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## **Executive Summary**

This reporting period covers the period of March 19 – April 11, 2016.

In solidarity,  
Your UWSA executive team,

Peyton Veitch, President  
Kevin Settee, Vice-President External Affairs  
Emily Epp, Vice-President Internal Affairs  
Jesse Blackman, Vice-President Student Affairs

## **Internal**

The Internal section is dedicated to the work of the organization done by either UWSA staff, volunteers, Directors and/or Executive Directors that affects the day-to-day business of the UWSA.

### **Internal Committees**

The UWSA Board of Directors maintains four regularly meeting subcommittees: Finance and Operations Committee (major financial decision-making body, health plan and service decision-making), Student Life Committee (events, student groups, student funding requests), Campaigns and External Relations Committee (lobbying/political decision-making body), and Executive Committee (managerial committee). Additionally, the UWSA holds quarterly Bylaws and Policy Committee Meetings where bylaws and policies are reviewed. Meeting notices are posted on campus and online. Please visit [theuwsa.ca](http://theuwsa.ca) or email [uwsa@theuwsa.ca](mailto:uwsa@theuwsa.ca) for information, open session minutes, etc.

### **Internal Meetings**

March 21: VPIA met with the Events Coordinator and the Business Manager to finalize the 2016-2017 Events Budget  
March 21: VPIA met with the Health Plan Coordinator and the Business Manager to finalize the 2016-2017 Health Plan budget  
March 22: VPIA met with the Communications Coordinator and Business Manager to ensure her budgetary needs were reflected in the 2016-2017 budget.  
March 22: Board of Directors  
March 23: Annual General Meeting  
March 30: Executive Committee Meeting  
April 1: Student Life Committee  
April 6: Executive met to discuss the mission statement

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April 12: VPIA and VPSA attended the Daycare Management Committee meeting.

### **External Meetings**

March 21: VPSA attended Senate Academic Misconduct Committee Meeting

March 21: President, VPIA, VPSA attended Board of Regents

March 22: VPSA attended Senate Appeals Committee

March 24: President and VPEA attended Living Wage Day of Action meeting

March 24: President attended Workplace Health & Safety Committee

March 28: VPIA attended the IARP Steering Committee Meeting

March 29: VPSA attended Senate Appeals Committee

March 30: President, VPIA, VPSA, VPEA, attend Senate meeting

April 1: VPIA, the Business Manager and President met with Nancy Pauls regarding PACE fees

April 5: VPSA attended Senate Appeals Committee

April 12: General Manager, President, VPIA, and Manager of Special Projects and Strategic Initiatives met with Lou Gervino and Harold Dyck from Transit to discuss the UPass Agreement.

April 13: Retail Manager, Business Manager, General Manager and VPIA met with Winnipeg Transit and the U of W regarding UPass implementation and logistics.

April 13: VPIA attended the IARP Steering Committee Meeting.

### **Services**

The UWSA provides many services to both students and community members, ranging from our Bike Lab to our health plan. Below is a summary of the developments of our services.

#### **Bike Lab:**

The Bike Lab has been relocated to its new home on the Spence Street Promenade. It remains closed for electrical repairs.

#### **Food Bank:**

Student Foodbank usage continues to rise, with new registrations every week. Our Foodbank has a good reputation for being a welcoming and safe environment.

#### **ISIC:**

The ISIC printer is in the main Office, where the Office Administrator can print cards, and explain how it relates to the Health Plan. Students can also get a card online.

#### **Health Plan:**

Greenshield is working on adding plan options for PACE students on 14 month study terms in advance of their membership in the UWSA.

## **Lobbying**

### **Accessibility in Student Services:**

A motion has been made to Senate to have Accessibility Services included in all syllabi.

### **Provincial Elections:**

Many students are aware of advanced polls on campus. Over 500 signed vote pledges and promotion continues to be in full swing.

### **Tutoring Promotion:**

Friday drop-ins have low promotion and low attendance.

## **Projects**

### **Merchants Corner Satellite Office:**

All three parties (UWSA, Merchants Corner Inc, and UW) have agreed to terms of a draft MoU outlining the UWSA's \$75k contribution in return for a rent-free office space for a 15-year duration. The document has now been signed by all three parties and the contribution has been made.

### **Appeals Guide:**

A meeting was scheduled between the VPSA, President, and Director of Student Support Services to discuss finalizing the guide, but it has been postponed.

### **Advocacy:**

Several cases are currently active.

### **U-Pass:**

Implementation meetings have commenced with Transit and the U of W admin. At this point we are working under the assumption that the UPass will be rolled out on a Smart Card system, we should have confirmation of that by the end of the month. We are also working with Transit's legal department to finalize the agreement before the executive transition.

### **Divestment:**

The University's public engagement process has concluded, after a large amount of student participation in all three of the events (especially the final "Divestment and Indigenous Rights" panel). President and VPEA, along with activists from Divest UW including the incoming VPEA prepared a presentation on a positive vision for Divestment that was delivered to the Risk Assessment Oversight Committee (which includes the UW President) on April 12. The presentation outlined the benefits that will accrue to the University (reputational, sustainability, financial) in the event of a decision to divest.

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**Printing in Richardson:**

Still waiting on installation.

**UWSA Daycare Expansion:**

The President was part of a UWCRC committee that selected Prairie Architects to design the addition. Prairie was the firm that designed the original facility in 2009. The next step is for a construction manager to be selected for the project.

**PACE Membership:**

At the March 23 AGM, students voted to expand the definition of UWSA membership to include PACE students enrolled in full-time programs. This change will take effect starting with the PACE spring intake period. We are working with Greenshield to finalize health plan options for PACE students on 14 month long study terms.

**Collective Bargaining:**

The President, VPIA and General Manager have been engaged in collective bargaining with MGEU Local 433, representing non-administrative part-time staff at the UWSA. Excellent progress has been made and we have reached a tentative agreement with the union at the time of writing.

**Solidarity & Events**

**The Hunting Ground Screening and Roundtable**

In anticipation of Sexual Assault Awareness Month (April), UWSA hosted a screening of the documentary The Hunting Ground, which examines sexual assault on campuses in the States. Annie Clark and Andrea Pino, two activists from the documentary joined us for the event and held a Q&A session after the screening. The event was being organized by the WTSC Coordinator, the VPIA, the Events and communication department, in collaboration with Ending Violence Against Women MB.

The UWSA also hosted a roundtable discussion about combatting sexual violence on campuses with Pino, Clark and activists from both the student movement and from University administrations from U of M and USB.

**Manitoba Government Climate Change Policy Announcement:** VPEA welcomed Manitoba Government into the University of Winnipeg to announce their climate change strategy. Shared some of the work UWSA is doing to combat climate change and shared 7 Fires Prophecy.

**Living Wage Campaign:** The UWSA is working with the Manitoba Federation of Labour, unions and anti-poverty groups on an April 15 “Fight for \$15” day of Action that will include the delivery of our petitions to the University of Winnipeg. The event will be calling for the shift from a minimum wage towards a living wage.

**MEJC Speaker Event:** President and VPEA attended this discussion event in the HIVE featuring Clayton Thomas-Muller and Naomi Klein.

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**International Student Dinner:** President and VPSA attended this event in the Bulman Centre on March 31. Good food, good entertainment and a good time was shared by all of the 90 or so attendees.

### **Media**

VPIA was featured on Femisphere on April 7 to speak about Brandon University's Student Code of Conduct, and the University of Winnipeg's Sexual Misconduct Policy.