

# UWSA GENERAL ELECTION 2019 CANDIDATES' BIOS

## EXECUTIVE TEAM CANDIDATES

### PRESIDENT



**MEAGAN MALCOLM**  
- UWSA EMPOWER SLATE

My name is Meagan Malcolm, I am a third year student majoring in Criminal Justice, I am working towards becoming a lawyer. I am currently the Female Co-president of the Indigenous Student Association. It helps to promote Indigenous values and world-views while supporting Indigenous students through their academic journey. I am hoping to be elected as your President as part of the UWSA Empower slate. I believe in safety and security not only individual physical safety, but the safety to be you, the safety to succeed, to struggle - to be yourself. I believe everyone should have access to education, access to resources and services, and as well equal access to those services. As president I will ensure that students feel supported while attending university. Vote for Empower! If you want an executive team who will be dedicated to understand what students want to see from UWSA.

### VP EXTERNAL AFFAIRS



**MAHLET CUFF**  
- UWSA EMPOWER SLATE

My name is Mahlet Cuff and I am a Women's and Gender Studies major. I am hoping to be elected as your Vice President of External Affairs as a part of the UWSA Empower slate. I have been the Women's and Gender Studies Student Association Co-Coordinator. Through coordinating this group I have gained skills of facilitating and community organizing. I am dedicated to understanding what students want to see from their executive team. The things I want to achieve if I am elected is to ensure that students are given opportunities throughout the institution. Making sure that the UWSA is partnering with community groups and are apart of campaigns that will create a positive impact on the student body. My main priority is that students feel happy and supported while attending university. A vote for Empower is a vote for more an intersectional, inclusive and accessible UWSA.

### VP EXTERNAL AFFAIRS



**NOELLE SAGHER**  
- UWSA EMPOWER SLATE

My name is Noelle and I am currently your Racialized Students Director for the 2018-year. I am in my fourth year at UW, double-majoring in Human Rights and Conflict Resolution, and hope to serve as your Vice President of Student Affairs for the upcoming year. If elected, I hope to help facilitate more transition supports for international students, Indigenous students, and students of colour who may face extra barriers to accessing university; work closely with the Canadian Federation of Students on issues such as tuition increases and health plan cuts for international students; and continue the work on sexual assault policies on campus. I have experience working closely with women's rights NGOs from around the world, as well as the United Nations, and am a member of the Student of Colour Collective here on campus. Vote for UWSA Empower from March 4-6!

### VP INTERNAL AFFAIRS



**TASH (NATASHA) REIMER**  
- UWSA EMPOWER SLATE

My name is TASH and I am running for Vice President of Internal Affairs on the EMPOWER slate. If elected as your Vice President of Internal Affairs I plan to continue building on these areas. My focus will be to improve the transparency and accountability of the UWSA's financial resources. I plan to direct a lot of focus on service centres, UWSA Scholarship, establishing more health plan bursaries and working on improving the international student health plan. I will make sure we as a team use every dollar wisely and be open to hearing your suggestions on how we can increase our budget. Being the Vice President of Student Internal Affairs requires a lot of responsibility, organization, teamwork and a high level of integrity. I promise I will maintain that expectation to the fullest extent. Please vote for EMPOWER.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATES

### ACCESSIBILITY DIRECTOR



**SARAH ANDERSON & LOC TRINH**

This year we are excited to run in a **co-directorship** for the position of Accessibility Director. Loc was the Chief of Finance for a student group in Vietnam before entering the Study Abroad program. He is pursuing a bachelor degree in Business Administration and enjoys helping anyone in need. Sarah is a first year Education student with prior ambassador and public speaking experience. Together, we are committed to improving accessibility through advocating for the latest version of Windows and assistive software to be available on all campus computers, more automatic doors, and additional single unit accessible bathrooms. We will also suggest several ideas for improving accommodation policies and explore the possibility of reducing travel through facilitating more popular courses on the main campus. At the heart of each project is the goal of contributing to the well-being of students disabled by barriers and promoting disability awareness.

### ARTS DIRECTOR



**WESLEY FALLIS**

Hello, my name is Wesley Fallis, I am studying Human Geography as well as Urban and Inner-City Studies. I decided to run for Arts Director as I am eager and passionate about improving the student experience here at the University of Winnipeg. I was raised by parents who were heavily involved in our home community and have been an organizer since day one. I gained valuable experience working with the Canadian Federation of Students while fighting bill 31 which ultimately raised tuition for students. As an arts student I have many interests across the spectrum of the faculty of Arts and I believe this is true for many Arts students. Therefore, I want to improve cross listing, improve course descriptions, and raise awareness to the ability to create your own degree. The role of government amplified the voices of students and I vow to bring your concerns forward.

### BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS DIRECTOR



**ANNE-CECILE PANCHAUD**

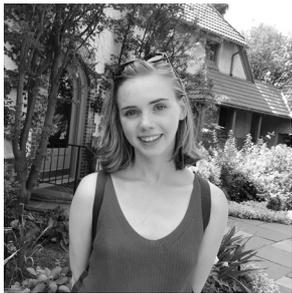
My name is Anne-Cecile Panchaud, I'm majoring in Economics and Finance and I am running for Director of Business and Economics. I came to the University of Winnipeg having been recruited for the Women's Wrestling Team years ago. I was a student athlete until I quit and moved back home to Vancouver. I decided to return to the University of Winnipeg to finish my degree and, since I didn't know anyone, joined a bunch of student association's like JDC West and the Business Administration Students' Association (BASA). I was fortunate enough to make friends and connections amongst students and faculty of the Business and Economics department. I have many friends who turn to me when they have questions about academics, student rights and resources. Which is why I decided to run for this position because I want to be the link that connects our students, the faculty and the UWSA.



