UMSU Board of Directors Meeting
February 13, 2020,
UMSU Council Chambers, 176 Helen Glass
6:30pm

Attendance
Nina Lam, UMSU Chairperson
Jelynn Dela Cruz, UMSU VP Student Life
Kyra Fanning, UMSU VP Community Engagement
Mbuli Matshe, UMSU VP Finance & Operations
Victoria Nwabuisi, International Students’ Representative
Alicia Kubrakovich, Indigenous Students’ Representative
Sia Yamba, Womyn’s Representative
Sharlene MacCoy, Mature Students’ Representative
Anika Khan, Arthur Mauro Students’ Association
Stephen Gatphoh, Arts Student Body Council
Zac Wronsiki, Arts Student Body Council
Lauren Slegers, Commerce Students’ Association
Amy Tran, Community Health Students’ Association
Katiana Mastin (proxy), College of Rehab Students – Respiratory Therapy
Alundra Elder (proxy), Education Students’ Council
Shawn Williment, Faculty of Agriculture Students’ Organization
Jung-soo Moon (proxy), Manitoba Dental Students’ Council
Oluwatosin Daso, Nursing Students’ Association Council
Marianna Pozdirca, Pharmacy Students’ Association
Ablel Tewelde (proxy), Physical Education Recreational Kinesiology Student Council
Bryan Kwak, Residence Students’ Association Council
Makenzie Taylor, St. John’s College Students’ Association
Chicago Auger, Students of Fine Art
Cory Frederickson, St. Paul’s College Students’ Association
Dani Stackiw, Science Students’ Association
Serena Phillips (proxy), Science Students’ Association
Brendan Scott, Science Students’ Association
Matt Rakar, Science 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
Ashraful Reefath, University 1 Student Council
Eric Schillberg, Governance Committee Chairperson
Thomas Blumer, UMSU General Manager
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 Physical Education Recreational Kinesiology Student Council seconded by Commerce Students’ Association.

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

a. January 30, 2020

MOTION – BE IT RESOLVED THAT the draft minutes from the Board of Directors meeting on January 16, 2020 are approved as recorded.

Moved by Arts Student Body Council, seconded by University College Residence Students’ Association.

Motion carried.

4. Presentations

a. Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Task Force Consultation

Derek Berg, research analyst for Prairie Research Associates Inc., explains that he will be leading a focus group-style discussion consisting of five questions, on behalf of the University of Manitoba’s EDI Task Force.
Prior to the discussion, **VP Student Life** motions to move the meeting into closed session to allow board members to participate candidly. Seconded by **VP Finance & Operations**.

Motion is carried; meeting goes into closed session for the duration of the discussion.

5. **Current Business**
   a. **Motion 0468**

   **Governance Committee Chairperson** declares motion out of order on the basis of clause 11 within the draft terms of reference for the proposed Interfaith Coalition Working Group is found to be in contradiction of the UMSU Bylaws. Currently there exists no mechanism within the UMSU Bylaws to provide funding to the proposed working group as structured in the proposal.

   **International Students’ Representative** agrees to strike clause 11 from the terms of reference.

   **UMSU Chairperson** refers the revised motion to the Executive Committee for review; motion will be debated at a future meeting.

6. **New Business**
   a. **Motion 0469**

   **UMSU Chairperson** introduces motion, as moved by **International Students’ Representative** and seconded by **Arts Student Body Council**.

   Motion will be debated at February 27 meeting.

7. **Reports of the Executive**
   a. **President**

   UMSU President, Jakob Sanderson, absent at this meeting, provided a written report that was submitted to the Board of Directors as part of the February 13, 2020 board package.

   **VP Finance & Operations** draws attention to portion of the report detailing President and VP Advocacy lobbying efforts in Ottawa as part of Undergraduates of Canadian Research-Intensive Universities (UCRU), from February 3-7.

   b. **VP Advocacy**

   UMSU VP Advocacy, Sarah Bonner-Proulx, absent at this meeting, provided a written report that was submitted to the Board of Directors as part of the February 13, 2020 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 February 13, 2020 board package.

*VP Community Engagement* responds to question on difficulty of voting in U-Pass referendum by telling board that they should inform their constituencies that all issues related to voting in the referendum should be emailed to the Chief Returning Officer (CRO).

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 February 13, 2020 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 February 13, 2020 board package.

*VP Student Life* responds to question as to whether members of the City of Winnipeg’s public works committee were receptive to UMSU presentation to the committee on February 4 by noting that committee asked that UMSU’s proposals be forwarded to the City’s budgetary working group.

8. **Reports of the Committees**

a. **Executive**

*VP Community Engagement* informs board that the results of the U-Pass will be announced on evening of Friday, February 14; UMSU members will receive an email, while statements will also be sent out on UMSU social media.

b. **Finance**

*VP Finance & Operations* provides update on the deliberation process for the 2020/2021 budget. Draft budget will be presented to the board at the April 9 meeting, where the board can expect to vote on approval of UMSU year-end financial statements and the draft budget.
c. Governance

*Governance Committee Chairperson* provides update on committee’s intention to present an omnibus motion, based on technical review of the UMSU Governance & Operations Manual, prior to the end of the year.

*Pharmacy Students’ Association* asks for clarification on whether student associations are required to inform the UMSU board on changes to their association’s constitution and/or other governing documents.

*Governance Committee Chairperson* responds that the only current requirement for informing UMSU is that new student groups and associations must present their constitution and governing documents to UMSU for the record upon their founding in order to qualify as a funding recipient.

*College of Rehab Students – Respiratory Therapy* notes concern that their association was unable to participate in consent culture training due to a delay in naming an UMSU representative, and because their courses require clinical practicums that make it hard for 70% of leadership to attend on any given day.

*Governance Committee Chairperson* responds that the timeframe within which consent culture training must be completed by student group/association leadership in order for groups/associations to be eligible for funding is one of the issues currently being looked at by Governance Committee as part of its review of the UMSU Governance & Operations Manual.

*VP Finance & Operations* confirms for board that *VP Advocacy* is aware of the timing issues on consent culture training deadlines, which are being reviewed.

d. Member Services

*VP Student Life* informs board that Member Services committee has been in contact with Finance Committee about allocating more money toward student travel grants, given that the allotted funding for 2019/2020 has been nearly used up already.

e. Selections Committee

No report given at this time.

f. Judicial Board

No report given at this time.
9. Reports of Board Members

*International Students’ Representative* informs board that talks are ongoing with Governance Committee for ways in which to put a more formal accountability framework in place for UMSU community representatives going forward. The goal is to have something to present to the board at one of the meetings in March.

10. Announcements

*Arthur Mauro Students’ Association* announces to board that they are having their annual joint ‘traffic light’ social with the *Residence Students’ Association Council* on February 14.

*International Students’ Representative* announces to board that there will be an intercultural event held during the third week of March.

*University College Residence Students’ Association* announces to board that they will be holding a masquerade social on February 29 in the MPR. Tickets are available on Eventbrite or from any UCRSA member.

*Womyn’s Representative* announces to board that the Womyn’s Centre is holding self-defence classes on February 14 from 3-5pm.

*St. Paul’s College Students’ Association* announces to board that they are holding beer gardens on February 14 from 12-4pm.

*University of Manitoba Engineering Society* announces to the board that they are holding their ‘Strictly Platonic’ beer gardens on February 14 in the basement of the new engineering building.

11. Adjournment

*Indigenous Students’ Representative* moves to adjourn the meeting; seconded by *University of Manitoba Engineering Society*.

Meeting is adjourned at 7:56pm