

UWSA GENERAL ELECTION CANDIDATES 2017

CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT



DAVID FANHbulLEH

SLATE: STUDENTS' VOICE

My name is David Fanhbulleh & I am running to represent you as the president of UWSA. University of Winnipeg students' association. As a student and current UWSA executive, I understand the need for continuous student improvement in student services, and in particular, services that serve the mental health & wellness of our students. My primary interest in running for President is to create a strong link between the UWSA and our school's various student groups; student groups are critical to the fabric of the University and, if elected, I would work to divert more resources to them. My platform is about engagement, advocacy, support, collaboration, service and sustainable innovation. A vote for Students' Voice is a vote for a more inclusive, diverse and open-minded UWSA.



LAURA GARINGER

SLATE: UWSA CONNECT

Hello! In the past year as your UWSA Vice-President Student Affairs, I successfully lobbied the provincial government for legislation on sexual violence, taught students about academic integrity, strengthened the UWSA services that students depend on, assisted with events, and represented students on a spectrum of academic and non-academic issues. I'm running for President to continue advocating on issues that matter to you. If elected, I'll press for lower tuition fees for domestic and international students, renegotiate the U-Pass to allow opt-ins for more students, push UW administration to further their commitment to sustainability and Indigenization by divesting from fossil fuels, create more study spaces through accessible study halls and extended library hours during exams, and most importantly, be available to address your concerns as they arise. We've accomplished a lot, but there's more we can do. Let's build a better UWSA and UW, together.



SADIE-PHOENIX LAVOIE

SLATE: RISING VOICE

Aaniin, Tansi, Hello! My name is Sadie-Phoenix Lavoie and I'm running for President of UWSA. Originally I'm from Sagkeeng First Nation, I'm finishing my degree majoring in Indigenous Studies. Last year as VP External I dedicated a lot of energy in student mobilization and engagement, organizing intersectional community events, building solidarity between student initiatives with the broader Wpg community, Merchants' Corner consultations, 'Meet Me in The Hive', DivestUW campaign, and most importantly supporting the UWSA Board of Directors' initiatives, such as the inclusive gym initiative. Next year I want to continue these great student-driven initiatives, and focus even more on intersectionality, mental health, housing for international students, pushing for lower tuition fees for all students, and DIVESTING from fossil fuels! 150 words can't explain it all, but I genuinely care a lot about intersectionality, solidarity, advocacy, and accessible supports. I know I can be that strong voice for students!



JAMES NELLIS

Hello my name is James Nellis and I am running for the presidency of the UWSA. I am running because we need to stop the wasteful spending of the UWSA whose interests do not represent the interests of the students. Their priority is to spend money on political activism, special interest groups, and their self-enrichment. When you vote for me James Nellis, you vote for change. My priority will be to treat all individuals as equals and to get your money back into your hands. The UWSA is responsible for costing full time students enrolled in the Fall/Winter semester up to \$850 each. The UWSA clearly does not represent the student body as they have never held an election or a referendum where over 15% of the student population voted. I am passionate about stopping the wasteful spending by the UWSA. If you want to see change then I ask you to vote for me James Nellis and help reform the UWSA.

CANDIDATES FOR VICE-PRESIDENT EXTERNAL AFFAIRS



MEGAN LINTON

SLATE: UWSA CONNECT

Hi! Hello! I'm a third-year transfer student, double majoring in Environmental Studies and International Development Studies. Over the past year I've been working on holding Canadian campuses accountable for on-campus sexual assaults. I've also been working with the UWSA to create policies that would help to begin dismantling ableism within the university. I've been working with a bundle of students on lobbying the university to divest from fossil fuels. My goals if elected as Vice President External Affairs would be to ensure that the school is safe and financially accessible to all students. I'm advocating for safe spaces on campus for survivors. I will work to ensure that there are study spaces accessible for all students. School can be wonderful and fun, so I want to make sure that all students are able to take part in the wonder, and are able to feel safe



ANDREW VINEBERG

SLATE: RISING VOICE

Hello, bonjour, aaniin! I'm running to be your VP External Affairs. It's my sixth year here, currently studying Urban and Inner-City studies. I've served as your UWSA Community Liaison for the past year, and as a UWSA Campaigns and External Relations representative prior. I've worked with the Canadian Federation of Students, administrators and student groups on many projects and campaigns to improve our campus, including: mental health services, international students' rights, Food Bank, CKUW, Merchant's Corner, Divest UW, the Indigenous Course Requirement, sexual harassment prevention, and increasing UWSA accountability and communications. My work in the community includes at Red Rising Magazine, Thunderbird House, 13 Fires Winnipeg, and anti-pipeline campaigns, and No One Is Illegal. As your VPEA I would use my experience with student and community leaders to break barriers and fight for sustainability, democratization and decolonization at UW. Together we can realize the vision of accessible education for all!



