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THE UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE REPORT

UWSA EXECUTIVES 2018-2019

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report covers the period of September 15 to October 5, 2018 and is the second submitted to the 2018-19 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.

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:

October 4 – VPSA attended Student Life Committee Meeting

External Meetings:

Sept 17: PRES and VPIA attended RISE (Racialized Indigenous Student Experience) planning committee

Sept 18: VPEA and VPSA attend Slut or Nut Planning Meeting

Sept 18: VPSA attended Senate Student Appeals Sub-Committee

Sept 18: EXEC attended UWSA Board of Directors

Sept 18: VPSA attended meeting with BASA

Sept 19: PRES attended UWinnipeg Indigenous Advisory Circle

Sept 19: PRES, VPEA, VPIA attended Students of Colour Collective meeting

Sept 19: PRES, VPIA attended UW Accommodation Policy Meeting

Sept 20: VPEA and VPSA attended Gendered Violence Events Meeting

Sept 20: VPEA attended MGEU meeting

Sept 20: VPEA, VPIA, VPSA attended Senators Reception

Sept 24: VPIA Attended Board of Regents Finance Sub-Committee Meeting

Sept 25: VPSA attended Senate Student Appeals Sub-Committee

Sept 25: PRES, VPEA attended meeting with Global College re:post-doc fellowship

Sept 26: PRES, VPEA, VPSA attended Senate meeting

Sept 26: PRES, VPEA, VPIA attended Students of Colour Collective meeting

Sept 27: VPEA attended meeting about gender-based university awards

Sept 28: PRES met with mediaINDIGENA

Sept 28: PRES attended Aboriginal Student Council meeting

Sept 28: PRES attended Aboriginal Student Council/Aboriginal Student Services Centre Welcome Night

Oct 1: VPEA and VPIA attend Senate Scholarship Selection Committee
Oct 1: VPEA met with student regarding advocacy surrounding immigration
Oct 1: VPEA and VPSA Gendered Violence Events Meeting
Oct 1: PRES, VPIA, VPSA attended UWinnipeg Board of Regents
Oct 2: VPSA attended Senate Student Appeals Sub Committee
Oct 2: VPEA attended Disability Justice Collective Meeting
Oct 2: VPEA attended meeting with student regarding MCing for UWSA event
Oct 3: PRES, VPEA, VPIA attended Students of Colour Collective meeting
Oct 3: VPEA and VPSA Consultation Meeting with Service Centre Coordinators and LGBT* Directors
Oct 4: PRES attended Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls walk
Oct 5: EXEC attended Aboriginal Student Council/Aboriginal Student Services Centre potluck

SERVICES

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

Health Plan: EXEC worked with the University of Winnipeg to find an acceptable alternative insurance provider for International Students. Looking into better opt-out methods for sponsored First Nation students.

Daycare: No updates at this time.

Academic Advocacy: Working with the faculty and staff here at the University, the VPSA has been representing students on the Senate Student Appeals Committee and, when requested, at the Senate Academic Misconduct Committee. Students have approached the UWSA for advocacy surrounding plagiarism and cheating allegations, grade appeals, and concerns surrounding instructors. The VPSA also advocates for students applying for retroactive withdrawals, incomplete coursework, and deferred exams. With assistance from the Special Projects Manager and Communications Manager, the VPSA has been developing a Students' Guide to Academic Misconduct Procedures.

Service Centres: VPEA Zee has been working with the communications manager and rainbow lounge coordinator regarding the Rainbow Lounge's new branding. All staff are hired and working on recruitment and organizing for the year.

U-Pass: Our retail manager has increased the cost of replacement cards generate revenue at our info booth, and to also incentivize from losing multiple cards.

Bike Lab: Continuing to operate on the scheduled Monday, Fab Lab is currently not operating until our staff can fill the position with the appropriate training.

Retail Locations: We have increased our doughnut order.

Food Bank: Our foodbank coordinator was on leave for a month, and have since returned. During that time, hours were offered to our WTSC service coordinator.

PROJECTS

Refugee/Newcomer/People Without Status Bridging Program: VPEA Zee has been meeting with Jan Stewart, Andrea McClusky, and David Atem regarding the creation of the bridging program

Positive Space: EXEC have met regarding changes to positive space.

Prairies RISE: PRES, VPEA, VPIA have been involved in planning the 2019 Prairies RISE.

'Indigenization': PRES attended first meeting at UWinnipeg's Indigenous Advisory Circle.

EVENTS

mediaINDIGENA Live Podcast: We are proud to organize and support mediaINDIGENA's live podcast event on October 18, 2018. The event will take place at 7:00 pm (Doors open at 6:30 pm) at Eckhardt-Gramatté Hall and it is free for all students. Podcast features: Rick Harp (Host and Producer), Dr. Kim TallBear (Associate Professor, faculty of Native Studies at UAlberta), Tim Fontaine (Editor-in-Grand Chief, Walking Eagle News).

Gender Based Violence Events: VPEA Zee and VPSA Jade DeFehr have been working with the Events Manager and WTSC Coordinator to plan a series of events in late October and early November around gender based violence. We will be screening Slut or Nut: Diary of a Rape Trial, hosting a panel, holding a 'conversation café', and looking into booking a performance of a Sarasvati monologue.

SOLIDARITY

Migrante/Anakbayan: VPEA Zee and VPIA Brenden have been meeting with Migrante Manitoba to start a chapter of Anakbayan in Winnipeg. Anakbayan is a comprehensive organization for Filipino youth. They advocate for jobs, land reform, and political issues. VPEA Zee has been helping plan the Murupuro Event.

MEDIA

Oct 4: VPSA did interview for The Uniter about the Inclusive Gym Initiative.