UMSU Board of Directors Meeting
March 12, 2020
UMSU Council Chambers, 176 Helen Glass
6:30pm

Attendance
Nina Lam, UMSU Chairperson
Carly Frey, Recording Secretary
Sarah Bonner-Proulx, UMSU VP Advocacy
Mbuli Matshe, UMSU VP Finance & Operations
Victoria Nwabuisi, International Students’ Representative
Trevor Smith, LBGTTQ* Representative
Eliza Hydesmith, Accessibility Representative
Stephen Gatphoh, Arts Student Body Council
Zac Wronski, Arts Student Body Council
Lauren Sleger, Commerce Students’ Association
Amy Tran, Community Health Students’ Association
Shayllyn Maharaj-Poliah, Education Students’ Council
Shawn Williment, Faculty of Agriculture Students’ Organization
Jung Soo Moon (proxy), Manitoba Dental Students’ Council
Oluwatosin Daso, Nursing Students’ Association
Marianna Pozdirca, Pharmacy Students’ Association
Harry Singh, Physical Education Recreational Kinesiology Student Council
Brad Cottyn, Students’ Architectural Society
Makenzie Taylor, St. John’s College Students’ Association
Chicago Auger, Students of Fine Art
Gloria Aza Farje, Society of Music Students’ Association
Lisa Thomas, College of Rehabilitation Sciences – Respiratory Therapy
Cory Frederickson, St. Paul’s College Students’ Association
Kyle Wilter (proxy), St. Paul’s College Students’ Association
Dani Stackiw, Science Students’ Association
Chloe McElheron, Science Students’ Association
Katelyn Casalla (proxy), Science Students’ Association
Kristine Macalinau (proxy), Science Students’ Association
Jenny Peters, Social Work Students’ Association
Chimdi Chijioke, University College Residence Students’ Association
Erin Thomas, University of Manitoba Engineering Society
Tyrese Gibbes, University of Manitoba Engineering Society
Lauren Gray, University 1 Student Council
Kezia Wong, University 1 Student Council
Soussi Gounni, University 1 Student Council
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 the agenda be amended to move #8 Reports of Board Members to be #3.

Moved by *Pharmacy Students’ Association* seconded by *Students of Fine Art*.

Motion carried.

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

Moved by *Students’ Architectural Society*, seconded by *Mbuli Matshe*.

Motion carried.

3. Reports of Board Members

*Marianna Pozdirca* reports that she has a conflict of interest in regards to the UPass discussion due to her job as an assistant for a city councillor. She asks for questions and concerns from other board members on how she should proceed.

The chair advises that Marianna can proceed how she wishes and thanks her for the transparency.

4. Presentations

a. Save the UPass

**MOTION** – to move into closed session of board members.

Moved by *Sarah Bonner-Proulx*, seconded by *Mbuli Matshe*.

Motion carried.
**MOTION** – to stay in closed session of board members.

Moved by Eric Schillberg, seconded by Soussi Gounni.

Motion failed.

**b. UMSU contingency planning for Coronavirus closure.**

Sarah Bonner-Proulx advises the board to read the email that was sent from President Barnard. She notes that the email says that events larger than 50 people on campus must be cancelled.

Mbili Matshe advises that there are still a lot of unanswered questions from the university, but UMSU businesses will be operating as per posted on the @myUMSU Instagram page.

Sarah advises that student clubs and faculties contact her if they have any questions about their upcoming events as she can help answer questions on a case by case basis.

Chimdi Chijioke asks what the plans are for students in residence.

Mbili Matshe advises that UMSU sits on the Residence Dining Advisory Committee (RDAC), which is a committee that they could bring up the concerns regarding food services. However, UMSU has no say in residence janitorial.

Tyrese Gibbes asks if UMSU Board of Directors meetings will continue as usual.

The Executive Committee advises that meetings will likely happen through an online source and at the regularly scheduled times.

Marianna Pozdirca asks if online voting is permitted in Robert’s Rules.

Governance Committee responds that they are looking into it.

Chimdi Chijioke asks if there is a case of COVID-19 on campus, does the university have the resources to protect students.