TERUNI WALALIYADDE

SLATE: STUDENTS' VOICE

Hi, I'm Teruni Walaliyadde! I'm a fourth-year student double majoring in Human Rights and Conflict Resolution Studies. Currently, I am Co-Chair of the Global College Student Advisory Council (GCSAC) and Events Coordinator of the Menno Simons College Student Association (MSCSA). I was a rapporteur for the 1325 Anniversary events at the United Nations Headquarters (2015), coordinated logistics for the UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations workshops (2014,) and volunteered for Pathways to Reconciliation last June. I've been volunteering for the UWSA Food Bank since 2013. This March, I will be attending the Commission on the Status of Women at the United Nations, focusing on Indigenous women's economic empowerment. As VPEA, I will strive to build better relations with our community because access to education is a Right. Also, to work in collaboration with the Canadian Federation for Students MB and National to bring about agreeable services to UW students.

CANDIDATES FOR VICE-PRESIDENT STUDENT AFFAIRS



BRENDEN GALI

SLATE: UWSA CONNECT

As this university moves forward into the 2017-2018 academic year, I want to focus on stimulating and maintaining student activity. Activity that is participated through larger student organizations, as well as individual student needs. As a member of the association for the past six years, and seeing the different variations we have gone through, this gives me the edge and foresight to lend the student body the governance that it deserves to move itself in the right direction; a direction that both focuses on student needs, as well as cultivating an environment that continues to provide efficient resources as well as proper advocacy all the while bringing creative solutions to a new executive. I hope to see many people out this election, and am free to answer any questions this campaign!



FELISHA HARTIG

SLATE: RISING VOICE

Felisha Hartig is an Afro-Indigenous student in her second year of her undergrad in Indigenous Studies. In her first year, she jumped right in to the University of Winnipeg's Aboriginal Student community volunteering at for various events such as the Wesmen Indigenous Day and the Annual Graduation Pow Wow, taking on coordinating registration & social media responses on the Pow Wow committee, she was then elected onto council as the Health & Wellness Coordinator. While holding her position on ASC, she was able to network extensively within the Canadian Federation of Students and with National Aboriginal Caucus student leaders, gaining powerful mentors and valuable insight on campaigns and services. Her focus is on building community for Racialized Students, bridging relationships between Indigenous & International students, strengthening mental health services on campus and surveying students, letting them know their opinions are valued by both the Canadian Federation of Students and UWSA.



OLADELE OJEWOLE

SLATE: STUDENTS' VOICE

Over the years, I had the privilege of working for you in several roles within the UWSA. During those times I had the opportunity of learning, listening and working with you to address some of your concerns and recommendations to how UWSA can better improve on its overall responsibilities. I'm running for VPSA because I believe in my ability to work & connect with students. I will continue to work with you to address issues we might be facing as students on campus from providing additional resources and support to student groups, increase mental health programs and address issues of overpriced meal on campus among others. I bring to this position years of community and student advocacy work from organizing a successful TEDx event, to advocating for affordable and accessible education in our province. I hope to earn your VOTE as I believe that "Student's United will never be defeated". Thank you.

CANDIDATES FOR VICE-PRESIDENT INTERNAL AFFAIRS



MORGAN BRIGHTNOSE

SLATE: UWSA CONNECT

My name is Morgan Brightnose and I am running for Vice-President Internal Affairs. Last year I served as co-President for the Aboriginal Student council, and sat on the UWinnipeg Indigenous advisory circle, UWSA Board of Directors, the UWSA sub-committee of Finance and Operations. In the latter, I worked directly with health plan appeals/bursaries. Based on my experience and understanding how services help students is why I decided to run. If elected, I want to ensure that students are aware of the services that the UWSA offers; rejuvenate the Student Support Program to see that students receive the support they need; support student led initiatives. I also wish attend to smaller-scale issues, such as the limited number of microwaves on campus. If elected, I guarantee accountability with regards to the budget and on all UWSA matters. I hope I could garner your support!



ELENA SPITSYNA

SLATE: STUDENTS' VOICE

My name is Elena Spitsyna and I'm running for the VP Internal Affairs. I'm a recent graduate in the fields of Psychology and Statistics. The main parts of my platform are the optimal allocation of resources and increased support to students' associations. I'd also like to bring more initiatives on campus that would allow students to learn about the job market after graduation. Plus, I believe we need to better the communication between the UWSA and the actual students' needs. While I would deeply appreciate your support, I encourage you to evaluate the other platforms before reaching the final decision, since only by making a rational choice we can make it countable.

