



University of Manitoba STUDENTS' UNION

UMSU Board of Directors Meeting
February 29, 2024, 6:30pm
UMSU Council Chambers, 176 Helen Glass

Attendance:

Caleigh Guillou-Corimer, Accessibility Students' Representative
Ishkode Catcheway, Indigenous Students' Representative
Allisther De Castro, Racialized Students' Representative
Alex Rana, 2SLGBTQIA+ Students' Representative
Elinam Okae-Yeboah (proxy), 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)
Jess Fung (proxy), Physical Education Recreational Kinesiology Student Council (PERKS)
Gary Hill, Social Work Students' Association (SWSA)
Macarena Izurieta, Society of Earth Sciences and Environmental Studies (SESES)
Andrea Tabing, Students' Architectural Society (SAS)
Simran Gill (proxy), University of Manitoba Engineering Society (UMES)
Irtiza Zawad Ali, University 1 Student Council (U1SC)
Tracy Karuhogo, UMSU President
Liam Pittman, UMSU Vice-President Advocacy
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
Nathaniel Casiano, St. Paul's College Students' Association
Sarah Cohen, The Manitoban
Tino Dogo, Student-at-Large
Bianca Siem, Student-at-Large
John Lodge, Member of the UMSU Judicial Board
Tam-David Adeyanju, Student-at-Large
Sarah Pittman, Student-at-Large

Benzeta Audu, Student-at-Large
Olivia Macdonald Mager, Arts Student Body Council
Isham Singh Behl, Student-at-Large

Business

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:43pm.

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 – to amend the agenda to move item 10. d. after presentations and before current business.

Moved by *UMSU Judicial Board*.

Motion carried.

Motion carried.

4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- a. February 8, 2024

MOTION – BE IT RESOLVED THAT the draft minutes from the Board of Directors meeting on February 8, 2024 are approved as presented.

Moved by *Gary Hill*, seconded by *Nick Brzak*.

Motion carried.

5. Presentations

- a. None

10. Reports of the Committees

- d. Judicial Board

Rohan Sethi, on behalf of the UMSU Judicial Board, presents a report regarding an appeal that was received.

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*.

Vaibhav Varma, on behalf of the UMSU Governance Committee, motivates the motion.

Motion – to call the question.

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

Motion carried.

Motion carried.

b. Motion 0596

WHEREAS the UMSU Board of Directors approved the 2023/2024 Board meeting schedule and locations on May 11, 2023.

WHEREAS the March 28th, 2024 meeting is scheduled to take place at the Bannatyne Campus, and the April 11, 2024 meeting is scheduled to take place at the Fort Garry Campus.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The March 28th, 2024 meeting be scheduled to take place at the Fort Garry Campus, and the April 11, 2024 meeting be scheduled to take place at the Bannatyne Campus.

Moved by *Executive Committee*.

Vaibhav Varma, on behalf of the UMSU Executive Committee, motivates the motion.

Motion carried.

Motion – to take a 10 minute recess.

Moved by *Gary Hill*, seconded by *Alex Rana*.

Motion carried.

c. Motion 0598

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Motion 0594 be amended to add “allegedly” between “has” and “engaged” in the sixth motivating clause; remove “Further” from the third resolution clause; and add a new resolution clause that “this suspension be eligible for review by the UMSU Judicial Board, pursuant to Section XXV, Violations by Individuals/Patrons, (12)(13)(14) of the Governance and Operations Manual.”

Moved by *Judicial Board*.

The motion was ruled out of order by the Board Chairperson, due to the fact that an appeal avenue already exists and has been exercised. The motion would create an additional appeal avenue which would be redundant, and undermine the processes in the governing documents. If the appeal avenue were to be granted, it could create an outcome that contradicts an approved Board motion.

Motion – to appeal the decision of the Chair to rule the motion out of order.

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

Question: Shall the decision of the Chair to rule the motion out of order be sustained?

Elbethel Masresha, Chairperson, speaks in favour of the decision of the Chair.

Avery Groeneveld asks a question, to which Elbethel Masresha responds.

Rohan Sethi speaks against the decision of the Chair.

Vaibhav Varma speaks in favour of the decision of the Chair.

Tino Dogo speaks against the decision of the Chair.

Avery Groeneveld speaks against the decision of the Chair.

Elbethel Masresha, Chairperson, speaks in favour of the decision of the Chair.

Motion – to vote by secret ballot

Moved by Rohan Sethi, seconded by Gary Hill

Motion carried.

Elbethel Masresha, Chairperson, appoints Lauren Slegers and John Lodge as tellers.

Tellers' Report

Number of votes Cast.....	14
Necessary for adoption (majority)....	8
Votes for motion.....	9
Votes against motion.....	5

Motion carried

Motion ruled out of order.

7. New Business

a. Motion 0597

WHEREAS Palestinian UMSU members have expressed a desire for UMSU to support a definition of anti-Palestinian racism;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT UMSU adopt the Canadian Arab Lawyers Association's definition of anti-Palestinian racism into the "UMSU supports" part of the "Position #7: Equitable Campus" section of its Positions Statement Book, namely that:

"Anti-Palestinian racism is a form of anti-Arab racism that silences, excludes, erases, stereotypes, defames or dehumanizes Palestinians or their narratives. Anti-Palestinian racism takes various forms including: denying the Nakba and justifying violence against Palestinians; failing to acknowledge Palestinians as an Indigenous people with a collective identity, belonging and rights in relation to occupied and historic Palestine; erasing the human rights and equal dignity and worth of Palestinians; excluding or pressuring others to exclude Palestinian perspectives, Palestinians and their allies; defaming Palestinians and their allies with slander such as being inherently antisemitic, a terrorist threat/sympathizer or opposed to democratic values."

Moved by *Nathan Dueck*, Seconded by *Ishkode Catcheway*

Motion referred to 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 February 29, 2024 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 February 29, 2024 Board meeting package.

c. VP Community Engagement

No report.

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 29, 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 29, 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

No 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 29, 2024 Board meeting 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 February 29, 2024 Board meeting 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 February 29, 2024 Board meeting package.

f. 2SLGBTQIA+ Students' Representative

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

g. Women-Identifying Students' Representative

No Report.

10. Reports of the Committees

a. Executive

No Report.

b. Finance

Finance Committee reports that Christine Yasay provided an overview to the committee of the UMSU hardship fund, and the committee approved the remuneration for the Election Appeals Committee, candidate reimbursement amount for the General Election, and credit card reports for the UMSU General Manager and Governance Administrative Coordinator.

c. Governance

No Report.

d. Member Services

No Report.

e. Selections

No Report.

11. Reports of Board Members

- a. Avery Groeneveld reports that 5 Days for the Homeless fundraising has begun to support youth experiencing homelessness in Winnipeg.

12. Announcements

- a. None

13. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:32pm.

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