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EXECUTIVE REPORT

UWSA EXECUTIVES 2017-2018

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report covers the period of May 1 to September 12, 2017, 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, and ending with Orientation presentations and our annual back to school event, Roll Call. We were happy to work on our own goals and develop more at our Board Retreat (Board goals to be attached). Some projects put in motion and worked on during the summer included #Textbrokemb, the Campus Poverty report, as well as the UWSA Daycare Expansion, the UWSA Access Lounge, and Merchant's Corner Inc. We also continued existing work around DivestUW, the university's sexual violence policy development, took part in Upstander training, and beginning work on reviewing UWSA Positive Space and volunteering guidelines. We also continued our relationship with the Canadian Federation of Students, attending the June National General Meeting and planning actions with the provincial component on Bill 31.

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:

May 11→ Executive Committee meeting
May 30→ Executive Committee meeting
June 26→ Executive Committee meeting
July 7→ Executive Committee meeting
July 26→ Executive Committee
July 26→ Board Orientation session
August 11→ Board Retreat
August 12→ Board Retreat
August 28→ Executive Committee meeting
September 12→ RISE selection adhoc committee meeting

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External Meetings:

May 1→PRES Board of Regents meeting
May 2→VPSA & PRES Senate Student Appeals
May 2→VPSA Senate Student Appeals
May 3→PRES meeting with Campus Living re: Lion's Manor replacement
May 4→PRES meeting w/Associate Dean of Arts
May 5→EXEC meeting with UW Asset & Capital Expenditures
May 5→EXEC meeting with Campus Sustainability Office
May 6→VPSA & PRES attend CKUW Volunteer Awards
May 6→VPSA, VPEA, and PRES attend Communities not Cuts rally
May 7→VPEA Line 3 organizing meeting
May 9→VPSA & VPIA Daycare Management Committee
May 9→VPSA & PRES meet with Sport Manitoba re: Rugby
May 9→VPEA national divestment meeting
May 9→VPSA Senate Student Appeals
May 10→EXEC sexual misconduct protocol meeting
May 10→EXEC attend Retirement reception
May 11→PRES meeting w/ Executive Advisor to President's Office
May 11→PRES & VPIA attend UW Pride committee planning
May 11→EXEC meet with CFS-MB
May 13→VPEA stop line 3 unity gathering
May 16→VPSA CKUW Board Meeting
May 16→PRES meeting w/Executive Director of Student Services re: Orientation 2017
May 16→VPSA Senate Student Appeals
May 17→VPEA meeting with profs regarding divest
May 18→EXEC meeting with CSO
May 23→VPSA Senate Student Appeals
May 24→PRES Senate meeting
May 24→VPSA & PRES CFS-MB organizing meeting
May 25→EXEC meeting regarding Merchants Corner
May 25→EXEC meeting w/ copyright librarian re: Open Textbook
May 25→EXEC What We Make Gallery 1C03
May 26→PRES meeting w/Executive Advisor to President's Office
May 26→VPSA, VPIA, PRES attend UW Pride & 2Spirit Flag Raising
May 26→EXEC attend Winnipeg 2Spirit Pow-wow
May 26→EXEC attend rally for North Point Douglas Women's Resource Centre
May 29→VPSA & PRES meet with CKUW Station Manager re: relocation
May 30→Senate Student Appeals
May 31→PRES Board of Regents Nominating Committee
June 1→PRES Living Wage Campaign meeting
June 1→PRES Communities not Cuts meeting
June 1→VPEA Call 2 Conversation planning meeting
June 2→EXEC Our Turn meeting
June 2→EXEC Silent Witness Project Memorial
June 4→VPEA & PRES CFS SGM
June 5→VPEA & PRES CFS SGM
June 6→VPEA & PRES CFS SGM
June 6→VPSA Senate Student Appeals
June 7→VPEA & PRES CFS SGM
June 12→VPEA meeting with CFS-national campaigns
June 12→VPSA & VPIA Senate Student Appeals