UWSA GENERAL ELECTION

**CAMPAIGN WEEK
FEB. 27 - MARCH 3**

VOTE

**MARCH 6
MARCH 7
MARCH 8**

**9 AM - 6 PM
RIDDELL
BUHLER**

**9 AM - 6 PM
SELKIRK CAMPUS**

**WITH A
MOBILE
STATION @**

**RICHARDSON
(MARCH 6)**

**MENNO
SIMONS
(MARCH 7)**

**DUCKWORTH
(MARCH 8)**

**BRING YOUR
UWINNIPEG
STUDENT ID
TO VOTE!**

UWSA GENERAL ELECTION CANDIDATES 2017

ARTS DIRECTOR



JANEL BORTOLUZZI

My name is Janel Bortoluzzi and I am running for Arts Director. I am running for this position because I feel that I can sufficiently represent, and act as a voice for Arts students as a whole. If I succeed in being elected, I hope to start a Speaker Series, and I plan to have more events for students in the Faculty of Arts to attend. I think that having more events for Arts students would be beneficial because university can be very stressful, and therefore I believe that it is important to take some time for self-care and enjoyment. Lastly, I would like to implement more career workshops for Arts students, as I believe that some career guidance and advice would be very beneficial for students. Three interesting facts about myself are that I love to tap dance, I can speak Polish, and I am a mental health advocate.



EVAN KROSNEY

Hi! My name is Evan Krosney and I'm running to be your UWSA Arts Director. A clear path forward for our Faculty of Arts is one that puts the needs of students first. By focusing on priorities like keeping tuition affordable, encouraging Indigenization in our classrooms, working towards divestment from fossil fuels and helping to build a strong, progressive movement both on campus and in our community, I believe that I can help ensure that all students have the opportunities they need to get ahead. With my experience as a political activist and community organizer, I believe that I bring the skills needed for the job, and my plan for positive change can ensure a progressive future for our students' union and our university. I hope I can count on your support, and I look forward to working together with all students at our university.



DAVID WIEBE

David Wiebe is a double major in Philosophy and Sociology. He has been a UWSA representative to the University of Winnipeg Senate for the past year and has sat on the Academic Misconduct Review Committee where he was responsible for assessing cases where students have been accused of committing academic misconduct. He was also the founding member of the Sociology Student Society (SSS) and the President of the student group over the past year. David has been working to enhance the student experience for sociology students through the SSS and is now looking to take his experience and work to enhance the experience of all University of Winnipeg Arts students.

ACCESSIBILITY CO-DIRECTORS



MOHAMED BEHI & ANDREW MINENKO

Mohamed is currently enrolled in the Integrated Education program at the University of Winnipeg and proudly serves as the incumbent Accessibility Director. He believes in championing inclusion and accessibility for all students at the university. For Mohamed, accessibility is about leveling the playing field to minimize barriers to learning, for all students to realize their educational goals. His main goal is one of advocacy and leadership for students with accessibility needs, by attuning to their voiced needs and closely cooperating with accessibility services on campus. The creation of the UWSA Access Lounge has been a successful example in realizing this goal and making our university more accessible this year. Andrew is studying sociology and economics and wanting to serve the university student body next year as co-director. For Andrew, although the U of W is an open and inclusive place to be, implementing best practices used at other universities to make sure that our great university meets and surpasses all standards is a goal of his. Andrew believes, whether its buildings or people's attitudes, our university community will be far better off if everyone is included and can participate to their fullest potential

BUSINESS & ECONOMICS DIRECTOR



DEVIN WOODBURY

Hello everyone, My name is Devin Woodbury and I'm proud to say that I am running for Business and Economics director for the UWSA. My reason for running is because I think it's important that this position is filled by someone who is representative of the Faculty of Business and Economics here at U of W. As many of you know, I am a 4th year business student, taking Marketing and Human Resources, with a minor in Conflict Resolution studies. Over the years, I've been to various BASA workshops, activities and socials. I also know people from some of the smaller business/economics groups, such as UWIG and the Accounting Student's Association. My plan is to be the representative for all of these different groups and for our faculty as a whole. Thank you all for your time and please vote "Yes" for Devin Woodbury as Business and Economics director.

EDUCATION DIRECTOR



TAYLOR DAIGNEAULT

Taylor Daigneault is the current Vice-President of the Education Students' Association. He has published a guide for educators on inclusion of students with gender dysphoria, and presented the paper at WestCAST in 2015. Because the position is uncontested, Taylor will not be campaigning. If you have a specific issue that you would like to bring to Taylor, he is often in his office in 0GM10B, or can be reached by email at daigneault-t@webmail.uwinnipeg.ca

ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS DIRECTOR



AVERY LETKEMANN

My name is Avery Letkemann and I am running for environmental ethics director. I am a second year environmental studies student and as your environmental ethics director I am excited to work towards a fully sustainable campus.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' DIRECTOR



SIMRAN BADHAN

SLATE: STUDENTS' VOICE

I'm Simran Badhan pursuing Criminal Justice major and running for the position of UWSA International Students Director. I have skills and experience in managing people and coordinating events through my Criminal Justice Students Association Event Coordinator and Resident Assistant role in School and Campus Living. I have also engaged in various volunteering roles for Downtown Watch, Salvation Army and Correctional Services. The experience of working and interacting with various people at several volunteering and paid roles has made me an excellent communicator, active and creative thinker, and a good planner. I am willing to help and engage in various cultures. I'm Passionate advocate for the student body. I believe that I bring both experience and passion to the position and would do as much as possible to help others prosper in our university community. I appreciate your support as I will become the student's voice.

