



University of Manitoba **STUDENTS' UNION**

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

Attendance:

Caleigh Guillou-Corimer, Accessibility 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)
Brad McMechan, Education Students' Council (EDSC)
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)
Miyansh Jhamb (proxy), Nursing Students' Association (NSA)
Krupa Mashru, Physical Education Recreational Kinesiology Student Council (PERKS)
Paul Houston, Science Students' Association (SSA)
Gary Hill, Social Work Students' Association (SWSA)
Macarena Izurieta, Society of Earth Sciences and Environmental Studies (SESES)
Andrea Tabing, Students' Architectural Society (SAS)
Charli Feener, Students of Fine Arts Student Association (SOFASA)
Victor Aderinto (proxy), University of Manitoba Engineering Society (UMES)
Sam Rubin, University of Manitoba Pharmacy Students' Association (UMPhSA)
Irtiza Zawad Ali, University 1 Student Council (U1SC)
Tracy Karuhogo, UMSU President
Liam Pittman, UMSU Vice-President Advocacy
Divya Sharma, UMSU Vice-President Community Engagement
Vaibhav Varma, UMSU Vice-President Finance and Operations
Christine Yasay, UMSU Vice-President Student Life
Thomas Blumer, UMSU General Manager
Lauren Slegers, UMSU Governance Administrative Coordinator
Teresa Sanchez, UMSU Policy and Strategy Advisor

Elbethel Masresha, UMSU Board of Directors Chairperson
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)
Sharif McCurdy, St. Paul's College Students' Association
Sarah Cohen, The Manitoban
Kha Pham, Dev Club
Arion Kennedy, Dev Club
Victoria Romero, Student-at-Large
Matthew Lock, Student-at-Large
Marcus Lamont, Student-at-Large
Isham Behl, Student-at-Large
Sarah Pittman, Student-at-Large

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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 *Max Fidel*, seconded by *Alex Rana*.

Motion carried.

4. Presentations

a. UMSU Ad-Hoc Committee

Motion – to enter closed session of Voting Board Members, Ex-Officio Board Members, and UMSU Staff Members.

Moved by *Max Fidel*, seconded by *Nick Brzak*.

Motion carried.

5. Current Business

a. Motion 0585

WHEREAS Anita Ayame has been accused of violating the following sections of the University of Manitoba Students' Union (UMSU) Governance and Operations Manual:

- Section IV: Community Representatives
- Section XVI: Harassment Policy
- Section XXV: Safe Environment Policy

WHEREAS the UMSU Board of Directors is governed by the UMSU Bylaws and procedures.

WHEREAS the proper procedures for removal, as outlined in the UMSU Bylaws, Section IV: Positions of Title, have been followed.

WHEREAS the ad hoc committee has been able to substantiate the following breaches of the UMSU Governance and Operations Manual:

- a. Section IV, 1.a.
- b. Section IV, 1.c.
- c. Section XVI, 20
- d. Section XXV, 1
- e. Section XXV, 2

WHEREAS the ad hoc committee has not been able to substantiate the following breaches:

- a. Section IV, 1.b.
- b. Section XVI, 18

WHEREAS the ad hoc committee has found that Anita Ayame has broken one or more of UMSU's bylaws and/or governing documents and/or Employment Standards Code(s) of Manitoba.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Anita Ayame, the Black Students' Representative, shall be removed from the UMSU Board of Directors and stripped of their title and office.

Moved by *Ad-Hoc Committee*

Motion – to vote by secret ballot.

Moved by *Rohan Sethi*, Seconded by *Nick Brzak*.

Motion Carried.

Tellers' Report

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| Number of votes Cast..... | 23 |
| Necessary for adoption (2/3)..... | 16 |
| Votes for motion..... | 23 |
| Votes against motion..... | 0 |

Motion Carried.

6. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:19pm.

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