

EXECUTIVE REPORT

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report covers the period of November 15, 2018 to January 9, 2019 and is the third 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:

Jan 14: EXEC attended Executive meeting
Jan 14: VPEA attended CERC Meeting
Jan 14: VPIA Locale 433 Bargaining
Jan 16: VPIA Locale 433 Bargaining
Jan 15: EXEC attended Board of Directors meeting

External Meetings:

Jan 10: PRES, VPIA, VPSA attended Wet'suwet'en solidarity rally
Jan 10: VPEA attended Wet'suwet'en Art Build
Jan 11: PRES attend meeting with Chair of Indigenous Studies Dr. Jacqueline Romanow
Jan 11: PRES, VPIA, VPSA attended tour with University of College of the North (The Pas campus)
Executive
Jan 11: PRES attended ISA (Indigenous Students' Association) Wesmen Indigenous night
Jan 15: VPSA attended Senate Student Appeals Subcommittee
Jan 16: PRES and VPSA attended Weweni Lecture Series
Jan 16: VPEA attended UW Pride Committee Meeting
Jan 17: VPSA attended meeting with Minister of Sustainable Development Rochelle Squires
Jan 18: PRES attended Dean of Science search committee
Jan 18: PRES and VPSA attended Northern Manitoba hydroelectric development rally
Jan 18: VPEA attended Canadian Federation of Students – Education for All Meeting
Jan 21: PRES attended Academic planning committee
Jan 22: VPSA attended Senate Student Appeals Subcommittee
Jan 23: PRES, VPEA, VPSA attended UWinnipeg Indigenous Elders Star Blanket honouring
Jan 23: VPEA attended Grad Student Rep Meeting
Jan 24: PRES and VPIA attended SOCC (Students of Colour Collective) filming of *Boy*
Jan 25: PRES attended ASSC (Aboriginal Student Service Centre) sweat ceremony
Jan 25: VPIA CHROMA meeting
Jan 28: VPSA attended Senate Library Subcommittee
Jan 28: VPEA Attended Open Textbooks Collaboration Meeting
Jan 28: VPSA and VPIA attended Board of Regents meeting
Jan 30: PRES, VPIA, VPSA attended UWSA Angry Inuk screening

Jan 31: VPSA attended Senate
Feb 1: VPSA attended Dean of Business and Economics search committee
Feb 2: EXEC attended Uniter/UWSA Speaker Series Darla Contois (A White Man's Indian)
Feb 5: VPSA attended Senate Student Appeals Subcommittee
Feb 5: VPEA attended Disability Justice Collective Meeting
Feb 6: VPEA, VPIA, and VPSA attended Indigenous Students Association Potluck
Feb 6: PRES and VPIA attended SOCC Open Mic
Feb 7: PRES, VPEA, VPIA attended SOCC 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: UWSA has been investigating options for PACE students interested in enrolling in the health plan. PRES and UWSA General Manager have been working with ASSC about improving the Health Plan process for Status First Nations and Inuit Students who are covered through the Non-Insured Health Benefit

Daycare: No updates at this time.

Academic Advocacy: The VPSA has been working with staff to develop a Student Rights' Checklist and Appeals Timeline to be added to the UWSA website.

Service Centres: Rainbow Lounge worked in partnership with students at St. Boniface on a Queer Fashion Show

U-Pass: We are currently in the process of negotiating a new contract with the City of Winnipeg

Bike Lab: No Updates at this time.

Retail Locations: No updates at this time.

Food Bank: No updates at this time.

PROJECTS

Refugee/Newcomer/People Without Status Bridging Program: VPEA and Accessibility Director have scheduled a meeting with Jan Stewart to get updates.

Positive Space: No updates at this time.

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

'Indigenization': PRES is working with UWinnipeg Indigenous Academic Lead Dr. Lorena Fontaine on language revitalization projects. Planning to launch ReconciliAction in March, 2019.

Fossil Fuel Divestment: PRES and VPSA have been reviewing the University Foundation's Responsible Investing Policy. Currently working on confirming values of fossil fuel company investments with UW Foundation. Responsible Investing Policy's two-year review approaches in Spring.

#TEXTBROKE: VPEA has been working with Accessibility Director Mohamed on an open textbooks/resource page on the UWSA website. We plan on running a campaign around the same time as course evaluations encouraging students to talk about the cost and usefulness of their required textbooks.

Take Note: Frances Koncan hosted Darla Contois in speaking about her play, *White Man's Indian*, at the WECC on Feb. 3. Take Note Panel about supporting survivors of sexual violence

taking place on February 27th in EG Hall.

EVENTS

Angry Inuk screening – Award-winning documentary by Inuk Director Alethea Arn aquq-Baril:
The event was a success and well-attended.

Uniter Speaker Series: Darla Contois - Frances Koncan hosted Darla Contois in speaking about her play, *White Man's Indian*

SOLIDARITY

Wet'suwet'en Solidarity Rally

Northern Manitoba Hydroelectric Development Rally

MEDIA

VPEA – Uniter Take Note Interview