

IN THE NEWS

STAY CONNECTED TO YOUR STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Message from your 2015/16 Executive Team

As our term as your 2015-2016 UWSA executive comes to a close, we want to thank you for making this year such a special one. It has been another year of dynamic and positive change, change that students have been instrumental in creating.

Again and again, we stood up for students' interests at every opportunity. Whether it was eliminating expensive and unnecessary health insurance the University required international students to pay for, successfully blocking fee hikes for students in residence staying over the winter break, and winning the introduction of a fall reading week for 2016, we repeatedly showed that student action gets results.

This is an exciting time to be a student at the University of Winnipeg and a UWSA member. We're leading the country in terms of indigenous inclusion, we're at the forefront of developing policy to prevent sexual violence on campus and support survivors, at the forefront of exploring fossil fuel divestment, at the forefront of providing accessible childcare with a 32-space expansion of our UWSA Daycare slated for 2017.

With a provincial election around the corner, we need to build on our momentum and stay united. No matter the result, we must be prepared to stand up against tuition fee hikes, for funding increases to our universities and for grants not loans. Students and the UWSA in particular have been leaders in creating progressive change on campus and in the community. As we transition out of this academic year and head towards another, that work carries on.

In solidarity,

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

IT'S TIME TO VOICE YOUR CHOICE!



ADVANCED POLLING

Monday, April 11 - Friday, April 15

8:00am - 8:00pm

**Bulman Student Centre
University of Winnipeg**

For a full list of acceptable ID, visit electionsmanitoba.ca

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Provincial Election

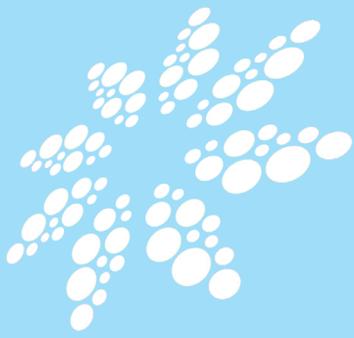
With only 7 days to go before election day, the UWSA is working with the Canadian Federation of Students – Manitoba to make student issues election issues with #VoiceYourChoice. Not only is it about challenging the myth that young people are apathetic, it's about holding all the political parties accountable on issues like tuition fees, university funding, student debt, and preventing sexual violence on campus. That's why we're asking parties what they'll do to expand access to education, if they'll tackle rising debt levels by shifting from loans to grants, and whether they'll commit to funding increases for our post-secondary institutions. For more info on the #VoiceYourChoice campaign and where the different parties stand on the issues, check out cfsmb.ca.

Want to vote early on campus? Advance polls are now open! Today, until April 15, you can cast your ballot in the Bulman Student Centre lounge from 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Visit <http://theuwsa.ca/2016/04/advance-voting/> for details.

UWSA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

On March 23, 2016, the UWSA held its Annual General Meeting. At this meeting, UWSA membership was expanded to include full-time PACE students. The UWSA's operating budget for 2016-2017 was presented to the membership for information. For any inquiries about the budget, please contact Emily, VP Internal Affairs at vpia@theuwsa.ca, or stop by the office!



JOIN THE STUDENT MOVEMENT

ACADEMIC ADVOCACY: APPEALS

Drop dates are important. Ignorance of course withdrawal dates is increasingly grounds to deny appeals for retroactive withdrawals. There are several ways that you can keep on top of drop dates.

These dates are available on the University's website and your courses' outline. Many instructors also post the dates on Nexus. Recording these dates in your schedule or on your phone's calendar can be a simple and effective reminder.

It's important to note that you are entitled to have 20% of your work marked and returned to you by the Voluntary Withdrawal day. If this has not happened, speak to your instructor and an academic advisor. It may be grounds for an appeal.

Finally, if you're thinking about dropping a course, speak with your instructor. Often instructors are a good source of advice about how a course is going and what your best options are.

U-PASS

The UWSA is working closely with Winnipeg Transit and the University of Winnipeg to ensure the roll out of the UPass for Fall 2016 goes smoothly. We have received a working draft of the three-way agreement, and have voiced our input to Winnipeg Transit and anticipate a mutually beneficial agreement will be finalized in the Spring.



Voice Your Choice: Provincial Election Night Party

Hosted by: UWSA and CFS-Manitoba

APRIL 19 | 7:30 PM
THE GOOD WILL SOCIAL CLUB
625 PORTAGE AVENUE
NO COVER

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UWSA ELECTIONS

The 2016-17 UWSA Board of Directors was elected at the beginning of March.

For a full list of results and elected candidates, check out our website here:

<http://theuwsa.ca/2016/03/uwsa-election-2016-results/>

Many of the incoming Board members have made commitments to increasing outreach and engagement with students. There is strong interest in building a more participatory Students' Association, working more closely with student groups, and continuing the UWSA's strong tradition of social and academic advocacy.

A big thank you has to be given to all those who participated in the election.

FIGHT FOR \$15

This Friday, students and workers from across the city will be gathering together on the U of W's front lawn at 12:00 noon to rally for a living wage. We're calling for government and employers to shift from paying minimum wages, to a \$15 per hour standard that allows people to meet their basic needs and lifts workers out of poverty.

At our own University, hundreds of markers, teaching assistants, research assistants, tutors, lab demonstrators and other employees earn close to the minimum wage of \$11 per hour. With the cost of rent, food, textbooks and tuition fees rising faster than the minimum wage, this is not nearly enough. Now is the time for a living wage of \$15 per hour.

Check out the Fight for \$15 event page on Facebook and invite your friends!

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1103242269742467/>