



University of Manitoba **STUDENTS' UNION**

UMSU Board of Directors Meeting

November 9, 2023, 6:30pm

405 Brodie Centre, University of Manitoba Bannatyne Campus

Attendance:

Andrea Nguyen, International Students' Representative
Ivan Nunez Gamez (Proxy), Racialized Students' Representative
Alex Rana, 2SLGBTQIA+ Students' Representative
Witta Irumva, Women's Students' Representative
LJ Fulugan (Proxy), Arts Student Body Council (ASBC)
Avery Groeneveld, Commerce Students' Association (CSA)
Tanvin Hossain, Faculty of Agriculture Students' Organization (FASO)
Nick Brzak, Interdisciplinary Health Program Students' Association (IHPSA)
Bryan Kwak, Manitoba Dental Students' Association (MDSA)
Nathan Dueck, Manitoba Law Students' Association (MLSA)
Max Fidel, Manitoba Medical Students' Association (MMSA)
Rafae Shami (proxy), University of Manitoba Engineering Society (UMES)
Sam Rubin, University of Manitoba Pharmacy Students' Association (UMPhSA)
Tracy Karuhogo, UMSU President
Liam Pittman, UMSU Vice-President Advocacy
Divya Sharma, UMSU Vice-President Community Engagement
Christine Yasay, UMSU Vice-President Student Life
Thomas Blumer, UMSU General Manager
Lauren Slegers, UMSU Governance Administrative Coordinator
Rohan Sethi, UMSU Judicial Board Chairperson
Michael Prokipchuk, UMSU Governance Committee Chairperson
Brendan Scott, UMSU Director of Bannatyne Operations
Christopher Yendt, University of Manitoba Graduate Students' Association (UMGSA)
Sarah Cohen, The Manitoban
Gillian Brown, The Manitoban
Sarah Pittman, Student-at-Large
Sean Ticsay, Student-at-Large
Victoria Romero, Student-at-Large
Matt Lock, Student-at-Large
Marcus Lamont, Student-at-Large

Business

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:45pm.

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 *Max Fidel*, seconded by *Andrea Nguyen*.

Motion carried.

4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

a. October 26, 2023

MOTION – BE IT RESOLVED THAT the draft minutes from the Board of Directors meeting on October 26, 2023 are approved as presented.

Moved by *Witta Irumva*, seconded by *Nick Brzak*.

Motion carried.

5. Presentations

a. Governance Committee

Michael Prokipchuk, UMSU Governance Committee Chair, provides a presentation regarding motion 0584. A copy is attached.

6. Current Business

a. Motion 0575

WHEREAS the University of Manitoba Students' Union (UMSU) recognizes the imperative need to maintain the trust of its' members and stakeholders by providing clear insights into the allocation and utilization of funds.

WHEREAS "Bison Bash" is a large, yearly-recurring event that union members, as stakeholders and the group that provides the majority of UMSU funding, are entitled to know the cost of.

WHEREAS "Bison Bash" and all associated costs have already been invoiced and expensed to their respective budget line in accordance with the Bylaws of the University of Manitoba Students' Union Section VII, (Disbursements) 31. which states that "No disbursements of UMSU funds may be effected in the absence of a completed and duly approved expense requisition form." and S.VII 32. which states that "An expense requisition form must include: a. The amount of each item contributing to the total of the disbursement; b. An invoice or receipt for each of those items; c. If applicable, reference to a duly approved motion of an appropriate governing body with the ability to authorize the expense; and d. Indication of the annual budget line item to which each expense item is to be attributed."

WHEREAS the Governance and Operations Manual of the University of Manitoba Students' Union Section VII, 49. states that "the mandate of the Executive Committee shall be to oversee and administer the day-to-day affairs of the Union, to make decisions as needed between meetings of the Board, and to represent the collective opinion of the Executive members."

WHEREAS the Governance and Operations Manual of the University of Manitoba Students' Union Section V11 line 59 states that "the mandate of the Finance Committee is to review the financial affairs of the Union".