**JIBRIL KADIR**

My name is Jibril Okikiola Kadir, I'm 19 years old. I'm the fourth born out of five siblings and I'm running to represent you as the director of Business and Economics of UWSA (University of Winnipeg Student's Association). As a student, I understand the need for continuous student improvement in student services, and in particular, services for the students, and also going to make sure every student's voice is heard in the Business and Economics Departments.

## ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS DIRECTOR



### AVERY LETKEMANN

Avery Letkemann is a fourth year Environmental Studies student and has enjoyed holding the position of Environmental Ethics Director for the last two years. Avery is passionate about sustainability at the University of Winnipeg, working with many different student groups and campaigns and the Campus Sustainability Office.

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' DIRECTOR



### ALEXANDER ILESANMI

I am Alexander Ilesanmi, a full-time international student at the University of Winnipeg. I am currently in my third year studying Mathematics. During my years studying at the University of Winnipeg, I have applied myself to serve the school and fellow students by being heavily involved in the school community as well

as student groups. By being heavily involved with the school affairs, I am aware of many of the challenges students face especially us international students. With this knowledge, it is my goal to directly represent international students at the UWSA in order to ensure accurate representation that works in the best interest of international students and to make sure that new opportunities are established for international students.

## RECREATION & ATHLETICS DIRECTOR



### HIMAL PAREKH

My name is Himal Parekh and I am running for the Recreation and Athletics Director position. I am a second year Athletic Therapy student and I am running for this position because I am a passionate about anything fitness related that can engage students to live a healthy life. By creating more engagement in a variety of physical activities, I believe we can improve the lives and daily academic

performance of students. If I do get elected, I will strive to achieve easier accessibility to recreational services and engaging more students in recreational sport including having a variety of options to participate in. My favorite sport is soccer and I bike often in the summer.

## SENATOR



### BRAEDEN BROSCHUK

Hello, my name is Braeden Broschuk and I am a criminal justice graduate student at the University of Winnipeg. I am running for the UWSA representative on the Graduate Studies Committee (GSC), and the Graduate Senate Student Appeals Sub-Committee (GSSAC). I am running for this position because I believe this position offers a good opportunity to provide graduate students at the University of Winnipeg better representation at the university.

In this position I hope to become an additional resource for graduate students, and provide students with information about the decisions made at the university, and I want to ensure graduate students voices, concerns and suggestions are heard, and they are properly acknowledged.

## GRADUATE STUDENTS' DIRECTOR



### RACHEAL KALABA & THERESA MACKEY

Racheal Kalaba and Theresa Mackey are running as Co-Directors for the Graduate Student Director position. Racheal is a first year student in the Masters in Development Practice program. She is bubbly and outgoing and has experience in service and volunteer work. Racheal is an international student from Zambia

and is an advocate for equal rights and equal opportunities for all. Theresa is a first year student in the Masters in Bioscience, Technology, and Public Policy program. She is passionate about nature and wildlife conservation and enjoys sharing that interest with younger generations through volunteering. Theresa is also an international student from the United States. Together, Racheal and Theresa hope to establish a platform for graduate student collaboration within the UW community. This includes creating more opportunities for engagement of graduate students of all disciplines, improving graduate student funding, and providing a graduate student voice to policies and procedures in the UWSA.

## RACIALIZED STUDENTS' DIRECTOR



### ELLA TAYLOR

Selam! I'm a half-Ethiopian first-year student pursuing a degree in Criminal Justice and eventually law. I plan to fiercely advocate for justice for racialized students in academia and equitable hiring practices within the university and will always vote with that in mind. I have an intimate knowledge of the barriers racialized students can face in academia from my own background, and thus will do

everything in my power to help any and every one overcome those barriers, and to eradicate them on an institutional level. As a member of the Students of Colour Collective (SOCC) and the Women's and Gender Studies Student Association, I continue to learn daily about what I can do on a personal and professional level to empower racialized students and make this campus a safer space. Vote for me as your Racialized Students Director for 2019-2020!

Thanks,  
Ella Taylor

## SCIENCE DIRECTOR



### RYAN NYKVIST

Hello everyone, my name is Ryan Nykvist. I am a fourth-year student, double-majoring in Biology (Hon.) and Chemistry. I am currently studying soil-biota interactions in prairie grasslands for my Honours thesis and strive to continue my education into environmental remediation or abiogenesis. I am the founder and current president of the University of Winnipeg: Innovate, as well as an executive of the Students

of Science Association (S.O.S.A). My goals as Science Director will include advocating against unnecessary raises in student tuition and advertising opportunities for students wishing to further their education. I will foster communication between all science-based student groups as I firmly believe that university is one of the greatest opportunities for students to network and build lasting relationships. I am excited and would be honoured to represent you as your new Science Director!

## REFERENDUM

### BASED ON A YES/NO VOTE BY ALL ELIGIBLE UWSA MEMBERS

Do you support increasing the Student Refugee Program student levy by \$1.69?

\*This referendum is open to be voted on by all students. Sides can register by completing a nomination form, available by request from the CEC at [cec@theuwsa.ca](mailto:cec@theuwsa.ca). Registration deadlines for referendum sides (either opposing or not-opposing) is March 1, 2019 at 4 p.m.

## VOTING LOCATIONS

**Riddell Hall | Richardson College | Buhler Centre:** March 4, 5 & 6 | 9 AM - 6 PM

**Merchant's Corner:** March 5 | 12.30 - 4.30 PM

**Menno Simons College:** March 6 | 12.30 - 4.30