



University  
of Manitoba  
**STUDENTS'  
UNION**

UMSU Board of Directors Meeting  
September 28, 2023, 6:30pm  
UMSU Council Chambers, 176 Helen Glass

Attendance:

Caleigh Guillou-Corimer, Accessibility Students' Representative  
Anita Ayame, Black Students' Representative  
Ishkode Catcheway, Indigenous Students' Representative  
Andrea Nguyen, International Students' Representative  
Allisther De Castro, Racialized Students' Representative  
Alex Rana, 2SLGBTQIA+ Students' Representative  
Witta Irumva, Women's Students' Representative  
Emily Katsman, 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)  
Nathan Dueck, Manitoba Law Students' Association (MLSA)  
Max Fidel, Manitoba Medical Students' Association (MMSA)  
Sam Rubin, Manitoba Pharmacy Students' Association (MPSA)  
Krupa Mashru, Physical Education Recreational Kinesiology Student Council (PERKS)  
Paul Houston, Science Students' Association (SSA)  
Jory Thomas (proxy), Students' Architectural Society (SAS)  
Charli Feener, Students of Fine Arts Student Association (SOFASA)  
Rafae Shami (proxy), University of Manitoba Engineering Society (UMES)  
Michael Prokipchuk, University 1 Students' Council (U1SC)  
Liam Pittman, UMSU VP Advocacy  
Divya Sharma, UMSU VP Community Engagement  
Vaibhav Varma, UMSU VP Finance and Operations  
Christine Yasay, UMSU VP Student Life  
Lauren Slegers, UMSU Governance Administrative Coordinator  
Elbethel Masresha, Chairperson  
Matt Lock, Student-at-large  
Sarah Pittman, Student-at-large  
Isham Behl, CSSA  
Minh Phan, CrewSEC  
Khu Pham, Dev Club/UMPep  
Ekam, Student-at-large

Raman Bhanderi, Dev Club  
Jordon Hong, Crewsec  
Sarah Cohen, The Manitoban  
Elinam Okae-Yeboah, Student-at-large  
Gurpahul Kaur, Active Minds, UPSA, SIKHSA  
Victoria Romero, Student-at-large  
LJ F, Student-at-large

## **Business**

### **1. Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 6:36pm.

The Chair announces that the only materials approved by her for distribution during the Board meeting are those that have been sent out to Board Members in the BOD package, and uploaded to the UMSU website. Students are expected to submit all relevant documentation at the time of submitting their motion, so that it can be included.

### **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 *Max Fidel*.

Motion carried.

#### 4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- a. September 14, 2023

**MOTION** – BE IT RESOLVED THAT the draft minutes from the Board of Directors meeting on September 14, 2023 are approved as presented.

Moved by *Avery Groeneveld*, seconded by *Witta Irumva*.

Motion carried.

#### 5. Presentations

- a. VW's Social Club

Jack Jonasson, Manager of VW Social Club and IQ's Café and Billiards, provides an overview of the history of the businesses. VW is a campus community bar and event venue. Monday is wing night, Tuesday is Karaoke, Wednesday is Dub night, and Thursday is comedy night. As an UMSU business, VW is trying to be a service for students to provide employment, social space, and opportunities for associations to have events and discounted space bookings. VW is working on their new school spirits cocktail menu that will be designed around student groups, councils, and clubs. You can reach Jack at [jjonasson@umsu.ca](mailto:jjonasson@umsu.ca)

- b. Non-Disclosure Agreements

Richard Buchwald, UMSU's legal counsel, discusses the new Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) that he and his colleagues have drafted for UMSU. He highlights that information received during the course of a Board member's term must be handled with a degree of respect and confidentiality. If Board members disclose confidential information, it undermines the integrity and mission of UMSU.

- c. Audited Financial Statements

**MOTION** to enter closed session of Board members, UMSU staff, and invited presenters.

Moved by *Vaibhav Varma*, seconded by *Michael Prokipchuk*.

Motion carried.

The Chairperson rules that Matthew (Matt) Lock be excluded from the remainder of the meeting following article 61:7 of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, for attempting to violate the confidentiality of closed session by leaving a recording device in the room and refusing to move to UMSU University Centre when asked by the Chair.

The Chairperson rules that Victoria Romero be excluded from the remainder of the meeting following article 61:7 of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, for refusing to move to UMSU University Centre when asked by the Chair.

d. UMSU Budget

Vaibhav Varma, UMSU's VP Finance & Operations, provides a first term budget update.

## 6. Current Business

a. Motion 0574

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

WHEREAS the University of Manitoba is home to the National Centre for Truth & Reconciliation

WHEREAS the voices of Indigenous Students are drastically underrepresented throughout the general channels of student leadership, despite being integral to each and every conversation

WHEREAS more grassroots work needs to be done to educate the wider community about Indigenous practices and actively decolonize the institution from the bottom up

BE IT RESOLVED that the Indigenous Students' Working Group (ISWG) be struck from the Fall 2023 and Winter 2024 academic terms with the Terms of Reference (TOR) as attached.