WHEREAS the Governance and Operations Manual of the University of Manitoba Students' Union Section IV, 9. A states that "the Vice President Finance and

Operations shall be responsible for: a. Overseeing all financial management of the Union, including preparing and maintaining the budget.”

WHEREAS the Governance and Operations Manual of the University of Manitoba Students’ Union Section VII, 56. states that “the Executive Committee must provide reports to the Board on a regular basis.”

BE IT RESOLVED that the UMSU Executive Committee create and present (to the UMSU Board of Directors) a report outlining all expenditures associated with “Bison Bash”, and comparing the expenditures to the budget line for this event, as presented in the most recently approved 2023 UMSU Budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the report outlining all expenditures associated with “Bison Bash”, and comparing the expenditures to the budget line for this event, as presented in the most recently approved 2023 UMSU Budget, presented to the UMSU Board of Directors by the UMSU Executive Committee, is also presented to the UMSU Finance Committee.

Moved by *Victoria Romero*, Seconded by *Charli Feener*.

Victoria Romero motivates the motion.

Avery Groeneveld, on behalf of the UMSU Finance Committee, recommends against the motion.

Victoria Romero speaks in favour of the motion.

Michael Prokipchuk speaks against the motion.

Avery Groeneveld speaks against the motion.

Victoria Romero speaks in favour of the motion.

Divya Sharma speaks against the motion.

Motion - to extend debate for 10 minutes.

Moved by *Ivan Nunez Gamez*, Seconded by *Andrea Nguyen*.

Motion failed.

Motion - to vote by secret ballot.

Moved by *Rohan Sethi*, Seconded by *Ivan Nunez Gamez*.

Motion failed.

Motion failed.

b. Motion 0576

WHEREAS UMSU is a not-for-profit entity that practices fund accounting as per “Accounting Standards for Not-for-Profit Organizations or ASNPO [...] established by the Accounting Standards Board (“AcSB”) for not-for-profit organizations. These standards are located in Part III of the CPA Canada Handbook (“The andbook”) and became mandatory for not-for-profit organizations for fiscal years beginning on or after January 1, 2012.”

WHEREAS Section VII (7), subsection “funds” as per the “Bylaws of the University of Manitoba Students’ Union” state that:

“UMSU shall maintain the following funds:

- a. Union Operation.
- b. Business Operation.
- c. Dedicated Fees.
- d. Contingency”

WHEREAS the Audited 2021/2022 Financial Statements disregard the funds in the bylaws and instead use the:

- a. Operating Fund
- b. Scholarship and Bursary Fund
- c. UMSU Capital Fund

WHEREAS there is no use of the aforementioned Contingency Fund for “mitigating the impact of financial demands not foreseen in the annual budget” as per Section VII (7) of the “Bylaws of the University of Manitoba Students’ Union”.

WHEREAS there is no use of the aforementioned Dedicated Fees Fund which contains “UMSU fees levied from Members for Funding Recipient Groups” as per Section VII (7) of the “Bylaws of the University of Manitoba Students’ Union”.

WHEREAS the Contingency Fund would be the primary source of paying expenses related to “financial demands not foreseen in the annual budget” such as expenses related to the CFS lawsuit.

BE IT RESOLVED that the board ensure that the financial bylaws are followed prior to approving the presented 2022-2023 UMSU Audited Financial Statements.

BE IT RESOLVED that the UMSU Executive Committee prepare and present a plan for how UMSU will manage the expenses stemming from the CFS lawsuit, and explain how UMSU member fees levied from students will be used to pay for any

potential losses, which have the potential to create a deficit in the current fiscal year of upwards of \$2 million.

Moved by *Matthew Lock*, Seconded by *Max Fidel*

Motion - to amend the motion to remove “upwards of \$2 million.”.

Moved by *Matthew Lock*, Seconded by *Ivan Nunez Gamez*.

Motion carried.