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June 13→VPSA & VPIA Daycare Management Committee
June 13→ PRES meeting/Executive Advisor to President's Office
June 14→PRES attend Convocation Awards Ceremony
June 15→PRES attend Spring Convocation
June 16→PRES attend Spring Convocation
June 18→ EXEC Divest campout
June 19→ EXEC Divest campout
June 19→PRES Board of Regents meeting
June 20→VPSA Senate Student Appeals
June 20→ VPEA Meeting with Campus Manitoba
June 20→PRES AppArmour review
June 20→PRES meeting w/VP Research re: Campus Poverty Report
June 21→VPEA, VPSA, PRES attend Leatherdale opening
June 21→PRES attend Senate
June 21→ EXEC sexual misconduct protocol meeting
June 22→PRES meeting w/Executive Advisor to President's Office
June 22→PRES Workplace Safety and Health meeting
June 26→ VPEA Meeting with Campus Manitoba
June 27→VPSA Senate Student Appeals
June 28→ VPEA meeting with BUSU president
June 29→ VPEA meeting with CFS-MB
July 4→VPSA & VPIA Senate Student Appeals
July 4→EXEC Daycare Groundbreaking
July 5→ VPSA & PRES meet with PACE executive
July 7→PRES meet with TEDxUW organizer
July 10→VPEA meeting with Accessibility,
July 10→ VPEA Call2Conversation meeting
July 11→VPSA Senate Student Appeals
July 11→ VPEA Meeting with Responsible Investment Association
July 12→ VPEA Meeting with CFS-MB
July 13→VPSA Meeting with BASA executive
July 13→ VPEA meeting with CFS-national
July 17→ EXEC Upstander training
July 18→VPSA Meeting with Chemistry Club
July 18→Senate Student Appeals
July 19→VPSA Meeting with KATSA
July 19→PRES Merchant's Corner Board of Directors meeting
July 19→PRES & VPEA SMRT check-in
July 20→ VPEA Textbroke presentation @RRCSA
July 20→ VPEA Grassroutes planning meeting with CSO
July 20→PRES Daycare build executive meeting
July 21→PRES meeting w/ Executive Advisor to President's Office
July 25→VPSA Senate Student Appeals
July 25→PRES meeting with UW 4 UW campaign organizers
July 26→ EXEC sexual misconduct committee meeting
July 26→ VPEA Meeting with Uniter
July 27→ VPEA Disability Roundtable
July 31→ EXEC EDU4ALL CFS-MB meeting
August 1→VPSA Senate Student Appeals
August 3→ VPEA Meeting with Dean Melvie re fitness fees
August 8→VPSA Senate Student Appeals

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August 9→ EXEC sexual misconduct committee meeting
August 9→PRES meeting w/President Trimbee
August 9→PRES meeting w/QE2 Scholarship
August 9→ VPEA meeting with CFS-MB
August 10→PRES meeting w/Acting VP Academic
August 10→ VPEA Meeting with CRC re: Leatherdale
August 14→PRES meeting w/Chair of Board of Regents
August 15→VPSA Senate Student Appeals
August 17→VPEA, PRES, & Accessibility meet w/VP Finance re: Wedlake membership fees
August 21→ VPEA CFS provincial exec meeting
August 22→ VPEA CFS national meeting
August 22→VPSA Senate Student Appeals
August 22→ VPSA & PRES present to Residence Assistants Training
August 23→VPIA &VPSA Senate Student Services
August 23→PRES, VPSA & VPIA present to PACE Orientation x2
August 23→PRES attends Daycare build executive meeting
August 23→ VPEA Meeting with CFS-MB
August 23→VPSA & VPEA meeting w/ Rorie from UIC
August 24→VPSA Senate Academic Planning Committee
August 24→PRES meetings with UW4UW campaign organizers
August 25→PRES meet w/CFS MB
August 28→ VPEA & PRES meeting with CFS national
August 28→PRES UW Ambassadors Orientation presentation
August 29→VPSA Senate Student Appeals
August 29→PRES PACE Orientation
August 29→PRES & VPSA Adult Learner Orientation
August 29→ VPEA Upstander presentation
August 30→PRES 1st Year Orientation presentation
August 30→ PRES Upstander presentation x2
August 31→VPSA & VPEA meet with Shauna MacKinnon From UIC
August 31→PRES 1st Year Orientation presentation
August 31→PRES Upstander presentation x2
August 31→PRES & VPIA ASSC Orientation presentation
August 31→ VPEA Sustainability Award Selection Committee
September 1→PRES International Student Orientation presentation
September 1→PRES Graduate Student Orientation presentation
September 5→VPSA Meeting with Victoria from CKUW
September 5→ VPEA & PRES BOR meet and greet
September 6→ VPEA C2C meeting
September 7→PRES UW4UW meeting
September 8→PRES International Student Orientation
September 8→ VPEA TBTN planning meeting
September 11→PRES meeting w/Institutional Analysis re: Campus Poverty Report
September 12→VPSA Daycare Management Committee
September 13→ VPEA Care comes first rally
September 13→ VPEA meeting with PSAC
September 13→ VPEA C2C meeting
September 13→PRES Theatre & Film Orientation
September 13→VPIA &VPSA Attend ASSC Potluck
September 13→ VPSA Attend KATSA's first meeting

SERVICES

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

Health Plan: In addition to student support, navigating relations with Greenshield, and general administration, the Social Sustainability Coordinator is currently undergoing consultations with Technology Service Centre and Financial Services to develop more comprehensive reporting strategies within the health plan.

