



University of Manitoba STUDENTS' UNION

UMSU Board of Directors Meeting
March 14, 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
Allisther De Castro, Racialized Students' Representative
LJ Fulugan (proxy), 2SLGBTQIA+ Students' Representative
Bethel Alemaio (proxy), Women's Students' Representative
Emily Katsman, Arts Student Body Council (ASBC)
Avery Groeneveld, Commerce Students' Association (CSA)
Nick Brzak, Interdisciplinary Health Program Students' Association (IHPSA)
Nathan Dueck, Manitoba Law Students' Association (MLSA)
Max Fidel, Manitoba Medical Students' Association (MMSA)
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)
Charli Feener, Students of Fine Arts Student Association (SOFASA)
Rafae Shami (proxy), University of Manitoba Engineering Society (UMES)
Irtiza Zawad Ali, University 1 Student Council (U1SC)
Liam Pittman, UMSU Vice-President Advocacy
Vaibhav Varma, UMSU Vice-President Finance and Operations
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
Brendan Scott, UMSU Director of Bannatyne Operations
Nathaniel Casiano, St. Paul's College Students' Association
Sarah Cohen, The Manitoban
Jodie Smith, UMSU Chief Returning Officer
Okiki Fasanmi, Student-at-Large
Adamos Gabriel Jarito, Student-at-Large
Heaven Kaur, Student-at-Large
Christabel, Student-at-Large

Carolyn Wang, Student-at-Large
Prabhnoor Singh, Student-at-Large
Michaela de Hoop, Student-at-Large
Michael Prokipchuk, Student-at-Large
Sarah Pittman, Student-at-Large
Rachvir Dhaliwal, Student-at-Large
John Lodge, Student-at-Large and Judicial Board Member
Matt Lock, Student-at-Large
Adil Hayat, Student-at-Large
Tam-David Adeyanju, Student-at-Large
Tioluwani Adetolo, Student-at-Large
Eseosa Hagu, Student-at-Large
Moyoluwake Oladiti, Student-at-Large
Joy Okafor, Student-at-Large
Isham Behl, Student-at-Large and ICC Member

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Business

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:41.

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 *Charli Feener*.

Motion carried.

4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

a. February 29, 2024

MOTION – BE IT RESOLVED THAT the draft minutes from the Board of Directors meeting on February 29, 2024 are approved as presented.

Moved by *Rohan Sethi*, seconded by *Avery Groeneveld*.

Motion carried.

5. Presentations

a. CRO Report

Jodie Smith, UMSU Chief Returning Officer, presents her report submitted to the Board of Directors as part of the March 14, 2024 Board meeting package.

Motion – to move item 6. c. Motion 0602 to before item 5. b. UMSU 2024-2025 Operating Budget

Moved by *Avery Groeneveld*, seconded by *Gary Hill*

Motion carried.

6. Current Business

c. Motion 0602

WHEREAS the 2024 UMSU General Election took place from February 5th, 2024 to March 8th, 2024.

WHEREAS the results have been certified by Simply Voting.

BE IT RESOLVED that the 2024 Chief Returning Officer (CRO) report be approved as presented and attached.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the results of the election be adopted as presented and attached, effective May 1, 2024.

Moved by *Jodie Smith*, Seconded by *Max Fidel*.

Motion carried.

5. Presentations (continued)

b. UMSU 2024-2025 Operating Budget

Vaibhav Varma, on behalf of the UMSU Finance Committee, presents the 2024-2025 UMSU Operating Budget

6. Current 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*.

Nathan Dueck requests withdrawal of the motion.

With unanimous consent from the Board, the Chairperson accepts the withdrawal of the motion.

b. Motion 0601

WHEREAS the UMSU Judicial Board is responsible for conducting evaluations of the UMSU Executives and presenting a report to the UMSU Board of Directors on a semi-annual basis.

WHEREAS the UMSU Governance and Operations Manual states in Section VII, Judicial Board, Executive Oversight Reporting, that:

45. The second, year-end report must be presented to the UMSU Board of Directors by April 1st.

WHEREAS the UMSU Judicial Board seeks to conduct evaluations thoroughly and methodically, and deems the current timeline to be uncondusive to doing so.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the UMSU Board of Directors allow the UMSU Judicial Board to present its year-end Executive Oversight Report at the April 25, 2024 Board of Directors meeting or earlier.

Moved by *Judicial Board*.

Rohan Sethi, on behalf of the UMSU Judicial Board, motivates the motion.