Matthew Lock motivates the motion.

Avery Groeneveld, on behalf of the UMSU Finance Committee, recommends that the motion be divided.

Motion - to divide the motion into 0576a, with all whereas clauses and the first BE IT RESOLVED clause, and 0576b, with all whereas clauses and the second BE IT RESOLVED clause.

Moved by *Finance Committee*.

Motion carried.

Debate on motion 0576a begins.

Avery Groeneveld, on behalf of the UMSU Finance Committee, recommends an amendment to the motion.

Motion – to amend the motion to strike the first, fourth, fifth, and sixth whereas clauses, and replace “board ensure that the financial bylaws are followed prior to approving the presented 2022-2023 UMSU Audited Financial Statements” with “UMSU Board of Directors task the UMSU Governance Committee to ensure that the UMSU audited financial statements match the Bylaws of UMSU for all future audited statements”.

Moved by *Finance Committee*.

Avery Groeneveld, on behalf of the UMSU Finance Committee, motivates the amendment.

Avery Groeneveld speaks in favour of the motion.

Matthew Lock speaks against the motion.

Motion carried.

The amended motion 0576a reads:

WHEREAS Section VII (7), subsection “funds” as per the “Bylaws of the University of Manitoba Students’ Union” state that: “UMSU shall maintain the following funds:

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- b. Business Operation.
- c. Dedicated Fees.
- d. Contingency”

WHEREAS the Audited 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 Financial Statements use:

- a. Operating Fund
- b. Scholarship and Bursary Fund
- c. UMSU Capital Fund

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the UMSU Board of Directors task the UMSU Governance Committee to ensure that the UMSU audited financial statements match the Bylaws of UMSU for all future audited statements.

Motion - to amend the motion to add “to look into amending the UMSU Bylaws” between “Governance Committee” and “to ensure”

Moved by *Alex Rana*, Seconded by *Rafae Shami*.

Alex Rana motivates the motion.

Avery Groeneveld speaks against the motion.

Alex Rana speaks in favour of the motion.

Motion - to amend the amendment to replace “look into amending the UMSU Bylaws” with “work with Finance Committee”.

Moved by *Michael Prokipchuk*, Seconded by *Avery Groeneveld*.

Motion - to call the question

Moved by *Michael Prokipchuk*, Seconded by *Alex Rana*.

Motion carried.

Motion carried.

Motion carried as amended.

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Motion - to amend the motion to add the additional clause “BE IT RESOLVED THAT the UMSU Governance Committee and/or the Finance Committee present an informal update in the first meeting of the 2024 calendar year and a formal update at the last meeting of the 2023-2024 UMSU year.”

Moved by *Victoria Romero*, Seconded by *Ivan Nunez Gamez*.

Victoria Romero motivates the motion.

Avery Groeneveld speaks against the motion.

Ivan Nunez Gamez speaks in favour of the motion.

Motion - to amend the amendment to add “verbal” after “informal” and “written” after “formal”

Moved by *Victoria Romero*, Seconded by *Ivan Nunez Gamez*.

Motion - to call the question

Moved by *Alex Rana*, Seconded by *Ivan Nunez Gamez*.

Motion carried.

Motion carried.

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT the UMSU Governance Committee and/or the Finance Committee present an informal verbal update in the first meeting of the 2024 calendar year and a formal written update at the last meeting of the 2023-2024 UMSU year.

Motion - to call the question

Moved by *Avery Groeneveld*, Seconded by *Alex Rana*.

Motion carried.

Motion 0576a carried as amended.

Debate on motion 0576b begins.

Motion - to enter closed session of Board Members and UMSU staff.

Moved by *Avery Groeneveld*, Seconded by *Rafae Shami*.

Motion carried.

Matthew Lock speaks in favour of the motion.

Motion - to call the question

Moved by *Michael Prokipchuk*, Seconded by *Rafae Shami*.

Motion carried.

Motion failed.

