

EXECUTIVE REPORT

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report covers the period of November 14, 2017 to January 12, 2018, and is the fourth 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.

Some highlights over the period include the Canadian Federation of Students' National General Meeting, Exam Period outreach, Snowed In, as well as organization with on-campus unions, continued meetings with the administration on Sexual Violence Policy development, campus security, and day-to-day issues. The month of December allowed for plenty of outreach, with both food handouts and late-night study halls in the Bulman Centre drawing many students to chat with us about the UWSA and its events. Snowed In 2018 was also very successful, focusing on day-time events in the Bulman Centre, as well as food giveaways on satellite campuses, to welcome students back to the Winter Term.

The UWSA executive is excited to continue its work in the Winter Term, focusing on the projects as developed by its board, as well as continued outreach in the lead-up to the introduction of the University's budget.

In solidarity,
Your UWSA Executive Team

MEETINGS

Internal Meetings:

November 15- Board of Directors Meeting
November 15- VPEA attended the CFS-MB Provincial Executive meeting
November 17- PRES, VPEA and VPSA attend CFS-National Meeting
November 18- PRES, VPEA and VPSA attend CFS-National Meeting
November 19- PRES, VPEA and VPSA attend CFS-National Meeting
November 20- PRES, VPEA and VPSA attend CFS-National Meeting
December 5- VPIA chaired Finance and Operations
December 7- Campaigns and External Relations Committee Meeting
December 8- PRES and VPEA had phone meeting with CFS-National
January 8- VPEA and PRES met with CFS-MB
January 8- VPEA attended CFS-Provincial Executive meeting
January 9- VPIA and VPSA attended Daycare Management meeting

External Meetings:

November 16- PRES attended Senate Executive Meeting
November 17- VPIA attended Board of Regents
November 22- VPIA and VPEA attended Senate Student Services
November 27- PRES met with UW Head of Security
December 5- PRES and VPEA spoke at the Municipal Executive Policy Committee: transit cuts
December 5- VPEA attended Communities not Cuts training and presentation
December 6- PRES attended UW Workplace Safety and Health Committee
December 7- PRES met with WESMEN communications manager about partnerships
December 8- PRES attended UW VPA & Provost search interviews
December 11- PRES attended Senate Academic Standards & Misconduct committee
December 11- PRES attended UW VPA & Provost search interview
December 12- PRES attended UW VPA & Provost search interview
December 13- PRES attended UW VPA & Provost search interview
December 19- VPEA attended meeting with Provincial government re: climate action plan
December 19- PRES, VPEA and VPSA attend Senate
December 21- PRES met with UW VPF re: Security and Space
January 8- VPEA attended Communities not Cuts meeting
January 8- PRES and GM met with CKUW Station Manager
January 9- PRES and VPEA attended UW Sexual Violence Policy development meeting
January 9- PRES and VPEA presented at AESES board meeting
January 10- PRES and VPEA presented at UWFA and IUOE council meetings
January 11- PRES attended UW President's reappointment review

January 12- PRES met with Dean of UW Collegiate

SERVICES

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

Day Care: Final projects to conclude the expansion ended during the Winter Break.

Academic Advocacy: As the latter half the fall term ended we began to see more outreach from students in need of academic advocacy. It has been a steady flow of students with minor concerns to long-term assistance that are continually being helped into the winter term.

Service Centres: The centre formerly known as the LGBT* Centre has submitted a proposal to change the name to “Rainbow Lounge.” Amendments to the centre to allow for more space have begun.

U-Pass: Students reported that their Peggo cards were not working during the first few days of the Winter term; students were told to return their cards at Info Booth.

Bike Lab: The UWSA Bike Lab will be searching for a new Volunteer Coordinator

Safe Walk: No updates at this time.

Retail Locations: Doughnuts will be returning to index starting January 15, from provider Oh Doughnuts! Info Booth was busy during the first week of January for bus pass sales and qualifying students validating their U-Pass.

Food Bank: No updates at this time.

PROJECTS:

Financial Transparency: VPIA working with Communications to publish the UWSA’s financial statements online.

UWSA Campus Poverty Report: PRES will be presenting results of Poverty Report survey to the UW Board of Regents at its meeting January 29.

EVENTS:

Daycare expansion ribbon cutting (Nov. 27): UWSA PRES, UW VPF Mike Emslie, Minister of Families Scott Fielding spoke and snipped the ribbon! Several student parents attended.

Future Student Night (Nov. 29): PRES and Communications Manager attended UW’s Future Student Night to introduce prospective students to the UWSA.

Exam Coffee and Snack Hand Out (Dec. 8-13): All 4 executives helped with the implementation and execution of a coffee and banana hand out, every day an entire carafe and box of bananas were given to many students to help them maintain their energy levels prior to exams.

Extended Study Hours (Dec. 11-14): All 4 executives helped with the keeping the Bulman Centre open until 1am to help folks have a safe space to study late into the eve! They also handed out surprise treats and coffee and tea! This was a partnership between the UWSA and the UW Library.

International Student Orientation (Jan. 3):

Jau PRES presented at Winter intake for International Students

Snowed in and Snowed in 2.0 (Jan. 4-9)

All 4 executives helped with Snowed In. Thursday and Friday both had free cereal and cartoons in the Bulman Centre. There were also 4 musical acts over 2 days, and a soup competition with 4 local souperies. Both nights there were free events at the Good Will Social Club. – the 15th Ever Spelling Bee(r) and the Snowed In After Party with Super Duty Tough Work, DJ Steve & DJ Louey Lovebird

SOLIDARITY:

Vigil for Indigenous Mental Health (November 15): PRES and VPSA attended student-organized vigil in the Hive.

Municipal Executive Policy Committee (December 5): PRES and VPEA spoke on the effects of increased fair and decreased services on students, in the face of proposed transit cuts and fair increases.

Functional Transit Rally (December 12): Promoted and VPEA attended the Functional Transit Rally at City Hall.

MEDIA

November 29 – PRES interviewed by CTV News re: White Supremacy stickers near campus

November 30- PRES interviewed by Winnipeg Free Press re: CKUW broadcast
<https://www.winnipegfreepress.com/local/anti-semitic-broadcast-at-u-of-w-worries-students-460939963.html>

December 4 – PRES interviewed in Winnipeg Free Press re: Day Care expansion
<https://www.winnipegfreepress.com/our-communities/metro/UWSA-daycare-expansion-complete-32-new-spots-461897223.html>

January 4- PRES interviewed on CKUW Femisphere re: Snowed In

January 9- PRES interviewed on CKUW People of Interest re: security, tuition increases

January 10 – PRES interviewed by Winnipeg Free Press re: student attacked on campus
(<https://www.winnipegfreepress.com/local/u-of-w-student-says-she-escaped-after-being-pulled-into-car-near-campus-monday-468674703.html>)

January 11 – PRES interviewed by Winnipeg Free Press re: Sexual misconduct reporting
<https://www.winnipegfreepress.com/local/sexual-misconduct-law-ethically-troubling-468734533.html>