



IN THE NEWS

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Message from your 2015/16 Executive Team

Whether you're a new or returning student, a warm welcome to the 2015/16 academic year. All summer, we've been hard at work to make sure that your students' association is ready to take on both new challenges and opportunities in the year ahead.

We want to make sure that your University experience is as comfortable and convenient as possible. It's why we've put more microwaves in place around campus so that heating up your lunch isn't a daily hassle, it's why we've opened index, a place to buy and sell used books, access cheap printing and get a coffee, and it's why we plan on holding monthly puppy rooms for you to enjoy.

We also strive to ensure that when you're at the U of W, you have access to a strong safety net that's available when you need it. We're proud to offer a UWSA Health Plan that combines affordable rates with comprehensive coverage. For students who are in immediate financial need or require grocery assistance, our Student Support Program and Foodbank are here for you.

More than anything else, the UWSA is a movement, and movements are only successful when we all pull together. If we want to increase student voter turnout this federal election, push the University to divest from fossil fuels, and convince Manitoba to follow the lead of Newfoundland in replacing provincial student loans with grants, then it has to be a team effort.

Change doesn't come from above, it comes from groups of people demanding it from below. Don't let anyone tell you that as a student, you're powerless or without a voice. Last year alone, we won everything from the elimination of interest rates on Manitoba Student Loans, to better counselling services on campus. When we're united and speaking with one voice, there is little that can stand in our way.

In solidarity,
Peyton Veitch – President
Kevin Settee – VP External Affairs
Emily Epp – VP Internal Affairs
Jesse Blackman – VP Student Affairs

NEW MICROWAVES

We've added more microwaves around campus and there are still more to come! Check out new microwaves in Riddell, the Buffeteria, Duckworth, the RecPlex, Buhler, Richardson and Lockhart.

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ROLL CALL 2015

SEPTEMBER 9-11

U OF W FRONT LAWN

LIVE MUSIC
+ DJ SETS

FREE DIVERSITY
FOOD SNACKS

COLD
BEVERAGES



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#ROLLCALL2015

Roll Call is our annual back-to-school event hosted on the U of W front lawn. Formerly know as O Week, Roll Call 2015 is a three day event that celebrates community and is diverse, accessible, and represents the advocacy of the UWSA. This year our event kicks off with a Drum Ceremony on Wednesday. On Thursday, our show continues into the evening with TR/ST, Royal Canoe and isKwé, and it's free for UWinnipeg students. Community Members are also invited, but they will need a ticket, which can purchased from Info Booth. Along with live music, we will have a Marketplace and a Consent Tea Tent, a tent where students can learn about consent culture and drink iced tea, and much more! We look forward to celebrating the school year with you on the front lawn.



JOIN THE STUDENT MOVEMENT

YOUR IDEAS, OUR MISSION. LET'S MAKE IT HAPPEN TOGETHER.

OPT OUTS + YOU UWSA HEALTH PLAN

As a full-time student at UWinnipeg, you are automatically enrolled in the UWSA Health Plan. If you have existing health coverage, you may want to Opt Out of the UWSA Health Plan. In order to Opt Out, you must visit our health plan page which will direct you to our insurance provider's opt out website. Here you will need to provide proof that you have existing health insurance. You will also need your student number and policy number of your existing plan. We have created a tutorial video to help you through this process. Once you have completed the process, you will be refunded your health plan fee you initially paid for with your tuition.

**You must Opt Out
by Sept. 22**

Visit our UWSA Health Plan page at theuwsa.ca/healthplan



NOW OPEN! First floor Lockhart Hall

We are happy to announce our newest space on campus is open! It's your one stop for all your textbooks, printing and caffeine needs! Make sure to stay tuned to our social media (@theuwsa) for a chance to win index coffee and tea cards!

STUDENT ISSUES ARE ELECTION ISSUES

It's no secret that the federal government collected just under \$400 million in student loan interest in 2013/14.

With the Federal Election approaching this October, we want to make sure student voices are heard. In the weeks leading up to the election, we will be speaking and hosting panel discussions about election issues that matter to students most. You can learn more about student issues in this election at itsnosecret.ca

ACADEMIC ADVOCACY DEFINED

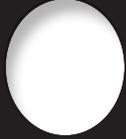
Accusations of plagiarism, cheating, or appealing a grade are issues you as a student could face this year. Ensuring that all students are treated with respect and dignity, and appropriate policies are adhered to, is part of the UWSA's effective representation and advocacy. We want to make sure that students understand their rights and understand the process of appealing a grade or responding to allegations of academic misconduct. If you have questions about Academic Misconduct this year, you can speak with Jesse, Vice-President Student Affairs or you can email him at vpsa@theuwsa.ca
Want to read further? Check out our website at theuwsa.ca/academic-advocacy

INDIGENOUS CREDIT REQUIREMENT

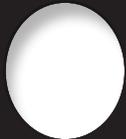
The Indigenous Credit Requirement (ICR) is a proposal put forward by the UWSA that all undergraduate students at UWinnipeg would be required to take a minimum of 3 credit hours from a list of approved courses that meet the ICR. The ICR has been approved in principle by the U of W Senate. Right now, we are in the process of developing what the ICR will look like. We have participated and held a few events over the summer with the ICR Advisory Committee. With the university, we have also created a list of commonly asked questions about the ICR that can be found on our website.

We are also looking for your feedback! You can send us your feedback by checking out the ICR page on our website at theuwsa.ca/icr

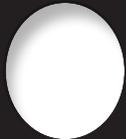
LAST YEAR, TOGETHER WE



A) Said Yes to U-Pass



B) Called for and won more counsellors on campus



C) Secured a Fall Reading Week



D) Ensured a sweatshop free campus



E) Reduced health insurance fees for international students by over \$250



F) All of the above



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FALL READING WEEK

Starting in 2016/17, UWinnipeg will have a Fall Reading Week. We're committed to promoting positive mental health and wellness on campus, and a week to recharge and decompress during a hectic time of year is an important aspect of this. The break will coincide with the Thanksgiving long weekend in October and students will be able to enjoy a break for the rest of the week following.

COUNSELLORS ON CAMPUS

The University of Winnipeg has recently hired three full-time, in-house, general counsellors. Previously, only one general counsellor was employed by the University. They'll provide a huge boost to quality mental health services on campus, allowing students to access the support they need and reducing wait times. Moving forward, we are working with the University to implement a campus-wide mental health strategy this year.

U-PASS

Eighty-one per cent of students who voted in our by-election were in favour of a universal bus pass program. Along with students, City Council has approved U-Pass and the program will begin Fall 2016. Students will have unlimited transit usage from Sept - April through a fee paid with their tuition. This fee is less than half the price of post-secondary bus passes for the eight month fall/winter school session.

SWEATSHOP FREE CAMPUS

The University of Winnipeg has become the first post-secondary institution in Manitoba to affiliate with the Workers' Rights Consortium (WRC). The WRC is an independent labour rights monitoring organization that conducts investigations of working conditions in factories around the globe. A code of conduct will be developed to make sure that all official UWinnipeg or Wesmen branded apparel are sweatshop free.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS SAVE \$258.72 ON HEALTH INSURANCE

International undergraduate and graduate students on study terms longer than six months will no longer have to pay an additional \$300 for Guard.me health insurance. Effective September 1, these students will be fully covered by a combination of Manitoba Health benefits and the UWSA Health Plan. International students will save a total of \$258.72 each on their health insurance.



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