7. New Business

a. Motion 0584

WHEREAS the Board of Directors has tasked the Governance Committee with a review of the Election Manual of the University of Manitoba Students' Union.

WHEREAS the Governance Committee has performed consultation with UMSU stakeholders, including the Board of Directors.

WHEREAS the Governance Committee wishes to amend the Election Manual of the University of Manitoba Students' Union (see supporting documents with proposed changes).

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors approve the proposed amendments to the Election Manual of the University of Manitoba Students' Union by the Governance Committee.

Moved by *Governance Committee*

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 November 9, 2023 Board meeting 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 November 9, 2023 Board meeting 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 November 9, 2023 Board meeting package.

d. VP Finance & Operations

UMSU VP Finance & Operations, Vaibhav Varma, provided a written report, submitted to the Board of Directors as part of the November 9, 2023 Board meeting 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 November 9, 2023 Board meeting package.

9. Reports of the Community Representatives

a. Accessibility Students' Representative

No Report.

b. Black Students' Representative

No Report.

c. Indigenous Students' Representative

Indigenous Students' Representative, Ishkode Catcheway, provided a written report, submitted to the Board of Directors as part of the November 9, 2023 Board meeting package.

d. International Students' Representative

No Report.

e. Racialized Students' Representative

Racialized Students' Representative, Allisther De Castro, provided a written report, submitted to the Board of Directors as part of the November 9, 2023 Board meeting package.

- f. 2SLGBTQIA+ Students' Representative

2SLGBTQIA+ Students' Representative, Alex Rana, provided a written report, submitted to the Board of Directors as part of the November 9, 2023 Board meeting package.

- g. Women-Identifying Students' Representative

Women-Identifying Students' Representative, Witta Irumva, provided a written report (attached to these minutes).

10. Reports of the Committees

- a. Executive

No report.

- b. Finance

No report.

- c. Governance

Governance Committee reports that they have a meeting set up with the Judicial Board to discuss potential reforms.

- d. Judicial Board

The Judicial Board reports that they had their first meeting with all members present on November 2, and they are getting ready to begin moving forward with Executive Evaluations.

- e. Member Services

No report.

- f. Selections

No report.

11. Reports of Board Members

- a. Brendan Scott, Director of Bannatyne Operations, thanks Board members for coming to the Bannatyne Campus for the meeting. He provides a summation of his written report, a copy is attached.

12. Announcements

- a. Ivan Nunez Gamez announces that REIA is planning to host a pop-up thrift shop. Students can drop off items in the REIA lounge to be sold by consignment. Ivan also announces that the REIA lounge now has furniture, so students can drop by to visit and spend some time there.
- b. Victoria Romero announces that the Period Poverty and Equity, on Campus and Beyond group is looking for student auditors to volunteer to go into washrooms on campus and record whether menstrual products are available or not. Students can find more information via the @chrr.manitoba Instagram account.
- c. Lauren Slegers announces that the Board member sweater order form and the dietary restrictions form have been sent out, please complete them as soon as possible.

13. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:27pm.

Notice of Motion 0584

UMSU Governance Committee

November 9, 2023



Composition of the Committee

- The UMSU Governance Committee is comprised of seven (7) members
 - Michael Prokipchuk, Chair (non-voting, unless to break a tie)
 - Alex Rana, member (voting)
 - Cole Hutchinson, member (voting)
 - Nathan Dueck, member (voting)
 - Sarah Pittman, member (voting)
 - Tracy Karuhogo, UMSU President (non-voting)
 - Vaibhav Varma, UMSU VPFO (non-voting)



Who We Are

Governance Committee

Mandate

76. The mandate of the Governance Committee is to maintain and develop modifications to the Governing Documents of the Union, as well as advising Executives and the Board on positions to take on issues not covered in Position Statements.

Committee Purview

78. The Governance Committee shall have jurisdiction over the Bylaws, as well as the Governance and Operations Manual, the Election and Referendum Manual, and the Position Statements Book.
79. The Governance Committee shall provide opinions or produce research for any initiatives, programs, or other activities that the Board wishes to be examined.
80. The Governance Committee shall receive reports from the CRO regarding all changes and additions to supplemental rules.

