



## Students' Association Board Meeting

September 20, 2023  
Manitou a bi Bii daizigae  
(319 Elgin Ave) Room E155  
6:04 p.m. – 8:04 p.m.  
Call to Order

### MINUTES

**Food will be there at 5:30 p.m.**

**Attendance:** Melinda Yanick, Steve Nachtigall, Claudia Martinet, Mohitpreet Kaur, Prachi Chawla, Navpreet Kaur, Joshua Malum, Melissa Ghidoni, Jagnoor Singh Sandhu, Adrian Vachon, Janet Mak, Abdrl Sattar, Ryan Rutherford, Harjinder Singh Dhesi, Awe Olufisayo (joined at 7:10 pm).

**Regrets:** Laureen Janzen, Colin Tirschmann, Tommy Mahoney, Akshita, Manpreet Kaur, Itzia Toledano, Gurleen Kaur Toor.

**1) Call to Order at 6:04 pm.**

**2) President's Opening Remarks and Land Acknowledgement**

**3) Call for Proxy**

**Motion** – To allow proxy voting for the duration of the meeting.

**Mover** – Claudia **Second**er - Joshua **Motion** – Carried

➤ Akshita proxy to Claudia.

**4) Adoption of the agenda**

**Motion** – To adopt the agenda as presented.

**Mover** – Joshua **Second**er - Ryan **Motion** – Carried

- The Land Acknowledgment should be number two on the agenda, separate from the President's Remarks.

## 5) Approve Chair of the Board

**Motion** – To appoint Melissa Ghidoni as Chair of the Students' Association Board for the 2023-2024 school year.

**Mover:** Executive Committee    **Motion** - Carried

## 6) Accept the SAB meeting minutes from June 26, 2023.

**Motion** – To accept the SAB meeting minutes from June 26, 2023.

**Mover** – Navpreet    **Seconder** - Ryan    **Motion** – Carried

- Review the formatting of the meeting minutes.

## 7) Executive Reports

### A) President Report

**Attached**

- The Break-FAST program was the main point from the summer report. Discussion piece later on in the Agenda.

### B) Vice President Academic Report

**Attached**

- Bookmarks and Banners were the main points of the summer report. A long-running project completed in July.
- The back of the bookmark has an indigenous artist's design. This individual's name is Heather.
- Matt, the Students' Association Operations Director, designed the front of the bookmark.
- The Academic Integrity Policy follow-up meeting occurred. A discussion point was academic breaches. Breaches are broken into three levels based on severity.

### C) Vice President Internal Report

**Attached**

- The Peer Support Program was the main point from the summer report. This was completed in June.

### D) Vice President External Affairs Report

**Attached**

- Summer project topics discussed include the Peer Support Program, Convocations, MAPPS, Students' Association Monthly Info Meeting (in-

person), CASA conference, executive retreat, Academic Integrity conversation, Red River Ready recording, and orientations.

- All Executives will follow the same formatting when it comes to their reports moving forward.

## 8) Managers Reports

### A) Executive Director Report

**Attached**

- Staff Onboarding – New Communications position filled.
- The Students' Association Exchange District and Regional Campus Events Coordinator will be departing from the Students' Association. A new individual will fill this position. Interviews begin next week.

### B) Director, Student Support Services

**Not Attached**

- A report was provided prior to the board meeting.

## 9) Committees

### i) Finance Committee- Melinda as Chair

- A meeting was held with the finance committee on Monday, September 18.
- There will be a continued discussion point later in the agenda involving the finance committee.

### ii) Elections Appointment & Referendum Committee – Prachi and Jagnoor as Co-Chair

- The meeting was scheduled yesterday, unsuccessful due to a lack of quorum. One item was on the agenda, which was to approve SAB panel members.
- Elections will not start until new SAB members are appointed. Tentatively, at the end of October.

### iii) Building Trust Fund Committee – Melinda as Chair

- A meeting was held with the building trust fund committee on September 18, 2023.
- There will be a continued discussion point later in the agenda involving the building trust fund committee.

iv) **Scholarships Committee** – Mohitpreet as Chair

- There was a meeting held on Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. The agenda was struck, and an informal meeting was held.

v) **Advocacy Committee** – Jagnoor as Chair

- A meeting was held on Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>.
- The Canadian Alliance of Student Associations discussion was held. The Students' Association Board would like more time to review the budget for the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations.

vi) **Governance & Internal Review Committee** – Prachi and Mohitpreet as Co-Chair

- The governance and internal review committee met three times in August.
- The Building Trust Fund policy, Students' Association Board policy, and Letter of Commitment were approved.
- The Executive Accountability policy and the Compassionate Bursary policy were not approved.
- A suggestion to create a new committee was discussed. The name would be the Grievance (ad-hoc) committee.

