

# UWSA GENERAL

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# ELECTION

The General Election is where students can run for an Executive Team position (President, Vice-President External Affairs, Vice-President Student Affairs, Vice-President Internal Affairs) a Board of Director position, a Senate position or a Board of Regents seat.

## There are four categories of positions you can run for:

### What is a UWSA director?

UWSA directors represent constituencies of students (such as Arts students, or LGBT\* students) to UWSA committees and the Board of Directors. Directors help the union make decisions at every level, including managing finances, setting governance rules, and planning events and political campaigns. The Board of Directors meets monthly and UWSA Committees meet bi-weekly to monthly, depending on the committee.

### What is a UWSA Executive Director?

UWSA Executive Directors are full-time, salaried officers of the student union. They are the official legal representatives of University of Winnipeg students. Each executive portfolio covers particular aspects of the operations of the association, but all of them are charged with bringing business to, and carrying out the decisions of, the UWSA committees and the Board of Directors.

### What is a senator?

UWSA Senators represent all UW students to the University of Winnipeg Senate and Senate Committees. The Senate makes decisions on all academic matters of the university, including curriculum development, student academic appeals, and the setting of academic standards. Senate meets monthly and Senate Committees meet bi-weekly to monthly, depending on the committee.

### What is a regent?

UWSA Regents represent all UW students to the University of Winnipeg Board of Regents. The Board of Regents rules on financial matters, big-picture goals, and the strategic development of the university. The Board of Regents is the highest governing authority of the university. The Board of Regents and Regent Committees meet bi-monthly.

## There are four Executive Director positions:

### President

The President is the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Spokesperson of the UWSA. The President sits on the University of Winnipeg Senate and Board of Regents, Chairs the Executive Committee, and oversees all Vice-Presidential portfolios and all business of the union.

### Vice-President External Affairs

The Vice-President External Affairs (VPEA) coordinates the external activities of the UWSA, building external partnerships and representing University of Winnipeg students to all levels of government. The VPEA is the primary liaison between the UWSA and the Canadian Federation of Students, coordinates all campaigns of the union, and chairs the Campaigns and External Relations Committee.

### Vice-President Student Affairs

The Vice-President Student Affairs (VPSA) advises and represents students who need assistance with academic appeals, sexual harassment cases, student housing issues, and other student advocacy. The VPSA represents students at the university senate. The VPSA is the primary liaison for UWSA student groups and student associations and chairs the Student Life Committee.

### Vice-President Internal Affairs

The Vice-President Internal Affairs (VPIA) is the Chief Financial Officer of the UWSA and assists UWSA in the creation of the operating budget. The VPIA oversees the implementation of UWSA services and the management of all volunteers. The VPIA presents financial reports and audits to the Board of Directors and chairs the Finance and Operations Committee.

## There are 15 director positions you can run for:

### **Education Director**

The Education Director represents interests particular to Education students to the UWSA Board of Directors, and works with the UWSA Executive to represent these interests to the community, university, and government. The Education Director acts as liaison with student groups and associations relevant to Education students.

### **Science Director**

The Science Director represents interests particular to Science students to the UWSA Board of Directors, and works with the UWSA Executive to represent these interests to the community, university, and government. The Science Director acts as liaison with student groups and associations relevant to Science students.

### **Arts Director**

The Arts Director represents interests particular to Arts students to the UWSA Board of Directors, and works with the UWSA Executive to represent these interests to the community, university, and government. The Arts Director acts as liaison with student groups and associations relevant to Arts students.

### **Part-Time/Mature Students' Director**

The Part-Time/Mature Students' Director represents interests particular to Part-Time and/or Mature students to the UWSA Board of Directors, and works with the UWSA Executive to represent these interests to the community, university, and government.

### **Professional, Applied, and Continuing Education Director**

The Professional, Applied, and Continuing Education (PACE) Director represents interests particular to PACE students to the UWSA Board of Directors, and works with the UWSA Executive to represent these interests to the community, university, and government.

### **International Students' Director**

The International Students' Director represents interests particular to International students to the UWSA Board of Directors, and works with the UWSA Executive to represent these interests to the community, university, and government. The International Students' Director acts as liaison with student groups and associations relevant to International students, including the University of Winnipeg chapter of the World University Service of Canada.

### **Community Liaison Director**

The Community Liaison Director assists the UWSA Executive in building community relationships and partnerships, and implementing political campaigns relevant to the campus and downtown community. The Community Liaison Director assists UWSA student groups with charity events, liaises with the University of Winnipeg chapter of the World University Service of Canada, and volunteers with the UWSA Foodbank.

### **Recreation and Athletics Director**

The Recreation and Athletics Director assists UWSA staff and Executive in planning, coordinating, and promoting recreational and athletic activities on campus, and works with relevant student groups to support campus intramurals. The Recreation and Athletics Director acts as liaison between students and the Duckworth Centre and/or RecPlex administrators.

### **Women, Trans, and Non-Binary Students' Director**

The Women, Trans, and Non-Binary Students' (WTNB) Director represents interests particular to Women, Trans, and/or Non-Binary students to the UWSA Board of Directors, and works with the UWSA Executive to represent these interests to the community, university, and government. The WTNB Director acts as liaison between students and the Women-Trans Spectrum Centre and community groups that challenge gender oppression.

**Environmental Ethics Director**

The Environmental Ethics Director represents environmental issues to the Board of Directors and works with the UWSA Executive to address these issues with the community, university, and government. The Environmental Ethics Director acts as liaison between students and environmental student groups.

**Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and \* Students' Director**

The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and \* Students' (LGBT\*) Director represents interests particular to LGBT\* students to the UWSA Board of Directors, and works with the UWSA Executive to represent these interests to the community, university, and government. The LGBT\* Director acts as liaison between students and the LGBT\* Centre and community groups that challenge sexuality and gender oppression.

**Accessibility Director**

The Accessibility Director represents interests particular to students disabled by barriers, and works with the UWSA Executive to represent these interests to the community, university, and government. The Accessibility Director acts as liaison between students and the Accessibility Resource Centre, other campus and UWSA services, and community groups that challenge ableist oppression.

**Director of Student Living**

The Director of Student Living represents issues surrounding cost of living and university education to the Board of Directors, and works with the UWSA Executive to address these issues with the community, university, and government. The Director of Student Living acts as liaison between students and the University of Winnipeg Residents Association and the Department of Housing and Student Life.

**Business and Economics Director**

The Business and Economics Director represents interests particular to Business and Economics students to the UWSA Board of Directors, and works with the UWSA Executive to represent these interests to the community, university, and government. The Business and Economics Director acts as liaison with student groups and associations relevant to Business and Economics students.

**Graduate Student Director**

The Graduate Student Director represents interests particular to Graduate students to the UWSA Board of Directors, and works with the UWSA Executive to represent these interests to the community, university, and government. The Graduate Student Director acts as liaison with student groups and associations relevant to Graduate students.