



University
of Manitoba
**STUDENTS'
UNION**

UMSU Board of Directors Meeting
June 8, 2023, 6:30pm
176 Helen Glass, UMSU Council Chambers

Attendance:

Tracy Karuhogo, UMSU President
Liam Pittman, UMSU VP Advocacy
Divya Sharma, UMSU VP Community Engagement
Vaibhav Varma, UMSU VP Finance & Operations
Christine Yasay, UMSU VP Student Life
Andrea Nguyen, International Students' Representative
Alex Rana, LGBTQ* Students' Representative
Ishkode Catcheway, Indigenous Students' Representative
Witta Irumva, Women's Students' Representative
Anita Ayame, Black Students' Representative
Allisther De Castro, Racialized Students' Representative
Emily Katsman, Arts Student Body Council
Avery Groeneveld, Commerce Students' Association
Nick Brzak, Community Health Students' Association
Tanvin Hossain, Faculty of Agriculture Students' Association
Max Fidel, Manitoba Medical Students' Association
Brady Barrientos, Faculty of Music Students' Association
Paul Houston, Science Students' Association
Ian Campbell (proxy), Social Work Students' Association
Jasper Coners (proxy), University of Manitoba Engineering Society
Carly Frey, Recording Secretary
Lauren Slegers, Governance Administrative Coordinator
Thomas Blumer, General Manager
Christopher Yendt, University of Manitoba Graduate Students' Association
Noah Banmann, Science Students' Association
Sarah Cohen, The Manitoban

Business

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:39pm.

2. Land Acknowledgement

The University of Manitoba campuses and the UMSU offices are located on the original lands of the Anishinaabeg, Cree, Oji-Cree, Dakota, and Dene peoples, and on the homeland of the Métis Nation, and on the original lands of the Inuit. We want to acknowledge our part in the systemic oppression and colonization of the lands of these peoples, the harms that colonization has had on these lands, and the dangers of forgetting our part in colonization. We acknowledge that our water comes from Shoal Lake 40 First Nation, and our hydro from the hydro dams located in Treaty 5. UMSU would not be here without the Indigenous peoples who kept our lands safe and cared for. We dedicate ourselves to working harder every day to strengthen the relationship between ourselves and Indigenous communities. We acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past, and those still occurring, and vow to move forward in partnership with indigenous leaders and communities in a spirit of reconciliation and collaboration.

3. Approval of Agenda

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

Moved by *Ishkode Catcheway*, seconded by *Avery Groeneveld*.

Motion carried.

4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

a. May 11, 2023

MOTION – BE IT RESOLVED THAT the draft minutes from the Board of Directors meeting on May 11, 2023 are approved as presented.

Moved by *Ishkode Catcheway*, seconded by *Anita Ayame*.

Motion carried.

5. Presentations

6. Current Business

a. Motion 0569

WHEREAS the University of Manitoba campuses are located on Treaty 1 Territory, the original lands of the Anishinaabe, Cree, Oji-Cree, Dakota, and Dene peoples and the Homeland of the Metis Nation;

WHEREAS UMSU's Position Statement Book states every student's right to an equitable campus and calls upon UMSU to serve on the pillars of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion for the purpose of amplifying the voices of equity-seeking student communities and addressing their needs to ensure access to opportunities and foster a comfortable environment;

WHEREAS the University of Manitoba Students' Union strives to prioritize the level of engagement, success, and opportunity available to marginalized members of the University community;

BE IT RESOLVED that the UMSU Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Working Group (EDIWG) be struck for the year 2022-2023 with the Terms of Reference (TOR) as attached.