Purpose: The purpose of this working group will be to serve as a platform for Indigenous student leaders and UMSU as an organization to prioritize reconciliation and decolonization. This effect is anticipated to take shape in the form of consultation and collaboration.

Composition:

- UMSU Indigenous Students' Representative, Chair, non-voting
- UMSU President, Vice-Chair, non-voting
- UMSU Vice President Advocacy, non-voting
- UMSU Vice President Finance & Operations, non-voting
- UMSU Vice President Community Engagement, non-voting
- UMSU Vice President Student Life, non-voting
- One (1) Executive Representative from each Indigenous UMSU-recognized club or student group, voting
- Three (3) Indigenous student representatives at large, voting (The selection process for the Indigenous student representatives at large will be determined at the first meeting of the working group)
- All Indigenous students who would like to participate

Responsibilities:

- Identify concerns and a course of action to improve the Indigenous student experience
- Brainstorm new creative ways to engage students in Indigenous initiatives
- Compile a set of recommendations for the Students' Union and the University as a whole
- Streamline the planning of Indigenous Students' Month and collaboration with University offices
- Report on activities to the UMSU Board of Directors

Meeting Regularity:

- Minimum once a month throughout the 2023-24 academic year
- Meetings may be called irregularly, should urgent matters arise

Moved by *Ishkode Catcheway*, Seconded by *Max Fidel*

Ishkode Catcheway motivates the motion

Executive Committee speaks in favour of the motion

Motion Carried

b. Motion 0577

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the UMSU audited financial statements for the 2022-2023 fiscal year be approved as presented.

Moved by Executive Committee

Motion Carried

c. Motion 0578

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the UMSU Board of Directors appoint BDO as UMSU's auditors for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

Moved by Executive Committee

Motion Carried

## 7. New Business

a. 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 referred to Finance Committee

## **8. Reports of the Executive**

### **a. President**

UMSU President, Tracy Karuhogo, provided a written report, submitted to the Board of Directors as part of the September 28, 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 September 28, 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 September 28, 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 September 28, 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 September 28, 2023 board package.

### **9. Reports of the Community Representatives**

#### **a. Accessibility Students' Representative**

Accessibility Students' Representative, Caleigh Guillou-Corimer, provides a summation of her written report, submitted to the Board of Directors as part of the September 28, 2023 board package.

#### **b. Black Students' Representative**

Black Students' Representative, Anita Ayame, submitted a written report to the Board of Directors as part of the September 28, 2023 board package.

#### **c. Indigenous Students' Representative**

Indigenous Students' Representative, Ishkode Catcheway, provides a summation of her written report, submitted to the Board of Directors as part of the September 28, 2023 board package.

#### **d. International Students' Representative**

International Students' Representative, Andrea Nguyen, provides a summation of her written report, submitted to the Board of Directors as part of the September 28, 2023 board package.

#### **e. Racialized Students' Representative**

Racialized Students' Representative, Allisther De Castro, provides a summation of her written report, submitted to the Board of Directors as part of the September 28, 2023 board package.

#### **f. 2SLGBTQIA+ Students' Representative**

2SLGBTQIA+ Students' Representative, Alex Rana provides a summation of his written report, submitted to the Board of Directors as part of the September 28, 2023 board package.



g. Women's Students' Representative

Women-Identifying Students' Representative, Witta Irumva, provides a summation of her written report, submitted to the Board of Directors as part of the September 28, 2023 board package.

## 10. Reports of the Committees

a. Executive

Executive Committee reports that they were happy to discuss and support Ishkode's motion, Motion 0574.

b. Finance

Finance Committee reports that their next meeting will be on October 3 from 4-5pm where credit card statements and a contract will be discussed/approved.

c. Governance

Governance Committee reports that they will have a presentation at the next Board meeting on October 12. Please email [governance@umsu.ca](mailto:governance@umsu.ca) with any questions.

d. Judicial

Judicial Board reports that they had their first meeting and training on September 27. They were unable to meet quorum to choose a chair, but things are moving along.

e. Member Services

Member Services Committee reports that they met on September 25 to approve club funding and travel grants. The next meeting will be on October 16.

f. Selections

Selections Committee reports that they selected students for the EDI working group. They will be meeting to select the next Chief Returning Officer soon.

## **11. Reports of Board Members**

## **12. Announcements**

Charli Feener announces that she has couch stickers to give away if anyone would like one.

Lauren Slegers reminds Board members to please sign in at every meeting, and join the board telegram chat.

Michael Prokipchuk reminds everyone to go vote in the provincial election.

Vaibhav Varma thanks Board Members for continuing to play an important role in the function of UMSU.

Christine Yasay thanks Elbethel Masresha for great work chairing the meeting.

Elbethel Masresha encourages Board members to not be discouraged to come to Board meetings because some of them are messy. If any Board members are uncomfortable, or have questions, please email her at [chair@umsu.ca](mailto:chair@umsu.ca)

## **13. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 10:00pm.