The Executive Committee advises that the university is taking measures daily and that this is a fluid situation with new information constantly being sent out.

Tyrese Gibbes says that meeting in person for the next meeting is not feasible.

Sarah Bonner-Proulx advises that there is a special call/meeting next week for Senate to discuss options for students who must stay home during this time.

Erin Thomas speaks on Senate’s emergency mode that allows executives to have more power because senate cannot meet.
5. **Current Business**

   **a. MOTION 0468**

   BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Interfaith Student’s Working Group be struck with terms of reference as attached.

   Moved by *Victoria Nwabuisi*, seconded by *Marianna Pozdirca*.

   Motion referred to *Executive Committee*.

   Executive Committee recommends the motion to be referred to Governance Committee.

   Motion to table to the next board of directors meeting. Moved by *Cory Frederickson*, seconded by *Kyle Wilter*.

   Motion failed.

   Motion referred to Governance Committee.

   **b. MOTION 0470**

   WHEREAS tuition tax credits are currently available to all students in Canada, with no prerequisites;

   WHEREAS grants and loans offered by the Government of Canada depend on factors such as province of residence, family income, dependents, tuition fees and living expenses, which poses a threat to students who would be excluded from the credit due to not meeting these rigorous factors;

   WHEREAS other provinces (such as Ontario, Saskatchewan, BC, and others) have eliminated their equivalent of the tuition tax credit, raising costs for many students with no alternative benefits;

   WHEREAS UMSU’s duty is to advocate for lower tuition costs;

   BE IT RESOLVED THAT UMSU ceases any lobbying efforts to eliminate the tuition tax credit;

   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT UMSU receive Board approval for any lobbying efforts that eliminate financial support to students;

   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT UMSU continue to work with UCRU for possible alternatives to lobby for further expansion of Government of Canada grants and loans.

   Moved by *Soussi Gounni*, seconded by *Cory Frederickson*.

   Motion to table.
Moved by Mbuli Matshe, seconded by Erin Thomas.

Motion carried.

6. New Business

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors enact a Supplementary Rule that shall come into effect should the Board of Directors no longer be able to hold in-person meetings.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT The Supplementary Rule shall abide by Chapter XII, Section 45 "Other Methods of Voting" within Robert's Rules of Order.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT "Other Methods of Voting" shall abide by the following procedure:

Motions may only be put forth by the Executive Committee;

Motions shall be sent to the Chair with a stipulated Seconder;

The Unions' Executive Assistant shall handle communication between the Chair and the Board of Directors. They shall state the motion and put forward the question on the Chairs' behalf;

No debate shall be conducted; and

Voting members shall respond solely in favor, in opposition, or by noting their abstention. Failure to respond to the Executive Assistant will be noted as an abstention.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Supplementary Rule shall be dissolved once a duly constituted meeting of the Board of Directors reconvenes on the University of Manitoba campus.

Moved by Governance Committee.

Motion ruled an emergency motion by the chair.

Motion carried.

7. Reports of the Executive

a. President

UMSU President, Jakob Sanderson, provided a written report, submitted to the Board of Directors as part of the March 12, 2020 board package.

b. VP Advocacy

UMSU VP Advocacy, Sarah Bonner-Proulx, provided a written report, submitted to the Board of Directors as part of the March 12, 2020 board package.
c. **VP Community Engagement**

UMSU VP Community Engagement, Kyra Fanning, provided a written report, submitted to the Board of Directors as part of the March 12, 2020 board package.

d. **VP Finance & Operations**

UMSU VP Finance & Operations, Mbuli Matshe, provided a written report, submitted to the Board of Directors as part of the March 12, 2020 board package.

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 March 12, 2020 board package.

8. **Reports of the Committees**

a. **Executive**

No report.

b. **Finance**

No report.

c. **Governance**

Governance Committee submitted a written report included in the March 12, 2020 meeting package.

d. **Member Services**

No report.

e. **Selections Committee**

No report.

f. **Judicial Board**

No report.

9. **Announcements**

No announcements.

10. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 9:47pm.