

EXECUTIVE REPORT

UWSA EXECUTIVES 2018-2019

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report covers the period of May 1 to September 17, 2018, and is the first 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.

The executive team has had an active and eventful summer, starting with training and project setting, culminating with our annual back to school event, Roll Call. We were happy to have this year's board orientation at Merchants Corner. A few of the projects the executive has been working on this summer included Refugee/Newcomer/People Without Status Bridging Program, planning Prairies RISE (Racialized Indigenous Student Experience) summit, and

restructuring Positive Space along with UWSA By-Laws and Policies.

The year ahead looks hopeful, and busy! We are incredibly excited to serve our members this year alongside our strong Board of Directors.

In solidarity,
Your UWSA Executive Team

INTERNAL

The Internal section is dedicated to the work of the organization done by either UWSA staff, volunteers, Directors and/or Executive Directors that affects the day-to-day business of the UWSA.

Internal Committees

The UWSA Board of Directors maintains four regularly meeting subcommittees: Finance and Operations Committee (major financial decision-making body, health plan and service decision-making), Student Life Committee (events, student groups, student funding requests), Campaigns and External Relations Committee (lobbying/political decision-making body), and Executive Committee (managerial committee). Additionally, the UWSA holds quarterly Bylaws and Policy Committee Meetings where bylaws and policies are reviewed. Meeting notices are posted on campus and online. Please visit theuwsa.ca or email uwsa@theuwsa.ca for information, open session minutes, etc.

Internal Meetings:

June 13: EXEC attended Executive Committee
June 29: EXEC attended Executive Committee
Aug 23: EXEC attended Board of Directors Orientation

External Meetings:

May 1: VPSA attended Senate Student Appeals
May 8: VPSA attended Senate Student Appeals
May 8: VPSA and VPIA attended Daycare Management Committee (DMC) meeting
May 10: PRES, VPEA, VPIA attended Racialized Indigenous Student Experience (RISE) planning committee
May 11: PRES attended Health Plan contract meeting with UWinnipeg
May 14: PRES attended Senate Executive committee
May 16: VPSA and VPIA attended CKUW meeting
May 17: VPSA attended meeting with CSO Research Advisor
May 18-20: PRES attended Circle of First Nations, Inuit, and Metis gathering
May 22: VPSA attended Senate Student Appeals
May 23: PRES and VPIA attended Senate
May 23: EXEC attended International Student Services Centre BBQ
May 25: EXEC attended meeting with KATSA

May 25: PRES attended Health Plan Agreement meeting with UWinnipeg
May 25: PRES attended meeting with Senior Executive Officer-External Engagement (UWinnipeg)
May 28: PRES, VPIA, VPSA attended Grass Routes Planning meeting with Campus Sustainability Office (CSO)
May 29: VPSA attended Senate Student Appeals
May 29: VPSA attended Recplex Community Advisory Committee meeting
June 8: PRES attended meeting with Senior Executive Officer-External Engagement (UWinnipeg)
June 11: PRES attended meeting with a representative from Aboriginal Student Services Centre
June 19: VPSA attended Senate Student Appeals
June 20: PRES, VPIA attended Senate Committee
June 20: VPSA and VPIA attended CKUW meeting
June 21: PRES attended Greenshield health plan meeting
June 21: VPEA and VPSA attended Fight for 15 meeting
June 22: PRES attended meeting with Senior Executive Officer-External Engagement (UWinnipeg)
June 26: VPSA attended Senate Student Appeals
June 27: PRES attended Merchants Corner Board of Directors meeting
June 28: VPEA and VPSA attended Generation Energy Council Report Release
July 6: VPIA and VPSA attended meeting with Physical Plant and UW Security
July 10: VPSA attended Senate Student Appeals
July 11: EXEC attended meeting with UWinnipeg President
July 13: PRES, VPEA, VPIA attended RISE meeting
July 16: VPEA and VPSA attended Grassroutes planning meeting with CSO
July 17: VPSA attended Senate Student Appeals
July 18: EXEC attended Grassroutes vision Lunch
July 18: VPIA and VPSA attended CKUW meeting
Jul 19: VPSA and VPEA attended Sexual Violence Prevention Workshop Review
July 24: VPSA attended Senate Student Appeals
July 24: PRES attended Senate Appeals Committee
July 25: PRES, VPEA, VPIA attended RISE meeting
July 31: VPSA attended Senate Student Appeals
Aug 1: EXEC attended Grassroutes planning meeting with CSO
Aug 7: VPSA attended Senate Student Appeals
Aug 8: PRES, VPIA, VPSA attended Grassroutes planning meeting with CSO
Aug 8: PRES, VPIA, VPSA attended Library consultation with UWinnipeg Library
Aug 9: PRES attended Indigenous Library consultation with UWinnipeg Library
Aug 14: VPSA attended Senate Student Appeals
Aug 14: VPSA attended Grass Routes planning meeting
Aug 15: VPEA and VPSA attended De-Escalating Potentially Violent Situations Training
Aug 20: VPEA and VPSA attended Sexual Violence Train the Trainer meeting
Aug 21: VPSA attended Senate Student Appeals
Aug 28: VPSA attended Senate Student Appeals