The Task

- The Board of Directors tasked the Governance Committee with a review of the Election Manual of the University of Manitoba Students' Union.
- The Governance Committee performed consultation with UMSU stakeholders, including the Board of Directors.
- The Governance Committee wishes to amend the Election Manual of the University of Manitoba Students' Union.



We Reviewed

- The Manual
- The Complaint and Resolution Process
- The Electoral System

We Received

- One email submission from a student-at-large
 - Monday, November 6, 2023 at 12:32 PM

Our Findings: The Electoral System

- The Governance Committee advises the Board of Directors to continue the use of our current Electoral System, First Past the Post.
- Here's why:
 - Less transparency in results – the SimplyVoting system displays results of each round in a points system, rather than a vote count
 - Keeping consistency with all 13 elected positions – if we use a Ranked Balloting System, we would need to use it for all positions which could create a general confusion for the electorate
 - Implementing the system – this process would require special election education for the voter in a short time frame
 - Should a candidate be disqualified – there would be no way to redistribute the results once an election has ended

Board Meeting – Nov. 9th

Continuing updates

Calm Café

- Was a success, really liked Marchi donuts would use them again for other events
- Turnout was good
- ASBC will apply for CIF funding for our contribution

Donation drives

- Collecting donations for underwear awareness project & ASBC period drive
- We are accepting cash donations, we have a cash box

Active Living Centre

- Self defense classes starting Nov. 19th
- Women's Centre is sponsoring \$200 for each set of classes (4) for reduced student pricing of \$20
- Occur Sundays at 10:30am

Additions to the team

- Accepted 7 keyholders and filled our VPFO position
- New office hours will be posted soon

Audit

- CHRR is looking for volunteers to do a washroom audit of menstrual supplies in bathrooms across campus
- Audit will take place from Nov. 27th – Dec 1st
- Orientation session happening on Nov. 22 from 1:30-2:20pm in 108 St. Johns
- Ig: @chrr.manitoba
- Link: https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=C92AT4wzTE6KFJBEaWL3uNhODp_bD5ZNs3svvMI6B7dURjVMMjUwN0IUUDkzRFaYtVE5RFhWRVRNMC4u

New updates

November giveaway

- Self-care basket that includes 2 face masks, fuzzy socks, box of chocolate and a heatable stuffed sloth
- Deadline was Nov. 8th, Winner will be announced on Nov. 9th

Upcoming events

- **Game night at IQs**
 - Tentative Date: October 21st
 - Time: TBA

- **Community Assembly**
 - November 28th at 6pm
 - Followed by a Discussion session in the lounge
- **Take back the night march**
 - March occurring to raise awareness about gender violence and street safety
 - Date: November 29th
 - More information to come
- **Holiday movie night**
 - 160 Dafoe library on Dec.5th
 - Time: TBA

Thank you for coming to Bannatyne, especially with all the snow. It is much appreciated. The turnout today has been great, past years have seen a fail to make quorum.

Updates:

Reiteration from last report: Office hours and meetings can be set up through the DBO@umsu.ca email

A somewhat temporary solution to parking has been made. If student call or go to the parking office in person, staff have been known to somehow find extra spots in parking lots to give to students. Very limited though.

This is a temporary solution and things are going to get worse as E lot will close so advocacy efforts need to be made to the university to aid in finding parking for students.

In bigger picture news, as this position was slow to get fully running and Bannatyne students are already prepping for final exams we will hit the ground running first week of January. That is a more important time for Bannatyne students as it is a chance to review their need for the health and dental plan, and I imagine many students will realize the severity of the parking situation through December and pick up their upass.

Efforts to provide students on the Bannatyne campus with resources is crucial and we will have lots of info be set up just outside the DBO office and swag bags during the free lunch in January.