



# UWSA

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STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Executive Report  
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## **Executive Summary**

This reporting period covers the period of February 20 – March 18.

In solidarity,  
Your UWSA executive team,

Peyton Veitch, President  
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Emily Epp, Vice-President Internal Affairs  
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## **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**

February 22: VPIA consulted with the ASC regarding their budget  
February 22: Finance and Operations Meeting  
February 22: VPSA met with ISA Coordinator, International Students Co-Directors, and other students to begin planning for the International Students' Dinner  
February 23: Exec attends Events & Communications meeting  
February 23: VPIA consulted with the LGBT\* Centre on their budget  
February 23: VPSA attended By-Laws and Policy meeting  
February 24: VPIA attended a planning meeting for the Hunting Ground screening with Events Coordinators, Communications Coordinator, WTSC Coordinator, and Mary Lobson from EVA

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February 24: Events Budget Consult with VPIA, Events Coordinator, General Manager, and Communications Coordinator  
February 24: UWSA Board Meeting  
February 25: Retail Budget Consult with Retail Manager, General Manager, and VPIA  
February 25: President and VPIA participate in transit pre-meeting  
February 26: Follow up budget consult with VPIA, Communications Coordinator and Events Coordinator  
February 26: Student Life Committee meeting  
February 29: Follow-up retail budget consult with Business Manager, Retail Manager, VPIA and General Manager  
March 1: President and VPIA meet with Daycare Director to discuss daycare's budget  
March 1: VPSA met with Safewalk Coordinator  
March 2: VPSA met with LGBT\* Coordinator  
March 2: Executive Committee meeting  
March 2: Budget building with General Manager, Business Manager, and VPIA  
March 4: Exec budget consultation meeting  
March 4: Budget building with General Manager, Business Manager, and VPIA  
March 7: VPSA attended International Students' Dinner meeting  
March 7: VPSA met with new JDC West Co-Captains  
March 8: Budget building with General Manager, Business Manager, and VPIA  
March 8: VPIA and VPSA attended Daycare Management Committee  
March 9: VPSA met with ISA Coordinator  
March 10 VPIA consulted with the ASC regarding their budget for next year  
March 10: VPSA attended ISD meeting  
March 11: VPSA attended SOSA meeting  
March 11: VPSA met with a tutor from the Writing Centre  
March 11: Budget building with General Manager, Business Manager, and VPIA  
March 15: President, VPSA, and VPIA attend Daycare Management Committee meeting  
March 16: Executive Committee meeting  
March 16: VPSA attends ISD meeting  
March 16: VPIA, General Manager, Business Manager, Bike Lab General Coordinator and the Outreach and Special Projects Manager built the Bike Lab Budget  
March 17: VPIA, General Manager, and Business Manager built the Admin budget  
March 18: General Manager and VPIA attend a Labour Management Meeting with Local 153 executive and union rep.  
March 18: Finance and Operations Committee Meeting

### **External Meetings**

February 22: VPIA and President UPass reporting analysis meeting  
February 22: President attends Senate Executive meeting  
February 23: President and VPEA attend meeting with Divest UW and CSO  
February 23: VPSA attended 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning Committee  
February 23: VPSA attended Senate Student Appeals  
February 23: VPSA attended CKUW Board meeting

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February 24: President meets with Acting Associate Dean of Science re Personal Protective Equipment in Chemistry labs

February 24: VPIA attended the IARP Steering Committee Meeting

February 25: President and VPIA meet with Winnipeg Transit regarding the draft U-Pass agreement

February 26: President meets with President of UWFA

February 29: President attends Mouseland Press board meeting

February 29: President and VPEA attend living wage campaign meeting

February 29: Executive attend Senate meeting

February 29: VPSA met with Associate Dean of Arts to discuss syllabi

March 1: VPSA attended Senate Student Appeals

March 2: President and GM met with UW VP HR.

March 3: President met with Campus Manitoba re Open Textbooks

March 8: VPIA attended a meeting with Chris Minaker, Diane Poulin, and GCSAC leaders re: Hush Film Tour

March 8: VPSA attended RecPlex Internal Advisory Meeting

March 8: VPSA attended Senate Student Appeals

March 9: President attends UWSA Daycare Expansion architect RFPs meeting

March 9: VPSA met with CKUW News Director and Chair of the WCCR Board to discuss UWSA Elections

March 10: President attends living wage meeting

March 11: VPIA, General Manager, Business Manager, and Retail Manager attend a UPass meeting with UW admin and Transit

March 28: VPIA attended the IARP Steering Committee Meeting

March 14: VPIA attends the Advisory Committee Meeting on Sexual Misconduct Meeting

March 15: VPIA holds an open budget consult for students in the Hive

March 15: VPSA attended Senate Student Appeals Committee

March 16: VPIA, General Manager, Retail Manager, and Business Manager attend a UPass meeting with Transit and UW admin

March 16: VPIA attends the UWFA IARP consultation

March 18: VPSA attended talk on Centennial Hall

## **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 closed due to an electrical repair. It is scheduled to relocate to its new spot within the next month or so.

