large
Nada Eltobgy, Director of Bannatyne Operations
Michael Catanese, Judicial Board Chair
Eric Schillberg, Governance Committee Chair

Business

1. Call to Order

UMSU chairperson, Nina Lam calls the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. with the reading of a statement of acknowledgement that the meeting is taking place on Treaty 1 Territory.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION – BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

Moved by *Commerce Students’ Association*, seconded by *Pharmacy Students’ Association*.

Motion carried.

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

   a. September 26, 2019

MOTION – BE IT RESOLVED THAT the draft minutes from the Board of Directors meeting on September 26, 2019 are approved as recorded.

Moved by *Students of Fine Art*, seconded by *University 1 Student Council*.

Motion carried.
4. Current Business

a. MOTION 0459

WHEREAS during the reconstruction of executive portfolios in the 2018-2019 term, it was intended for the Vice-President Community Engagement to have an ex-officio voting seat on the UMSU Endowment Fund Board of Trustees, replacing the spot previously held by the Vice-President Student Services;

WHEREAS the Vice-President Community Engagement is in charge of all external sponsorship and all internal sponsorship that is not associated with student groups their role is a more apt fit for the Endowment Fund’s Board of Trustees;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Vice-President Student Life ex-officio spot on the UMSU Endowment Fund Board of Trustees be replaced with the Vice-President Community Engagement;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Governance and Operations Manual Section IV, Subsection 8, clause (h) be struck, with the following clauses being reordered accordingly;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Governance and Operations Manual Section IV, Subsection 10 be amended to include an additional clause entitled clause (k) that reads as follows:

Advocating the Union’s interests as a voting ex-officio member of the Board of Trustees of the UMSU Scholarship and Bursary Fund and Endowment Fund, in conjunction with the President and Vice President Finance and Operations.

Moved by Governance Committee.

Motion carried.

b. MOTION 0460

WHEREAS one of the main fiduciary responsibilities of UMSU’s Board of Directors is to serve in a visionary, forward-looking capacity for the Union.

WHEREAS an external review of UMSU’s governing structure and associated operations has been contemplated by multiple executive teams over the course of the last few years.

WHEREAS yearly turnover of Directors and Executives makes structuring and implementing a board review difficult to conduct solely using internal UMSU resources and perspectives.
WHEREAS a Board environment that encourages student participation and presence at meetings is highly encouraged.

WHEREAS the inclusion of proxy votes has been previously debated by the Board of Directors, but no solution has been agreed upon.

WHEREAS there is no method in place that defines election requirements for Directors.

WHEREAS it is difficult to define whom is an individual’s representative on the Board of Directors when a student has multiple overlapping channels of representation available to them.

WHEREAS an external consultant will benefit the governance and operations of the Union by critically examining pros and cons of the Board’s current structure.

WHEREAS UMSU’s Finance Committee has approved up to $10,465 out of the Special Priorities fund for this project.

BE IT RESOLVED that UMSU appoint an external consultant to review the Board’s current structure and effectiveness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Susan Rogers, of Roger's Consulting, be appointed as the external consultant for the purposes defined in "External Review of Board Structure & Effectiveness – Project Overview and Request for Proposal".

Moved by Governance Committee.

Governance Committee Chair, Eric Schillberg, speaks in favour of the motion.
Cory Frederickson speaks in favour of the motion.
Silas Koulač speaks against the motion.
Michael Catanese speaks in favour of the motion.
Jakob Sanderson speaks in favour of the motion.
Mohammed Soussi Gounni speaks in favour of the motion.

Motion carried.

5. New Business

No new business discussed.

6. Reports of the Executive

a. President

UMSU President, Jakob Sanderson, provides a summation of his written report, submitted to the Board of Directors as part of the October 24, 2019 board package.
b. **VP Advocacy**

UMSU VP Advocacy, Sarah Bonner-Proulx, provides a summation of her written report, submitted to the Board of Directors as part of the October 24, 2019 board package.

c. **VP Community Engagement**

UMSU VP Community Engagement, Kyra Fanning, provides a summation of her written report, submitted to the Board of Directors as part of the October 24, 2019 board package.

d. **VP Finance & Operations**

UMSU VP Finance & Operations, Mbuli Matshe, provides a summation of his written report, submitted to the Board of Directors as part of the October 24, 2019 board package.

e. **VP Student Life**

UMSU VP Student Life, Jelynn Dela Cruz, provides a summation of her written report, submitted to the Board of Directors as part of the October 24, 2019 board package.

7. **Reports of the Committees**

a) **Executive Committee**

No report.

b) **Finance Committee**

No report.

c) **Governance Committee**

*Eric Schillberg, Governance Committee Chair*, thanks the board for the discussion on MOTION 0460. He advises the board that if there are any additional questions, please email him at governance@umsu.ca.

d) **Member Services**

*Jelynn Dela Cruz, Member Services Chair*, reports that the first Community Initiative Funding (CIF) town halls are next week. The times are posted on social media, and if you have any questions regarding CIF please email her at vpsl@umsu.ca or contact one of the Community Representatives.
e) Selections Committee

No report.

f) Judicial Board

*Michael Catanese, Judicial Board Chair,* reports that a formal Judicial Board report will be included in the next Board of Directors meeting package.

8. Reports of Board Members

*Alicia Kubrakovich, Indigenous Students Representative* reports that UMISA is collecting Halloween Candy donations for their Play it Safe Halloween event. Donations can be dropped off at the UMISA lounge until the end of the day on October 31, 2019.

*St. Paul’s College Students’ Association* announces their social on Nov 8th in the St. Paul’s cafeteria.

*LGBTTQ* representative, *Trevor Smith,* announces that RPM is organizing Drag Queen Bingo. More information to come at a later date.

*Shawn Williment, Faculty of Agriculture Students’ Organization,* announces that FASO raised $20,000 at their bed push fundraiser.

*Victoria Nwabuisi, International Students’ Representative,* announces that the Education Student Council recently elected an International Representative.

9. Announcements

No announcements.

10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.