UMSU Board of Directors Meeting
November 21, 2019
UMSU Council Chamber
6:30pm

Attendance
Nina Lam, UMSU Chairperson
Jakob Sanderson, UMSU President
Jelynn Dela Cruz, UMSU VP Student Life
Mbuli Matshe, UMSU VP Finance & Operations
Kyra Fanning, UMSU VP Community Engagement
Victoria Nwabuisi, International Students’ Representative
Alicia Kukrakovitch, Indigenous Representative
Sharlene MacCoy, Part-Time & Mature Students’ Representative
Sia Yamba, Womyn’s Representative
Zac Wronski, Arts Student Body Council
Amy Tran, Community Health Students’ Association
Shayllyn Maharaj-Poliah, Education Students’ Council
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 (PERKS)
Jasleen Kaur, St. Andrews’ College Students’ Association
Brad Cottyn, Students’ Architectural Society
Makenzie Taylor, St. John’s College Students’ Association
Chicago Auger, Students of Fine Art
Cory Frederickson, St. Paul’s College Students’ Association
Jasmine Tavares, St. Paul’s College Students’ Association
Dani Stackiw, Science Students’ Association
Tino Dego (proxy), Science Students’ Association
Madison Morrow (proxy), Science Students’ Association
Emily Kalo (proxy), Science Students’ Association
Jenny Peters, Social Work Students’ Association
Chimdi Chijioke, University College Residence Students’ Association
Erin Thomas, University of Manitoba Engineering Society
Sarah Fines (proxy), University of Manitoba Engineering Society
Lauren Gray, University 1 Student Council
Kezia Wong, University 1 Student Council
Ashrafal Reefath, University 1 Student Council
Soussi Gounni, University 1 Student Council
Okechukwu Efobi, University of Manitoba Graduate Students Association
Business

1. Call to Order

UMSU chairperson, Nina Lam calls the meeting to order at 6:30 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 *Arts Student Body Council*, seconded by *Students of Fine Art*

Motion carried.

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

a. November 7, 2019

**MOTION** – BE IT RESOLVED THAT the draft minutes from the Board of Directors meeting on November 7, 2019 are approved as recorded.

Moved by *University 1 Student Council*, seconded by *Part-Time & Mature Students’ Representative*

Motion carried.

4. Current Business

No current business.

5. New Business

No new business.

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 November 21, 2019 board package.
Jakob also provides an oral update on the new U of M president being named, Dr. Michael Benarroch, currently the provost and vice-president academic at Ryerson University. He notes he is unable to go into detail on search committee process due to confidentiality requirements.

He provides a second oral report on U-Pass contract renewal negotiations after he presented UMSU’s proposed winter term extension option to Winnipeg City Council on November 21. City Council has approved the U-Pass fee increase to $160.75; the public service is still studying the winter term option. According to Jakob, the most likely outcome at this point appears to be presenting students with the referendum option of voting to keep the U-Pass at an increased cost but no additional benefit, or ending the U-Pass. In the interim, UMSU will survey student opinion on the two options and report back to the board for discussion in January.

*St. Andrew's College Students' Association* asks for clarification of whether increased fee would have an impact on the student organization fees.

Answer – the U-Pass fee increase would be collected at the same time when tuition fee is paid at the beginning of the year.

*Pharmacy Students' Association* asks when the public service report on UMSU's proposed winter term option would be made available, and how this would affect a referendum decision.

Answer – the public service was ordered to report back to City Council within 90 days as of October 29, 2019. However, Jakob states, even if the proposal is positively received, it would then have to be amended by the public works committee and voted on by City Council. This would provide little time for a referendum, therefore a pre-emptive referendum is most likely the effective strategy. Other compounding factors are City’s multi-year budget and provincial government withdrawal of transit funding; therefore, if a U-Pass referendum is not done before the city budget process is finalized and the city does not have evidence that U of M students are in favour of the U-Pass, that risks funding for the U-Pass being included in the City budget.

b. **VP Advocacy**

In the absence of the VP Advocacy, UMSU President Jakob reminds board members about the opportunity to attend a sexual violence policy consultation meeting being held on November 28 at 5pm in UMSU Council Chambers with the University legal department.

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 November 7, 2019 board package.
She also informs board members that toy wrapping day will happen on Saturday, December 7 from 11-3pm; reminds reps that any students wanting to apply for a hamper must get application in by November 22. Also reminds board members about Students of UMSU and Instagram takeover opportunities.

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 September 12, 2019 board package.

He also provides an oral report on a meeting with Sobey’s Pharmacy officials looking to provide student discounts on pharmaceutical drugs at their locations.

*Students of Fine Art* Chicago asks for clarification on pharmaceuticals at Sobey’s. Answer – discount is separate from Student Care plan.

*Pharmacy Students’ Association* asks if discount program applies to both Sobey’s, Safeway and all other associated branches of the company. Answer – only Sobey’s and Safeway, not Fresh Co.

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 November 7, 2019 board package.

7. Reports of the Committees

a. Executive

No report given.

b. Finance

VPFO, Mbuli Matshe, informs board members that at its meeting on November 14th, the committee made a decision to write off more than $27,053 in bad debt arising from disbursements from the hardship fund.

*International Students’ Representative* asks for information on the student application process and which executive administers the hardship fund. Answer – VP Student Life administers the program, and applications should be directed toward her; VPFO handles financial oversight of the program.

c. Governance

Governance Committee provides summation of their previous meeting on November 18, where potential elections reform initiatives brought forward by the CRO were discussed. CRO attending next committee meeting on December 2 to discuss further.
d. **Member Services**

    VPSL, Jelynn Dela Cruz, informs the board that Member Services will be looking at a partnership with Places for Students. More information to come in January.

e. **Selections Committee**

    No report given.

f. **Judicial Board**

    No report given.

8. **Reports of Board Members**

    *International Students Representative* informs members that she is currently in talks with spiritual care coordinator and a few community leaders regarding proactive ways to empower community members, and will be bringing forward a motion at a future board meeting; highlights that she will attend the next Executive Committee meeting to speak more to the motion there.

9. **Announcements**

    *St. John’s College Students’ Association* announces that on November 25 at 6pm they will be holding a fundraiser with all proceeds going to the Bear Clan, a volunteer safety group in Winnipeg. Tickets are $20 and available by contacting them on Instagram.

    *VP Community Engagement*, Kyra Fanning, announces that there are more hamper houses available for anyone that wants them, as well as more Winnipeg ice tickets are available.

10. **Adjournment**

    Meeting adjourned at 7:03pm.