Motion carried.

d. Motion 0605

WHEREAS the Finance Committee has jurisdiction over the financial affairs of the Union, including but not limited to reviewing expenditures and reimbursements;

WHEREAS the Finance Committee believes that alcohol should not be reimbursed for non-retail or re-distribution purposes;

WHEREAS the Finance Committee has noticed that there is no clear language related to the purchasing of alcohol for non-retail or redistribution purposes;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT that the UMSU Board of Directors task the UMSU Governance Committee with making amendments to the UMSU governing documents that stipulate that alcohol related purchases will not be reimbursed, with the exception of alcohol purchased for retail or redistribution purposes.

Moved by *Finance Committee*.

Vaibhav Varma and Avery Groeneveld, on behalf of the UMSU Finance Committee, motivate the motion.

Motion carried.

e. Motion 0606

WHEREAS Michael Prokipchuk initially resigned from the Governance Committee effective January 31, 2024, with intent to return on March 10, 2024.

WHEREAS the Judicial Board Chairperson notified Michael Prokipchuk of the following clause in the UMSU Bylaws:

UMSU Bylaws, Section IV, Positions of Title, Appointment Restrictions:

9. In any given term, a position of title may not be occupied by an Appointee that has vacated that same position for whatever reason in the given term.

WHEREAS Michael Prokipchuk amended his resignation to be permanent, in accordance with the above-mentioned clause.

WHEREAS the Governance Committee believes Michael Prokipchuk should return to his position as Chairperson, similar to an Executive returning to their position after an Annual General Election.

WHEREAS the Governance Committee has numerous endeavours to complete before the end of the term.

WHEREAS the Governance Committee wishes to reinstate Michael Prokipchuk as the Chairperson, effective immediately.

BE IT RESOLVED that Michael Prokipchuk be reinstated as the Chairperson of the UMSU Governance Committee, effective immediately.

Moved by *Governance Committee*.

The motion was ruled out of order by the Chairperson, due to the fact that it violates the bylaws of UMSU.

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

Moved by *Nathan Dueck*, seconded by *Avery Groeneveld*.

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

Nathan Dueck speaks against the decision of the Chair.

Rohan Sethi speaks in favour of the decision of the Chair.

Okiki Fasanmi speaks in favour of the decision of the Chair.

Motion – to call the question.

Moved by *Rafae Shami*, seconded by *Max Fidel*.

Motion carried.

Motion failed.

Nathan Dueck, on behalf of the Governance Committee, motivates the motion.

Rohan Sethi speaks against the motion.

Michael Prokipchuk speaks in favour of the motion.

Avery Groeneveld speaks in favour of the motion.

Motion – to call the question.

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

Motion carried.

Motion carried.

The vote was ruled invalid by the Chairperson, following section 25:7 of Robert's Rules of Order which states that "Rules contained in the bylaws cannot be suspended, no matter how large the vote in favour of doing so, or how inconvenient the rule in question may be"

Motion – to appeal the decision of the Chair to invalidate the vote.

Moved by *Avery Groeneveld*, seconded by *Max Fidel*.

Question: Shall the decision of the Chair to declare the vote invalid be sustained?

Rohan Sethi speaks in favour of the decision of the Chair.

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

Avery Groeneveld speaks against the decision of the Chair.

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

Michael Prokipchuk against the decision of the Chair.

Sarah Pittman speaks in favour of the decision of the Chair.

Motion – to call the question

Moved by *Ishkode Catcheway*, seconded by *Emily Katsman*.

Motion carried.

Motion carried.

The vote is declared invalid, the motion dies.

7. New Business

a. Motion 0599

WHEREAS St. Paul's College Students' Association, (SPCSA) is a historic institution representing a large community of students from a variety of faculties and backgrounds at the University of Manitoba.

WHEREAS SPCSA does not have the ability to vote as a member of the Board of Directors. WHEREAS St. Paul's College, (SPC) is one the largest and most involved colleges at the UofM accepting all students as members of the college.

WHEREAS the University of Manitoba Students' Union, (UMSU) should aim to strengthen the democratic principles that embody our student union to increase representation for all.

(WHEREAS SPCSA can be a student life vote.)

WHEREAS SPCSA has always been a voting member of the Board of Directors in past school years dating back to the 1970 Agreement.

BE IT RESOLVED that St. Paul's College Students' Association, (SPCSA) be granted voting rights for the Board of Directors starting in the 2024-2025 year and onwards.

Moved by *Bridget Scott*, Seconded by *Rafae Shami*.

