



University of Manitoba STUDENTS' UNION

UMSU Board of Directors Meeting
February 8, 2024, 6:30pm
UMSU Council Chambers, 176 Helen Glass

Attendance:

Caleigh Guillou-Corimer, Accessibility Students' Representative
Damilola Ojo, 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)
Brad McMechan, Education Students' Council (EDSC)
Tanvin Hossain, Faculty of Agriculture Students' Organization (FASO)
Nick Brzak, Interdisciplinary Health Program Students' Association (IHPSA)
Jordan Wagner (proxy), Manitoba Law Students' Association (MLSA)
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)
Rafae Shami (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
Christopher Yendt, interim UMSU Board of Directors Chairperson

Rohan Sethi, UMSU Judicial Board Chairperson
Nathaniel Casiano, St. Paul's College Students' Association
Sarah Cohen, The Manitoban
Amina Butt, NECO
Michael Prokipchuk, Student-at-Large
Adil Hayat, Student-at-Large
Tess Poulton, Student-at-Large
Boluwatife Akindele, Student-at-Large
Eseosa Ataga, Student-at-Large
John Lodge, UMSU Judicial Board Member
Rose Gumber, ASBC
Hiwot Jonk, Student-at-Large
Sarah Pittman, Student-at-Large
Isham Behl, Student-at-Large
Prabnoor Singh, Student-at-Large

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Business

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:43pm.

Motion – to appoint Christopher Yendt as interim UMSU Board of Directors Chairperson for the duration of this meeting.

Moved by *Tracy Karuhogo*, seconded by *Tanvin Hossain*.

Motion carried.

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 *Allisther De Castro*.

Motion – to amend the agenda to add “Appointment of Board Members to the UMSU Election Appeals Ad-Hoc Committee” as item a under New Business.

Moved by *Tracy Karuhogo*, seconded by *Gary Hill*.

Tracy Karuhogo motivates the motion.

Motion carried.

Motion carried.

4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- a. January 25, 2024

MOTION – BE IT RESOLVED THAT the draft minutes from the Board of Directors meeting on January 25, 2024 are approved as presented.

Moved by *Ishkode Catcheway*, seconded by *Rafae Shami*.

Motion – to amend the minutes to add “Judicial” in front of “Board” in item 10.d.

Moved by *Judicial Board*.

Motion carried.

Motion carried.

5. Presentations

- a. Aurora Modernization Project

Jeff Adams, University Registrar and Executive Director of Enrolment Services, and Elfie Smith, Associate Registrar and Director of Service and Records, present about a project to modernize the Aurora platform.

- b. Governance Committee

Vaibhav Varma, on behalf of the Governance Committee, presents the proposed amendments to the Bylaws as outlined in Motion 0595.

- c. Former UMSU President

John Perrin, 1973/1974 UMSU President, and Cyril Labman, former UMSU legal council, discuss their time in office and working with UMSU.

6. Current Business

- a. Motion 0595

WHEREAS the UMSU Governance Committee was tasked by the UMSU Board of Directors to work with the Finance Committee to ensure that the UMSU audited financial statements match the bylaws of UMSU for all future audited statements as per motion 0567a;

WHEREAS the Governance Committee finds the proposal to be warranted and therefore wishes to amend “Section VII: Financial, Contractual, and Legal Matters” of the University of Manitoba Students' Union Bylaws (see attached documents; current Section VII, Section VII if approved, and proposed amendments to Section VII);

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors approve the proposed amendments to “Section VII: Financial, Contractual, and Legal Matters” of the University of Manitoba Students Union Bylaws;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT these changes take effect immediately.

Moved by *Governance Committee*

7. New Business

- a. Appointment of Board Members to the UMSU Election Appeals Ad-Hoc Committee

Board Member names were drawn at random to fill the four Election Appeals Ad-Hoc Committee spots

Motion – to appoint Macarena Izurieta, Emily Katsman, Sam Rubin, and Gary Hill to the Election Appeals Ad-Hoc Committee, and to select Brad McMechan and Nick Brzak as alternate members, should one of the appointed members be unable to participate.

Moved by *Avery Groeneveld*, seconded by *Rafae Shami*

Motion carried.

8. Reports of the Executive

a. President

UMSU President, Tracy Karuhogo, provides a verbal report.

b. VP Advocacy

UMSU VP Advocacy, Liam Pittman, provides a summation of his written report, submitted to the Board of Directors on February 8.

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 February 8, 2024 Board meeting 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 February 8, 2024 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 February 8, 2024 Board meeting package.

9. Reports of the Community Representatives

a. Accessibility Students' Representative

Accessibility Students' Representative, Caleigh Guillou-Corimer, provides a verbal report.

b. Black Students' Representative

Black Students' Representative, Damilola Ojo, provides a verbal report.

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 February 8, 2024 Board meeting package.

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 summation of her written report, submitted to the Board of Directors as part of the February 8, 2024 Board meeting package.

- f. 2SLGBTQIA+ Students' Representative

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

- g. Women-Identifying Students' Representative

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

10. Reports of the Committees

- a. Executive

No report.

- b. Finance

No report.

- c. Governance

No report.

- d. Judicial Board

No report.

- e. Member Services

No report.

- f. Selections

No report.

11. Reports of Board Members

Motion – to enter closed session of Board Members, UMSU staff, and student-at-large Hiwot Jonk.

Moved by Tanvin Hossain, seconded by Gary Hill.

Motion carried.

12. Announcements

- a. Lauren Slegers announces that the next Board of Directors meeting will be held on February 29.
- b. Krupa Mashru announces that the Canada West Men's Basketball Tournament is hosted by the Bisons this year, tickets can be purchased from February 21-25. She also announces that PERKS will be hosting an indoor beach volleyball event on February 17, tickets are \$25.

13. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:04pm.