UMSU Board of Directors Meeting
November 7, 2019
6:30 p.m.
UMSU 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
Mbuli Matshe, UMSU VP Finance & Operations
Carly Frey, UMSU Governance Executive Assistant
Victoria Nwabuusi, International Students’ Representative
Eliza Hydesmith, Accessibility Representative
Sia Yamba, Womyn’s Representative
Sharlene MacCoy, Part-time & Mature Students’ Representative
Anika Khan, Arthur Mauro Students’ Association
Lauren Slegers, Commerce Students’ Association
Amy Tran, Community Health Students’ Association
Shaylyn Maharaj-Poliah, Education Students’ Council
Shawn Williment, Faculty of Agriculture Students’ Organization
Silas Koulack, Manitoba Law Students’ Association
Oluwatosin Daso, Nursing Students’ Association Council
Marianna Pozdirca, Pharmacy Students’ Association
Harry Singh, Physical Education Recreational Kinesiology Student Council
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
David Abad (proxy), University of Manitoba Engineering Society
Ashrafal Reefath, University 1 Student Council
Mohammed Soussi Gounni, Student-at-large
Lauren Gray, University 1 Student Council
Kezia Wong, University 1 Student Council
Business

1. Call to Order

UMSU chairperson, Nina Lam calls the meeting to order at 6:35 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 agenda item number six and agenda item number seven swap places.

Moved by Michael Catanese, seconded by Students of Fine Art.

Motion carried.

MOTION – BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda is approved as amended.

Moved by Science Students’ Association, seconded by University of Manitoba Engineering Society.

Motion carried.

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

a. October 24, 2019

MOTION – BE IT RESOLVED THAT the draft minutes from the Board of Directors meeting on October 24, 2019 are approved as recorded.

Moved by St. Paul’s College Students’ Association, seconded by Commerce Students’ Association.

Motion carried.
4. Current Business

No current business discussed.

5. New Business

No new business discussed.

6. Reports of the Committees

a) Executive Committee

No report.

b) Finance Committee

No report.

c) Governance Committee

No report.

d) Member Services

Member Services Committee reports that the first Community Initiative Town Hall’s happened last week. The next town halls will be at the end of November. If you have any questions regarding the town halls or community initiative funding, please email Jelynn, Vice-President Student life at vpsl@umsu.ca.

e) Selections Committee

No report.

f) Judicial Board

MOTION – BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting move into closed session of the membership.

Moved by Michael Catanese, seconded by University 1 Student Council.

Motion carried.

MOTION – BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting leave closed session.

Moved by Michael Catanese, seconded by Mbuli Matshe.

Motion carried.
7. 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 7, 2019 board package.

Questions from the Board regarding U-Pass Negotiations:

Chimdi Chijioke asks if there could be alternate passes for students who only come to school two days a week.

Jakob responds advising that this is not an option.

Shawn Williment asks if the subsidy could be given to someone else if they wish to opt-out of the U-Pass.

Jakob responds advising that this is not an option.

Lauren Slegers asks if the city has issued a counter proposal.

Jakob responds noting that over the next 90 days we will try to work together on the mandate of the city committee.

Matt Rakar asks when the summer U-Pass would be.

Jakob responds stating that the summer U-Pass would run from May 1 – August 31.

Victoria Nwabuisi asks if the summer U-Pass would be for all students.

Jakob responds advising that the hope would be that any student who is enrolled in the winter term pass, would have their pass extended into the summer.

Victoria Nwabuisi asks what the cost increase would be for the summer.

Jakob responds noting that UMSU is proposing a 50% cost increase on the winter term to include the summer.

Victoria Nwabuisi asks what happens if students go home for the summer.

Jakob responds that the hope is for students who fall into this category could opt-out similar to how students who live outside the city in the fall and winter term can opt-out.

Sia Yamba asks why all students are not automatically enrolled into the U-Pass similar to the gym.

Jakob advises that this would add approximately 7,000 students to the pass plus it would require a major cost increase to all students.

Sharlene MacCoy notes that a few board meetings ago the board asked the administration to declare a climate emergency. Therefore the board should be advocating for the U-Pass.

Jenny Peters asks what the biggest implication of the proposed increase is.
Jakob responds advising that UMSU could lose the U-Pass in its entirety if Transit wants the $24.50 per term increase because it would have to go to a referendum of the student body. At this referendum the student body could vote no towards an increase.

Chimdi Chijioke asks for clarification on the increase and what would happen to students that go home for the summer.

Jakob responds saying that all of those answers are pending, and the goal is to reach cost neutral and allow students that go home for the summer the opportunity to opt out. He also notes that the proposed options are in negotiation.

Marianna Pozdirca asks for confirmation on what the current subsidy is and what it will be after the proposed increase.

Jakob responds advising that the current subsidy is 66% and will change to around 51% after the proposed fee increase. The fall would increase $18 and the winter would be more than $18 with the proposed increase.

Marianna Pozdirca asks if there is a reason for the in balance between terms and if the summer fee could be split into two equal payments.

Jakob responds stating that would not be applicable because of students who graduate in the fall term. Splitting into two equal payments would create more issues for students wanting to opt out of the summer pass.

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 November 7, 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 November 7, 2019 board package.

Questions from the board:

Victoria Nwabuisi asks where the prize winners from Malpractice were announced.

Kyra advises that the prize winners were announced at the social.

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 November 7, 2019 board package.

Questions from the board:

Sia Yamba asks what day black history month will be.

Mbuli responds advising that Black History Month will be the entire month of February.
e. **VP Student Life**

UMSU VP Student Life, Jelynn Dela Cruz, provided a written report, submitted to the Board of Directors as part of the November 7, 2019 board package.

8. **Reports of Board Members**

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

*Science Students’ Association* announces their social on November 9th in The Hub.

*Nursing Students’ Association Council* reports that they had 40 students take part in the CIBC Run for the Cure with their team. In total they raised $5,000.

*Sia Yamba, Womyn’s Representative* asks board members to email her the names of their Womyn’s Representative. **Sia’s email is womynsrep@umsu.ca**

*Victoria Nwabuisi, International Students’ Representative,* announces that there is a community representative structure and room planning in progress.

9. **Announcements**

*Kyra Fanning, VPCE,* announces that she has Winnipeg Ice tickets available for students. Please email her at vpce@umsu.ca for more information.

10. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:12pm.