

EXECUTIVE REPORT

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report covers the period of January 12 to February 26, 2018 and is the fifth submitted to the 2017-2018 UWSA Board of Directors. Contained in the report is the summary of both internal and external meetings, project and service updates, solidarity, events, and media overview.

This period includes the Challenging White Supremacy Panel; Grass Routes Sustainability Festival; the UWSA General Election nomination period; the launch of the UWSA Access Lounge; as well as Reading Week on campus. The Executive has been working on projects including the Campus Poverty Report, further campaigning on #textbrokemb, reviewing Positive Space, and initiating budget consultations.

In the month ahead, the UWSA will be focusing on our presence at Merchant's Corner, preparing for the Annual General Meeting, raising student awareness about the University's upcoming budget, and organizing against any increase to tuition fees at the University of

Winnipeg. The provincial government's passing of Bill 31 allows the UW to increase tuition 5% plus the rate of inflation, as well as the deregulation of course fees. These increases will ultimately result in reduced participation of students, especially those already facing systemic barriers in accessing post-secondary education.

In solidarity,
Your UWSA Executive Team

MEETINGS

Internal Meetings:

- Jan. 15 – UWSA Executive Committee meeting (Executive)
- Jan. 18 – UWSA Board of Directors meeting (Executive)
- Jan. 24 – PRES and VPSA hosted Student Group forum
- Jan. 25 – PRES and VPIA met with EdSA
- Feb. 5 – Student Life committee
- Feb. 23 – UWSA By-Laws & Policy meeting
- Feb. 25 – Finance and Operations meeting

External Meetings:

- Jan. 15 – PRES met UW President's Office and VP Finance & Operations re: university policies
- Jan. 16 – PRES and Status of Women's Director met with Recreation Services re: Gym Initiative
- Jan. 16 – PRES attended Spence Neighbourhood Association AGM
- Jan. 16 - VPEA attended UW all-unions meeting
- Jan. 17 – PRES and VPEA attended Board of Regents Governance Committee
- Jan. 18 – PRES attended Merchant's Corner Inc Board meeting
- Jan. 19 – PRES attended UW President's Reappointment review
- Jan. 19 – PRES attended Senate Executive meeting
- Jan. 22 – PRES hosted Manitoba Student Aid clients
- Jan. 22 – PRES and VPIA attended Board of Regents Finance Committee
- Jan. 22 – PRES met with Head of Security
- Jan. 23 – PRES, VPSA, and PACE Director met with PACE administration
- Jan. 23 – PRES attended UW Community Renewal Corp. Board meeting
- Jan. 25 – PRES attended Sexual Violence Prevention Policy working group
- Jan. 26 – PRES and VPIA attended Senate
- Jan. 29 – PRES attended WS&H Violence Prevention policy.
- Jan 29 – PRES, VPIA, and VPEA attended Board of Regents meeting
- Jan 30 – VPIA and VPSA attended Senate appeals committee
- Feb. 7 – VPEA met with UW IWD planning committee
- Feb, 12 – VPIA attended Senate Student Services
- Feb. 15 – VPEA attended Sexual Violence policy meeting
- Feb. 16 – VPEA attended CFS-PE meeting
- Feb. 20 – PRES attended Axworthy Health & RecPlex Advisory committee

SERVICES

The UWSA provides many services to both students and community members. Below is a summary of the developments of our services.

Day Care: No updates at this time.

Service Centres: The UWSA Access Lounge opened February 7 and is available for students disabled by barriers to use as study space and a lounge.

U-Pass: No updates at this time

Safe Walk: Safe Walk Coordinator initiated new advertising materials and will be distributing these materials to better promote the service.

Retail Locations: Closed for Reading Week; no other updates at this time.

Food Bank: No updates at this time.

PROJECTS:

Financial Transparency: VPIA working with Communications to publish the UWSA's financial statements online.

UWSA Campus Poverty Report: PRES presented results of Poverty Report survey to the UW Board of Regents at its meeting January 29. Public release of project forthcoming.

TextbrokeMB- VPEA and directors tabled and handed out postcards students submitted to their professors to raise awareness about the cost of textbooks on campus.

Alternate Budget- VPEA and VPIA are working with CFS, SPM and campus unions to write an alternate budget to what will be presented at the Board of Regents. This budget will work to combat the tuition increases, and prioritize students, and the strategic initiatives set out by the university.

EVENTS:

January 23- Challenging White Supremacy Panel

January 30-February 2 Grass Routes

Grass Routes this year hosted several midday workshops, a collective/interactive art project, and several successful evening events. Clayton Thomas-Mueller spoke at the WECC, as a Uniter Speaker Series Event, there was a free cooking workshop, and a sustainable fashion show, "Fashion Forward" at the Good Will. The theme for this year's event was Solutions.

February 8- Access Lounge Launch

With huge help from the Accessibility Director, we opened the Access Lounge, with a couple speeches, donuts, and free coffee and tea. The event packed the new room.

SOLIDARITY:

Sexuality and Disability Panel

The UWSA sponsored the panel discussion, and the VPEA spoke on the panel. The panel was the first of its kind, and it ran with support of the Disability Studies Department, and served as the kickoff event for Gender Fest Winnipeg.

UWSAccess

The new student group, launched by VPEA and Access Director serves to bring together students with disabilities to dismantle systems of oppression and barriers in the university that are currently present.

MEDIA

Feb. 1 – PRES interviewed by Uniter (Revisiting Safety on Campus)

<http://uniter.ca/view/revisiting-safety-on-campus>

Feb. 1 – VPEA interviewed by CTV on mysterious packages

<https://winnipeg.ctvnews.ca/packages-from-unknown-sender-baffle-staff-provide-laughs-for-university-students-1.3786218>

Feb. 2 – VPEA interviewed by CBC on mysterious packages

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/manitoba/winnipeg-student-union-amazon-anonymous-package-1.4517753>