Aug 29: VPIA, VPSA, and VPEA attended First Year Orientation
Aug 29: PRES attended meeting with Associate Vice President Indigenous Affairs
Aug 29: VPSA attended Adult Learners Orientation
Aug 30: VPIA, VPSA, and VPEA attended First Year Orientation
Aug 30: PRES, VPIA attended ASSC Orientation
Aug 30: VPSA, VPEA, and VPIA attended Grad Studies Orientations
Sept 4: VPEA, VPIA, VPSA attended UWSA Roll Call
Sept 5-7: EXEC attended UWSA Roll Call
Sept 7: PRES attended meeting with Senior Executive Officer-External Engagement (UWinnipeg)
Sept 10: PRES, VPIA, VPSA attended UWinnipeg State of the University Address
Sept 11: VPSA attended Senate Student Appeals
Sept 11: VPSA attended Daycare Management Committee meeting
Sept 12: EXEC attended Weweni Speaker Series
Sept 14: EXEC attended ASSC Potluck

SERVICES

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

Health Plan: EXEC worked with the University of Winnipeg to find an acceptable alternative insurance provider for International Students. PRES negotiated new health plan agreement with UWinnipeg and Greenshield that relieves some administrative duties from the UWSA.

Daycare: No updates at this time.

Academic Advocacy: Working with the faculty and staff here at the University, the VPSA has been representing students on the Senate Student Appeals Committee and, when requested, at the Senate Academic Misconduct Committee. Students have approached the UWSA for advocacy surrounding plagiarism and cheating allegations, grade appeals, and concerns surrounding instructors. The VPSA also advocates for students applying for retroactive withdrawals, incomplete coursework, and deferred exams. With assistance from the Special Projects Manager and Communications Manager, the VPSA has been developing a Students' Guide to Academic Misconduct Procedures.

Service Centres: Rainbow Lounge coordinator has been hired. WTSC coordinator returned.

Access Lounge is working on attaining more accessible signage.

U-Pass: The U-Pass launch this September was very well done on behalf of our retail staff.

Bike Lab: Maintained open hours during the summer. Hired new bike lab volunteer coordinator.

Retail Locations: Both Index and Infobooth maintained open hours during the summer, with several new team members added to Part-time Staff. Hired new retail manager and assistant manager.

Food Bank: As a part of our services, the UWSA's food bank is offered year-round on Friday afternoons. It is open to all students and community members registered. Hired new Food bank

assistant coordinator.

PROJECTS

Refugee/Newcomer/People Without Status Bridging Program: VPEA Zee has been working with the Special Projects Manager, Deputy Vice President Academic Jan Stewart, and in partnership with FCJ Refugee Centre regarding a bridging/transition program at the University of Winnipeg.

Positive Space: EXEC have met regarding changes to positive space.

Prairies RISE: PRES, VPEA, VPIA have been involved in planning the 2019 Prairies RISE.

'Indigenization': PRES met with Associate Vice President Indigenous Affairs, involved in the library Indigenous spaces consultation, and successfully advocated a spot on UWinnipeg's Indigenous Advisory Circle.

Fossil Fuel Divestment: PRES and VPSA have been reviewing the University Foundation's Responsible Investing Policy and other University policies pertaining to sustainability. The VPSA, VPEA, and VPIA joined others in an action that involved holding a banner that said "Congrats Graduates, Love Divest UW" as graduates left Convocation. The UWSA plans to continue encouraging the University to take actions that move towards fossil fuel divestment.

EVENTS

Roll Call: EXEC worked with Events Department and Communications Department on programming selection, advertising, and event running on the days of. Roll Call had great attendance for both daytime and evening programming, featuring free food, student group fair, activities, live music, dj's from CKUW, and hosting trivia

SOLIDARITY

Migrante/Anakbayan: VPEA Zee and VPIA Brenden have been meeting with Migrante Manitoba to start a chapter of Anakbayan in Winnipeg. Anakbayan is a comprehensive organization for Filipino youth. They advocate for jobs, land reform, and political issues.

Jordan Peterson is Not Welcome in Winnipeg: VPEA Zee and VPSA Jade worked on a campaign calling on the Burton Cummings Theatre to cancel the event. Organized an anti-fascist picnic for community members.

Line 3: VPSA Jade has been visiting Spirit of the Buffalo Camp and providing support.

MEDIA

PRES and VPEA drafted a press release on UWinnipeg's tuition increase

VPEA interviewed by CKUW and CBC about Roll Call