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**Food Bank:**

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

**Good Food Box:**

Due to a loss in core funding, the Winnipeg Food-Share Co-op has been unable to continue the Good Food Box program, which is unfortunate. We will be meeting with WFC in the next few months to talk look at options of increasing accessibility to healthy food in Winnipeg.

**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 (pending approval at the upcoming AGM).

## **Lobbying**

**Accessibility in Student Services:**

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

**Tutoring Promotion:**

Friday drop-ins have low promotion and low attendance.

**Living Wage:**

A letter calling for the UW to become a living wage employer was drafted by the President and sent to the UW President on behalf of UWSA, UWFA, AESES and PSAC. At the time of writing, we have yet to receive a response but are hoping for a meeting to discuss our request in person.

## **Projects**

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**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.

**Housing Registry:**

No new updates at this time.

**Budget Building:**

VPIA has consulted with all the department heads. Additionally, she held an open student budget consultation meeting in the Hive and got some feedback from students. An online form was developed and circulated further soliciting feedback from students. A budget has been built and will be submitted for approval at the March 22 board meeting.

**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:**

Grade appeals and RWLEP concerns have highlighted the end of January and the beginning of February.

**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.

**Divestment:**

The University's public engagement process has begun and will be discussed at the Board of Regents in March.

**Printing in Richardson:**

Still waiting on installation.

**UWSA Daycare Expansion:**

The UWSA received and signed a letter of responsibilities and requirements from the Family Choices Building Fund. We are currently awaiting a contribution agreement from the Province, which will be received in April.

Two architectural firms responded to the UWCRC's request for proposals for the design of the expansion: Prairie Architects and Bridgman Collaborative. On March 9, the President attended a subcommittee meeting of the UWCRC to review and

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evaluate their respective bids. It was decided by the committee that additional information would be helpful and interviews with architects from both firms have been scheduled for April 4.

**PACE Membership:**

The MoU outlining full time PACE membership in the UWSA has been signed by PACE and the UWSA. Subject to approval at the March 23 AGM, students enrolled in full-time PACE programs will become members of the UWSA.

## **Solidarity & Events**

**Make Poverty History Campaign Launch:** President and VPEA attended the launch of Make Poverty History Manitoba' "K(NO)w Poverty" campaign. The campaign features six pillars including a minimum wage of \$15.53 per hour and increased investments in mental health, social housing, childcare, and EIA. It aims to raise public awareness about these issues and press political parties to support these proposals in advance of the provincial election.

**The Hunting Ground Screening**

In anticipation of Sexual Assault Awareness Month (April), UWSA will be hosting a screening of the documentary The Hunting Ground, which looks at sexual assault on campuses in the States. One of the main characters in the documentary will be coming to the screening to speak. The event is being organized by the WTSC Coordinator, the VPIA, the Events and communication department, in collaboration with Ending Violence Against Women MB.

**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 has been working with a coalition of unions on campus to campaign for the University of Winnipeg to become a living wage employer. Petitioning is occurring Monday, Wednesday, Friday over a three week period. Hundreds of university employees, including teaching assistants, lab demonstrators, and work/study students are currently paid less than \$15.00 per hour, an amount that is roughly a living wage in Manitoba.

**International Women's Day:**

Executives participated in planning and marshalling the annual parade that concluded in the Bulman Student Centre.

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**PSAC AGM:** President attended on March 16 to meet members and discuss the living wage campaign

**Tri-National Conference to Defend Public Education:** President attended from March 18-20 in Mexico City on behalf of CFS to build international student solidarity.

## **Media**

“The Fight for \$15 is a Fight for Fairness” article by President published in March 17 issue of the Uniter.

VPIA was interviewed by various media outlets regarding the UPass

VPIA was interviewed by CTV Morning Live about the International Women’s Day March

VPSA quoted in the Uniter’s “A More Complete Picture” on Course Evaluations.