**10) Approve Alumni Member**

**Motion** - To approve Colin Tirschmann as the Alumni Member of the Students' Association Board for the 2023-2024 school year.

**Mover:** Executive Committee    **Motion** – Carried

- Colin Tirschmann is a Vice President of Finance and has 14 years of experience working in a bank.
- Colin Tirschmann is a graduate of Red River College Polytechnic from 20 years ago.

**11) Approve Appointment Panel Members**

**Motion** – To appoint Jemma Ignacio, Manpreet Kaur, Navpreet Kaur, Abdelsattar, Sukhmandeep Kaur, Roma Mendoza, Lasha Mackedenski, and Kathryn Compton as the

appointment panel members for the Students' Association Board for the 2023-2024 school year.

**Mover:** Executive Committee    **Motion – Carried**

- The panel went through rankings and is diversified. Voted upon by the executive committee.
- There were 41 applications for the Students' Association Board panel.
- The panel includes current students, alumni, and past Executives.
- Navpreet Kaur abstained from voting on the motion.

## **12) Approve Joining MAPSS**

**Motion –** To join the Manitoba Alliance of Post-Secondary Students as a member.

**Mover:** Executive Committee

- The amount to join MAPSS is larger than what the Students' Association Board can approve.
- The motion set is not appropriate for the Students' Association Board to vote on.
- The motion needs to be striked or rewritten.
- The advocacy committee is not the right party to make the decision on the Manitoba Alliance of Post-Secondary Students.
- Currently, the Students' Association is working for the Manitoba Alliance of Post-Secondary Students but is not a member.
- More of an explanation is needed when it comes to the Manitoba Alliance of Post-Secondary Students.
- The referendum is in March of 2024. Preparation will be done in December to help students decide on the Manitoba Alliance of Post-Secondary Students and potentially vote. There will be three full months to campaign information to students.

**Motion to amend -** To pursue membership with the Manitoba Alliance of Post-Secondary Students until a referendum can be held.

**Mover –** Joshua    **Secunder –** Harjinder    **Motion – Carried**

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**Motion** - Carried

### 13) Break-FAST Program

**Motion** – To approve up to \$40,000 from the Wellness account for the Break-FAST Program.

**Mover:** Finance Committee

- The incentive is to support students by providing a free breakfast. This will be done once a week at the Notre Dame and Exchange District Campus and once per term at the regional campuses.
- This program was approved by the college.
- The program will provide basic items such as cereal, milk, juice, waffles, and granola bars.
- The cost of the program over six months is \$40,000.00. This includes regional campuses.
- The college gave a recommendation to do food drives to help acquire items.
- A suggestion was made to contact the regional campus managers to assist with the program.

**Motion to amend** – To approve up to \$45,000 from the Wellness account for the Break-FAST Program.

**Mover** – Joshua   **Seconder** – Harjinder   **Motion** – Carried

### 14) Pod

**Motion** – To approve up to \$75,000 from the Building Trust Fund account for purchasing a soundproof pod for the Exchange District Campus.

**Mover:** BTF Committee   **Motion** – Carried

- A discussion was held by the Executive on the importance of having a large pod for the Exchange District Campus since this campus lacks space for students to study.

### **15) August Financial Report**

- There is a grammar error. RR Mercantile should read RRC Mercantile.

### **16) Open Forum**

- 30 students were present at today's Exchange District Campus Monthly Info Meeting. Notre Dame had 25 students attend that meeting.
- SAB can join college committees and represent the Students' Association on behalf of the Executives. Please let Prachi know if you would like to join a college committee.
- The topic of college committees will be presented again at the next Students' Association Board meeting for the newly appointed members.
- There was a discussion on the city-wide protest and counter protest in Winnipeg regarding the '*One Million March for Children*' and if the SA should provide a statement. The discussion was a sensitive topic as outlined by Prachi and we did not put any statement out. We need to focus and keep our MVV, bylaws, and Strategic plan in mind when responding to situations, particular causes, or topics that may or may not be directly or indirectly tied to our membership.

### **17) Adjournment at 8:04 pm.**