



UWSA

THE UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE REPORT

UWSA EXECUTIVES 2017-2018

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report covers the period of October 13 and November 13, 2017, and is the third 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 and staff team had another eventful month. This focused heavily on lobbying against Bill 31 through petition gathering, presenting at Standing Committees, planning and holding a provincial Day of Action, as well as two peaceful demonstrations at the legislature. Within the organization, the By-election and the Special General Meeting were well advertised, and participation showed it: the by-election voter turnout was at 3% (three times last year's by-election) and 87 students attended or proxied for the SGM. Projects and events also kept the executive team busy, including continuing work on the Campus Poverty report, Textbroke, Take Back the Night, the development of a sexual violence policy, Positive Space review, and making the UWSA budget more accessible to engage with.

Looking ahead, the President, VP External Affairs, VP Student Affairs, as well as the Women-Trans-Non-Binary Students Director, the Accessibility Director, and two delegates from the Aboriginal Student Council will be attending the Canadian Federation of Students National General Meeting in Ottawa (unceded and unsundered Algonquin territory). In addition, we are planning events including extended library hours (in partnership with the Library), Snowed In, and Grass Routes, as well as continuing our work around the goals set out by the board at the start of their term.

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:

- Oct. 17 – UWSA Board of Directors meeting
- Oct. 25 – UWSA Special General Meeting
- Oct. 31 – Finance and Operations meeting

External Meetings:

- Oct. 16 – PRES attended Senate Executive meeting
- Oct. 16 – PRES attended UWCRC & UWCRC2 Board meetings
- Oct. 20 – PRES met with Napier consulting re: campus Security audit

Oct. 23 – VPIA and VPSA attended Senate Student Services
Oct. 26 – VPIA attended Senate Appeals committee
Oct. 30 – VPSA and VPIA attended Senate meeting
Nov. 1 – PRES attended Merchant’s Corner Inc. Board meeting
Nov. 3 – PRES and SPM meet with UIC department re: Merchant’s Corner space
Nov. 6 - VPIA attended Social Sustainability Council meeting
Nov. 8 – PRES met with Library staff re: Extended Library hours
Nov. 8 – PRES and VPSA took part in CKUW Student Powered Radiothon
Nov. 13 – PRES attended President Asset Naming Committee meeting
Nov. 13 – PRES & VPIA attended Board of Regents Finance meeting

SERVICES

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

Daycare: The Daycare Expansion build has finished and is in operation. Final work around fire code, as well as the build of a stroller cage onsite, will be completed before the Winter Term. Daycare Expansion ribbon cutting will take place 9:00 am, November 27, at the Daycare.

Academic Advocacy: **BRENDEN**

Service Centres:

The LGBT* Centre Coordinator has recently met with members of executive and staff regarding concerns about current space, its accessibility, and atmosphere. Staff is working in conjunction with centre members to provide immediate relief. The LGBT* Centre recently hosted the 24th Annual Homo Hop at the Good Will Social Club, with a great turnout from students and community members alike. The WTSC coordinator has

U-Pass: No updates at this time.

Bike Lab:

Retail Locations: Index has seen an increase in sales in the last several months, assumable due to better promotion of coffee services and sale of Oh Doughnuts! during the week.

Food Bank: No updates at this time.

PROJECTS:

Financial Transparency:

VPIA working with communications to publish the UWSA’s financial statements online

EVENTS:

Take Back the Night (Oct. 19):

The UWSA helped with hosting Take Back the Night at the University, there was several hundred attendees, and VPEA spoke

Sexual Violence Policy consultations:

The UWSA hosted 3 consultations on the Sexual Violence Policy currently under development by the UW admin. While these in-person consultations were attended by approximately 20 students, we look forward to hosting future events, as well as the introduction of the UW's survey on the policy development.

MB Day of Action (Oct. 26):

The UWSA helped organize and promote the Canadian Federation of Students-Manitoba Provincial Day of Action. This included promotion, hosting, marshalling, and speaking at the event.

International Culture Day (Nov. 2):

The UWSA supported the organizing and hosted the International Culture Day with the International Student Services Centre. PRES welcomed attendees to the space.

Two Days of Protest (Nov. 8+9):

A sit in at the leg, outside of Brian Pallister's office, though the students were removed from the hall 15 minutes into sitting. Students from CFS also attended QP. The next day students did a banner drop of the large "Stop Bill 31" banners, and dropping strings of post cards in the gallery.

Homo Hop (Nov. 10):

Super accessible and fun event with plenty of dancing and laughter.

SOLIDARITY:

Call 2 Conversation (October 20-22):

The UWSA sponsored a speaker from CFS, and helped with volunteering and on the steering committee. The event saw over a hundred attendees and several great panels.

Standing Committee (October 26 and 27):

The UWSA helped facilitate speakers on Bill 31, and there was over 30 speakers talking against Bill 31.

MEDIA

Oct. 24 (Manitoban): VPEA: Take Back the Night coverage

<http://www.themanitoban.com/2017/10/winnipeg-chapter-take-back-night-holds-annual-march-sexual-violence/32581/>

Oct. 26 (WFP): VPEA & PRES Standing committee coverage

<https://www.winnipegfreepress.com/local/tuition-hike-worst-attack-on-students-in-20-years-453233583.html>

Oct. 26 (Uniter): PRES Our Turn/UW Sexual Violence

<http://uniter.ca/view/uwsa-looking-to-change-sexual-assault-policy>

Oct. 26 (Uniter): PRES re: Campus Poverty report

<http://uniter.ca/view/uwsa-hopes-that-board-wont-raise-tuition>

Oct. 27 (CBC): PRES re: Day of Action

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/manitoba/manitoba-tuition-protest-university-1.4374499>

Nov. 1 (Manitoban): VPEA & PRES Standing committee coverage

<http://www.themanitoban.com/2017/11/students-faculty-challenge-regressive-bill-31/32712/>

Nov. 9 (City news): VPEA sit in coverage

<http://winnipeg.citynews.ca/video/2017/11/09/students-upset-over-treatment-at-manitoba-legislative-building/>

Nov. 10 (WFP): VPEA Protest at legislature coverage

<https://www.winnipegfreepress.com/local/speaker-angry-with-students-kicked-out-of-question-period-456559503.html>

Nov. 11 (Free Press): PRES “Millennials face ill-fated future”

<https://www.winnipegfreepress.com/opinion/analysis/millennials-face-ill-fated-future-455493543.html>