Purpose:

The purpose of this working group will be to serve as a safe space for members of designated University of Manitoba Students' Union (UMSU) communities to discuss the subject of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, in addition to compiling recommendations for UMSU and the University. Members are expected to maintain consistent attendance and participation during all meetings, providing a reasonable notice of absence

Composition:

- UMSU President (non-voting)
- UMSU Indigenous Representative or designate (voting)
- UMSU Women's Representative or designate (voting)
- UMSU 2SLGBTQIA+ Representative or designate (voting)
- UMSU International Students' Representative or designate (voting)
- UMSU Black Students' Representative or designate (voting)
- UMSU Accessibility Representative or designate (voting)
- UMSU Racialized Representative or designate (voting)
- 3 students who self-identify as belonging to the Indigenous, Black, Women's, 2SLGBTQIA+, International, Accessibility-seeking & Racialized communities chosen by UMSU's Selections Committee through an application process (voting)
- Students at large who self-identify as belonging to the Indigenous, Black,

Women's, 2SLGBTQIA+, International, Accessibility-seeking & Racialized communities chosen by Selections Committee through an application process (non-voting)

Terms of Reference:

- To appoint a chair (non-voting), vice chair (voting) and secretary(voting) from the voting members
- To identify concerns and a course of action to improve EDI within UMSU and at the University of Manitoba
- To bring forth concerns and suggestions to relevant UMSU and/or University of Manitoba designates
- To create a plan/recommendation for students and board members to address EDI at UMSU in future years
- To develop and present a report detailing activities, concerns, and recommendations from the Working Group to the UMSU Board of Directors by the end of the winter 2023 term
- To meet monthly, unless otherwise agreed by upon by the standing membership

Moved by Executive Committee

Motion carried.

7. New Business

8. Reports of the Executive

a. President

UMSU President, Tracy Karuhogo, provides a summation of her written report, submitted to the Board of Directors as part of the July 27, 2023 board package.

b. VP Advocacy

UMSU VP Advocacy, Liam Pittman, provides a summation of his written report, submitted to the Board of Directors as part of the July 27, 2023 board package.

c. VP Community Engagement

UMSU VP Community Engagement, Divya Sharma, provides a summation of her written report, submitted to the Board of Directors as part of the July 27, 2023 board package.

d. VP Finance & Operations

UMSU VP Finance & Operations, Vaibhav Varma, provides a summation of his written report, submitted to the Board of Directors as part of the July 27, 2023 board package.

e. VP Student Life

UMSU VP Student Life, Christine Yasay, provides a summation of her written report, submitted to the Board of Directors as part of the July 27, 2023 board package.

9. Reports of the Community Representatives

a. Accessibility Students' Representative

Accessibility Students' Representative, Caleigh Guillou-Corimer, provided a written report, submitted to the Board of Directors as part of the July 27, 2023 board package.

b. Black Students' Representative

Black Students' Representative, Anita Ayame, provides a verbal report.

c. Indigenous Students' Representative

Indigenous Students' Representative, Ishkode Catcheway, provides a verbal report.

d. International Students' Representative

International Students' Representative, Andrea Nguyen, provides a verbal report.

e. Racialized Students' Representative

Racialized Students' Representative, Allisther De Castro, provides a verbal report.

f. Women's Students' Representative

Women's Students' Representative, Witta Irumva, provides a verbal report.

- g. 2SLGBTQIA+ Students' Representative

2SLGBTQIA+ Students' Representative, Alex Rana, provides a verbal report.

10. Reports of the Committees

- a. Executive

Executive Committee reports that they appreciate the Board for approving the EDI Working Group Motion.

- b. Selections

Selections Committee reports that they have filled all positions for committees, with the exception of 2 Board Member spots on Judicial Board that will be filled later in the meeting by random draw.

11. Appointment of Judicial Board

A random draw was held to choose the additional 2 Board members who will sit on Judicial Board

MOTION - to appoint Max Fidel and Ishkode Catcheway to the Judicial Board for the 2023-2024 Academic Year.

Moved by *Avery Groeneveld*, seconded by *Allisther De Castro*.

Motion carried.

12. Reports of Board Members

Commerce Students' Association reports that The Commerce Week planning is underway, they are hosting a graphic design workshop (info can be found on their Instagram), and Shinerama Trivia is happening June 21 (info can be found on their Instagram).

13. Announcements

Community Health Students' Association announces that they have rebranded to the Interdisciplinary Health Program Students' Association (IHPSA).

14. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:58pm.