Daycare: PRES and Special Projects Manager worked on a 20 year Daycare Agreement with University on space usage, maintenance, and costs ahead of Daycare Expansion. Daycare Expansion build faced some difficulties due to unexpected sewer line changes. Due to open for November 1, 2017.

Academic Advocacy: Working with the faculty and staff here at the University, Brenden Gali, the Vice President Student Affairs, has been representing students on the Senate Student Appeals Committee and the Senate Academic Misconduct Committee. It has been the task to ensure fair and just resolutions for students dealing with academic grievances case by case. Depending on each student, we have been approached to aid in accused plagiarism, cheating and organizational disputes. The VPSA also represents students when they are applying for retroactive withdrawals, incomplete coursework, and deferred exams, always to the best interest of the students.

Service Centres: LGBT Centre Coordinator returned, the Women-Trans Spectrum Centre position is open.

U-Pass: The U-Pass launch this September was very well done on behalf of our retail staff, despite software hiccups on the back-end of PEGGO cards. Several hundred were replaced, paid for by Winnipeg Transit.

Bike Lab: Maintained open hours during the summer, Executive will seek usage report for next meeting. Participated in international conference Bike! Bike!, New Volunteer Coordinator has been hired, currently searching for Bike Lab General Coordinator.

Retail Locations: Both Index and Infobooth maintained open hours during the summer, with several new team members added to Part-time Staff. There was a large influx of purchases with consignments and textbooks at index in September, increase in coffee sales as well. Infobooth has been very busy with U-Pass as well.

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. Operating through Winnipeg Harvest, we are shifting past practices to operate diligently under their guidelines. We saw many volunteers over the summer, and continued use of the service. Currently, we are looking into a more extensive structure for our volunteers that would provide them with appropriate skills to help facilitate in the space, and allow our coordinator flexibility to maintain and develop this service as it continues to prove its necessity.

PROJECTS

Campus Poverty Report: The Campus Poverty Report is an initiative that the executive agreed to launch to gather information on the real costs of coming to university, not just paying for tuition. PRES drafted questions which were circulated to exec and staff, and received advice from UW VP Innovation and Research and UW Institutional Analysis. Survey will be launched Sept. 19 through student WebMail and stay online until October 6. Results will be analysed in conjunction with the UW Institutional Analysis office and be used to improve UWSA services and as a lobbying document.

#TextbrokeMB: A campaign to encourage students and instructors to use publicly accessible, free textbooks. After originally meeting with the Copyright Librarian at the UW, VPEA did major outreach with other student unions in Manitoba, with institutions like Campus Manitoba and the Winnipeg Public Library, as well launching an activity and poster campaign on our own campus. Check out the facebook page for #textbrokeMB

Bill 31: EXEC met with CFS-MB through the summer regarding possible actions and outreach around Bill 31, the amendment set to raise tuition 5% plus the rate of inflation. CFS-MB developed new materials and slogan, “Fight the Five,” and regular organizing committees will resume weekly for the future. We expect a Provincial Day of Action in the coming months.

DivestUW: UWSA assisted Divest in motion drafting for the Board of Regents, VPEA met with different groups on campus, and donated funds towards the Divest campout. We will continue to take direction from the student group DivestUW on the best way we can support the movement.

Merchant’s Corner: PRES received a Board position on the Merchant’s Corner Inc Board of Directors. Construction of the project has been going well, and the UWSA has been considering office space and necessary staffing at the Selkirk Campus.

Access Lounge: Accessibility Director has been working with EXEC and staff to put together budget for space. Work has been ongoing to accommodate the space for its new use. We expect a soft launch sometime this fall.

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, hosting Karaoke/Spelling Bee(r)/Dance party.

SOLIDARITY

Communities not Cuts: a coalition between workers, students, environmentalists, childcare advocates, to protest the cuts of the provincial government. PRES has attended several organizing committee meetings, EXEC attended their summer rally.

Our Turn: a national coalition to develop better sexual violence policies on campus. The UWSA hopes to sign onto the campaign publicly and enact the suggestions made by the organizers.

Fascist Free Treaty 1: Rally against fascism, held at the UW. UWSA provided support, VPEA attended

Blackspace: UWSA provided space for the Silence is Violence talk in the Bulman MPR

MEDIA

Outreach: Communications and EXEC have been working on UWSA branding, social media presence, and information campaigns. Communications has developed materials around UWSA structure, exec portfolios, and Board meeting dates to be posted around campus; student handbooks included the same information.

We expect to begin classroom talks soon.

Media appearances: will be presented in the next Executive Report.