SCIENCE DIRECTOR



DANIEL DENTON

Hi, I'm Daniel and I am a second-year student majoring in biochemistry. I am very passionate about the University of Winnipeg and its student union, and would be honoured to serve as Science Director. I am running because I know I can be a strong voice for science students and their interests within the UWSA. Over the past year, I have been involved in the Students of Science Association as Treasurer, and have volunteered for WUSC's (World Refugee Service of Canada) local committee here on campus. If elected I would be advocating for more student research grants; pressuring for accessible printing at Richardson; and reminding the UWSA of the impact its decisions have on science students. I would also hold town hall sessions, where students can give their input on what they want to see from the UWSA.



SIA KERMANI

My name is Sia Kermani and I am currently pursuing a Biopsychology major and a French minor. Since my first year I have been involved in Bio Club as both its past president and current VP, acting as liaison between the club, other science groups and the UWSA. Throughout my academic career I have built up the connections and experience necessary to represent science students and facilitate their future success. It is my goal to engage with science students to ensure that their voices are heard and that their needs are met, whether it be increased opportunity, resources, or science-related campus events. I hope to utilize my position not only to help science students in their studies, but also to maintain and strengthen the spark of scientific curiosity that keeps us all proud and passionate in our pursuit of a scientific career!

STATUS OF WOMEN DIRECTOR



JADE DEFEHR

I'm a fourth-year student pursuing a double major in English and Women's and Gender Studies. I have loved working as Status of Women Director this year and would love to continue! In May 2016 I co-founded the Inclusive Gym Initiative which aims to increase safety and comfort at the university gym for all students. I spoke to hundreds of students, worked closely with administration, and created a 140-page report based on our student survey with 756 respondents. This winter, with a colleague, I challenged rape culture in the Canadian literary and university scene through a public letter, petition, radio, and in-person conversations. I continue to be an active member of Divest UW and the Women-Trans Spectrum Centre. I also helped organize Winnipeg's Women's March on Washington. I love collective organizing and, using an intersectional feminist stance, I strive to amplify others' voices. Thank you!



PATRICIA NOSAL

SLATE: STUDENTS' VOICE

My name is Patricia Nosal. I am running on the Students' Voice slate to be your UWSA Status of Women Director. I am a third-year student majoring in Human Rights with an Honours in Political Science. I am passionate about creating a positive environment that encourages students to prosper. With extensive experience at the University of Winnipeg, I know what the community thrives towards and the goals we wish to achieve. Elect me as your Status of Women Director, and I will do everything in my power to work with women towards a common goal.

BOARD OF REGENTS STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE



ABRAHAM EL-GIADAA

I am a 4th-year student majoring in Economics and Finance with a passion for ideas and debate. When meeting with the Board of Regents I wish to add in much-needed student perspectives on how to provide the administration with strategic direction and a broad framework of goals and objectives. I hope to represent the diversity of views within the University of Winnipeg when meeting with the Board of Regents. Having previous experience running the University of Winnipeg Investment Group (UWIG) and currently sitting on the Student Steering Committee for the University of Winnipeg Faculty of Business and Economics I think I am uniquely qualified to take on the responsibility of representing you when the important decisions about our university are made.

STUDENT SENATE REPRESENTATIVE



WAARENGEYE VARUN VIKRAM

"Be the Change you wish to see in the world" – Mahatma Gandhi
The above quote fully encompasses my ambitions and goals. I have been always observant about the surroundings around me which drove me to acquire knowledge and develop leadership skills. In the process, they became part of my character's trait. I am a believer of free thinking. I was always attracted towards awareness campaigns and movements which made me socially active while focusing on my studies. I am enrolled as a Grad Student in Applied Computer Science Department where I'm growing as a problem solver. In addition, I like listening to people, reading books and traveling with my friends.



LESTER AIDOO

It is always an honor and a great pleasure to be on the front-lines representing students. Leadership is all about service and I seek to serve all students of the University of Winnipeg by being a student representative on the Senate; to help ensure that all decisions set by the top governance are to the benefit of all students. I am Lester Aidoo, a computer science major.

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE UWSA GENERAL ELECTION?

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