

VOTER GUIDE

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**CANDIDATE
SPEECHES**

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Get to know your candidates and their agendas before you cast your vote.

**Monday, October 19
12.30 PM onwards
on Zoom**

Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/96414374105>

Missed the speeches? Visit theuwsa.ca/elections to view the recorded video or check out the Candidate pictures and bios on Pages 4 & 5!

Closed captioning and transcripts will be available for students with accessibility needs.

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Vote online on OCT 26, 27, & 28

Polls open at 9 AM on Oct 26 and close at 6 PM on Oct 28.

HOW TO VOTE

- 1** Check your Webmail to receive your unique Elector ID, password and voting link.
- 2** Click on the voting link and enter your elector ID and password to login and go to the voting page.
- 3** Go through every candidate and vote yes, no, or leave it blank to abstain.
- 4** Click “continue” when you reach the bottom of the voting page.
- 5** Review your ballot. If you need to change a vote, click “change”.
- 6** Click confirm when you’re satisfied with your answers. Your ballot will be submitted. You can view your voting receipt on the page.

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Accessible Voting

The Simply Voting website is compatible with screen reading technology. Students with accessibility needs or those without access to Wi-Fi can also cast their vote by phone during the voting period.

To cast your vote, simply call the Deputy Elections Commissioner, Charith Pathirathna at (431) 388-3903 between 9 AM - 6 PM on October 26, 27, or 28.

Didn't receive the Simply Voting email with your voting link?

Check your spam folder! If you still can't find the email, reach us at cec@theuwsa.ca, dec@theuwsa.ca or call (431) 388-3903. Your vote will be taken tentatively until we can confirm your student status.

Complaints and Appeals

The UWSA is committed to a safe and fair elections process. Any University of Winnipeg student can file a complaint if they experience harassment or have a concern about the election process. Election complaints will be reviewed by the CEC who will make a ruling or provide a written rationale for why a complaint is not valid. If you are unsatisfied with the CEC's ruling or your complaint is about the CEC, please reach out to the REBLITE Board by emailing the Chair of the Board (CoB), Anjola Aderinto, at chair@theuwsa.ca.

To submit a complaint or appeal, please [visit the website](#).

CANDIDATE BIOS

President Candidate



Shawna Peloquin (Slate: Zhaabwiiwin)

Tansi, Aaniin, Boozhoo, Hello, my name is Shawna Peloquin, and I am a fourth-year student in Urban and Inner-city studies. I am from the James Bay Cree Nation and have been living in Winnipeg since 2017. My time here has been an opportunity for me to grow and heal. I have gained knowledge and experience I never dreamed possible. I am so grateful for all the wonderful people that inspired me to do more, be better, and to keep on persevering towards the changes I believe in. I hope to become our next UWSA President to provide consistent leadership and support for students, model a resilient example of decolonial practices and create new and inclusive alternatives for students from all backgrounds. I want to see our students grow and feel empowered by facilitating opportunities within and beyond our current global context. Vote on October 26, 27, 28 Kinanaskomitinawaw!

Vice-President External Affairs Candidate



Jonathan Henderson (Slate: Zhaabwiiwin)

Tansi, Aniin, Boozhoo, Hello my name is Jonathan Henderson. I am a member of Sagkeeng First Nation. I have graduated with my BA in Indigenous studies, and currently working on my 4 year conflict resolution studies degree. For this academic year I am running for Vice President of External Affairs of the UWSA. I am a good candidate for this position due to my years of experience working in the community, and have excellent networking skills. Within this position I will bring attention to many mental health issues, and raise awareness for students to access resources and support not only from within the university, but from our community as well. I am a co-founder of Healing Together, which is a men's healing group. Through this initiative we have developed many relationships with community resources in the area of mental health and support. The week of October 26-28, please vote!

UWSA Regents Candidate



Holly Hunter

My name is Holly Hunter and I am one of the candidates for the Board of Regents. The Board of Regents determines the overall policy for the University of Winnipeg including providing administration with strategic direction as well as a framework of goals and objectives. This is consequential work! I believe the knowledge I have acquired as a student of public administration coupled with my experience serving as a school trustee in St. James-Assiniboia School Division has prepared me to take on this important role. If selected as your representative, I promise to respect different viewpoints and find ways to work with other members of the Board to craft pragmatic, evidence-informed policies, while always keeping the best interest of students top-of-mind. I am humbled to ask for you to put your trust in me and I hope I can have your support!

Professional, Applied, and Continuing Education (PACE) Director Candidate



Valerie Bermudez

Valerie Bermudez is your candidate for PACE Director, in the UWSA 2020/21 By-Election. A graduate of the University of Manitoba, a mature student, parent, and now a Professional, Applied and Continuing Education Human Resource Management enrollee, Valerie can bring the diversity of your voices to the Board and have them heard.

We are living in a changing time, with unique circumstances and complex concerns. If elected, Valerie will represent your voices and your needs, fostering the communication and understanding needed to make a difference in your learning experience at PACE.

Science Director



Olivia Ferreira

Olivia Ferreira is a fourth year Neuroscience honours student. Her passion for STEM outreach and involvement in several student groups has made her an active student on campus, especially through her work with Let's Talk Science. This passion for STEM also translates to her fellow science students, whom she hopes to provide additional support to this academic year in light of distanced learning as the 2020-2021 Science Director. In this position, she aims to provide virtual opportunities for science students to make connections with faculty, strengthen connections with their peers and attend skill building workshops. As a priority, she seeks to break down barriers between students with regards to research opportunities by encouraging dialogue between students and professors. Olivia looks forward to the new year, and despite unusual circumstances, aims to be a director worthy of your continued support.



Isaiah Zacharias

Hi, my name is Isaiah Zacharias. I am one of the candidates running for the position of Science Director. I chose to run this year as I feel I have more to give to my community than I currently am and hope to maintain and improve that community. This year will be very different not just for elections, but schooling and how we go about our student lives during these next semesters. I hope to support everyone as we all learn how to deal with online education. I would also like to continue to create numerous ways in which struggling students can get help for the courses they need and listen to what the students would like to see. Inclusion, acceptance, tolerance and an open mindset are essential to me, and I hope to demonstrate that throughout the year and represent the Science Faculty accurately.

Recreation and Athletics Director Candidate



Jacob Wiseman

My name is Jacob Wiseman. I am a transfer student into the program of Kinesiology and am very excited to be assisting in representing the students of the University of Winnipeg. It has been a very hard time for many students recently and regardless of the circumstances, students voices should always be heard. I am a very involved individual on a variety of boards, including the not for profit company I created called A.S.E Tutoring & Mentorship. I have a variety of interests from going on runs in the morning to educating myself on many different topics. I look forward to working with all of you!

Women and Non-Binary (WNB) Students' Director Candidate



Arshiya Bagheri Torbehbar

My name is Arshiya Bagheri Torbehbar and I'm running for the position of Women and Non-Binary Student's Director. For the past 3 years, I've served on several non-profit organizations and would like to have the honour of representing women and non-binary students at UofW. I consider myself to be a passionate community servant with the ability to motivate and inspire individuals. As a person who experienced years of systematic discrimination in her own country,

I want to improve diversity and equality in our community. Whomever you feel you are whether that's female, male or perhaps you don't feel strongly to any particular label about gender, YOU'RE NOT ALONE. If elected, I will serve the student community to the best of my ability to get greater support for women and non-binary students. We all deserve to study in a healthy community where our gender and identity are accepted and respected.

Learn more about your candidates at the Candidate Speeches on October 19 from 12.30 PM onwards!

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