



University of Manitoba
Social Work Students Association

September 21, 2026
 Fort Garry & Teams

September 21, 2026 General SWSA Meeting Minutes

Date and Time:	6:00pm September 21, 2026
Location:	Online
Meeting Chair:	Chetna Sareen
Note Taker:	Chetna Sareen
Attendance:	Chetna Sareen, Gabrielle Fontaine, Carrie McIntosh, Michael Pluschnic, Bobby Hasselstrom
Regrets:	
Guests:	none
Adjourned:	
Next meeting:	October 16, 2026

Call to Order – 6:00PM by Chetna Sareen

Land Acknowledgement – Chetna Sareen

Approval of previous meeting minutes – Amendment made, Approved amended minutes.

	Executive Reports
Chetna	Senior Stick Report ❖ Attended the student leadership conference ➤ Met with the admins of the university and asked for expansions in the faculty ➤ Talked about more training to be offered to social work students ❖ Met with Dr. Tracey Bone ➤ Regarding the visitors from the UK ➤ Suggested that SWSA should host a lunch that students can attend and meet the visitors ❖ Dinner with Laurie Schnarr coming up ❖ Meeting with the Dean is coming up
Gabby	Treasurer Report ❖ UMSU Audit was done ❖ The faculty is encouraging us to use the SIF
Carrie	Distance Education Representative ❖



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	General Council Reports
Michael	First-Year Concentrated Representative • No reports
Bobby	CASWE Representative ❖ Plan in the works to get more student representation on the committee ❖ Collaboration with other CASWE caucuses – increasing the student voices in those sectors BSW Committee Meetings ❖ We have an Elder joining the committee ❖ Some discussions regarding prerequisites ❖ The dean's list was discussed – that it does not show up on the degree ❖ Transfer credits – only valid for 10 years
	Motions
Motion 1	Chief Returning Officer • Gabrielle Fontaine to be appointed as CRO for October By-Elections ○ Moved by Michael Pluschnik ○ Seconded by Bobby Hasselstrom ○ Carried unanimously
Motion 2	Timeline of the Elections • Moved by Gabrielle Fontaine • Seconded by Michael Pluschnik • Carried Unanimously
Motion 3	UK Social Workers Visiting • Held – would like to do some research on who is visiting before funding the event • Later voted on electronically and passed with majority
Motion 4	Meeting times and Dates • Moved by Gabrielle Fontaine • Seconded by Michael Pluschnik



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	• Carried Unanimously
Motion 5	Until the secretory position is filled, meeting package is not necessary • Moved by Bobby Hasselstrom • Seconded by Gabrielle Fontaine • Carried Unanimously
Motion 6	Appointing Bobby Hasselstrom, the Vice-Stick of SWSA • Moved by Gabrielle Fontaine • Seconded by Carrie McIntosh • Carried Unanimously