Motion referred to Governance Committee.

b. Motion 0600

Whereas the UMSU Executive Committee has reviewed and approved the 2024/2025 UMSU Operating Budget;

Whereas the UMSU Board of Trustees has reviewed and approved the 2024/2025 UMSU Operating Budget;

Whereas the UMSU Finance Committee has reviewed and approved the 2024/2025 UMSU Operating Budget;

Be it resolved that the 2024/2025 UMSU Operating Budget be approved as presented and attached.

Moved by *Finance Committee*.

Notice of motion provided.

c. Motion 0603

WHEREAS, according to the 2022-2023 UMSU Annual Member Survey, the Latinx

community represents 2.3% of the UMSU Membership making them the smallest ethnic/racial identity on campus,

WHEREAS “UMSU supports equity, diversity, and the dignity of all people,”

WHEREAS UMSU’s safe environment policy prohibits acts of discrimination, including those based on ancestry (including colour or perceived race), nationality, and ethnic background,

WHEREAS UMSU should aim to uniquely protect all those with ethnic and racially diverse backgrounds,

BE IT RESOLVED the UMSU Board of Directors adopts the definition of Anti-Latino Discrimination as attached and is added to the “UMSU supports” section of “Position #7: Equitable Campus” section of its Positions Statement Book,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Governance Committee explores the possibility of adopting diverse anti-racism definitions to uniquely address the different means of discrimination ethnic and racially diverse communities on campus may face.

Moved by *Ivan Nunez Gamez*, Seconded by *Krupa Mashru*.

Motion referred to Governance Committee.

d. Motion 0604

WHEREAS Palestinian students at the University of Manitoba 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 *Roleen Alarab*, Seconded by *Max Fidel*.

Motion referred to Governance 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 March 14, 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 March 14, 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 March 14, 2024 Board meeting package.

e. VP Student Life

UMSU VP Student Life, Christine Yasay, provided a written report submitted to the Board of Directors as part of the March 14, 2024 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, provides a summation of her written report, submitted to the Board of Directors as part of the March 14, 2024 Board meeting package.

d. International Students' Representative

International Students' Representative, Andrea Nguyen, provided a written report, submitted to the Board of Directors as part of the March 14, 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 March 14, 2024 Board meeting package.

f. 2SLGBTQIA+ Students' Representative

No Report

g. Women-Identifying Students' Representative

Bethel Alemaio, proxy for the Women-Identifying Students' Representative, provides a verbal report.

10. Reports of the Committees

a. Executive

No report.

b. Finance

The Finance Committee reports that they have reviewed and approved the budget, reviewed and approved CRO expenses, and drafted the alcohol spending motion.

c. Governance

The Governance Committee reports that it has been challenging to meet quorum, and clarifies that the ranked ballot changes were not completed for the 2024 general election due to timing constraints.

Motion - WHEREAS the UMSU Governance & Operations Manual states in Section VII, The Board Subcommittees, Selections Committee:

1. The mandate of the Selections Committee is to fill vacancies on UMSU Committees and prescribe and publish deadlines for applications for any position that is required to have filled and the method of application for any such positions.

WHEREAS the UMSU Board of Directors has the authority to suspend a clause of the UMSU Governance & Operations Manual with an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the members of the Board of Directors present and voting.

WHEREAS the UMSU Board of Directors recognizes that the UMSU Governance Committee has pending business and wishes to have an additional member appointed to the Committee to improve efficiency.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the UMSU Board of Directors vote to temporarily assume the responsibility of the UMSU Selections Committee and appoint a member of the UMSU Board of Directors to serve on the UMSU Governance Committee for the remainder of the 2023-2024 Academic Year, provided that Director is not a member of another Committee and did not run as a candidate in the 2024 UMSU General Election.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this appointment be effective immediately.

Moved by *Nathan Dueck*, seconded by *Max Fidel*

Nathan Dueck motivates the motion.

Motion – to call the question.

Moved by *Ishkode Catcheway*, seconded by *Max Fidel*.

Motion carried.

Motion carried.

Motion - to appoint Charli Feener to the UMSU Governance Committee for the remainder of the 2023-2024 Academic Year.

Moved by *Vaibhav Varma*, seconded by *Gary Hill*.

Motion carried.

d. Judicial Board

Judicial Board will be working on Executive Evaluations.

e. Member Services

No report.

f. Selections

No report.

11. Reports of Board Members

None.

12. Announcements

- a. Lauren Slegers reminds Board members that the March 28 meeting will be at the Fort Garry Campus and April 11 will be at the Bannatyne Campus.

13. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:35pm.