

EXECUTIVE REPORT

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report covers the period of October 5 to November 14, 2018 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:

Oct 17: PRES, VPEA, and VPIA attended UWSA Board of Directors meeting

Oct 18: VPSA and VPEA attended Student Life Committee Meeting

External Meetings:

Oct 9: EXEC attended meeting with the UWinnipeg President

Oct 9: PRES attended Aboriginal Student Council (ASC) Movie Night

Oct 10: PRES, VPEA, and VPIA attended Students of Colour Collective (SOCC) meeting

Oct 10: EXEC attended meeting with Canadian Federation of Students Manitoba

Oct 11: EXEC attended Library consultation

Oct 14: PRES attended conferences call with Circle of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Students

Oct 16: PRES attended Academic Planning Committee

Oct 17: EXEC attended Weweni Lecture series

Oct 18: EXEC attended mediaINDIGENA Live

Oct 29: EXEC attended UWSA Student Group Fair

Oct 31: EXEC attended UWSA Special General Meeting

Oct 31: PRES, VPEA, and VPIA attended SOCC meeting

Nov 5: PRES and VPIA attended anti-racist poster workshop

Nov 7: PRES, VPEA, and 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:

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: No updates at this time.

U-Pass: No updates at this time.

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 Zee has been working with the Special Projects Manager, Deputy Vice President Academic Jan Stewart, and in partnership with FCJ Refugee Centre regarding a bridging/transition program at the University of Winnipeg.

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 is working with UWinnipeg Indigenous Academic Lead Dr. Lorena Fontaine on language revitalization projects. Planning to launch ReconciliAction in early 2019.

Fossil Fuel Divestment: PRES and VPSA have been reviewing the University Foundation's Responsible Investing Policy and other University policies pertaining to sustainability. The VPSA, VPEA, and VPIA joined others in an action that involved holding a banner that said "Congrats Graduates, Love Divest UW" as graduates left Convocation. The UWSA plans to continue encouraging the University to take actions that move towards fossil fuel divestment.

EVENTS

medialINDIGENA Live Podcast: On October 18, we hosted a two-part live recording of the medialINDIGENA podcast. The event was free for all students and was decently attended with Indigenous Peoples making up a large portion of the audience. The podcast featured: Rick Harp (Host and Producer), Dr. Kim TallBear (Associate Professor, faculty of Native Studies at UAlberta), Tim Fontaine (Editor-in-Chief, Walking Eagle News).

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.

MEDIA

Oct 15: PRES interviewed by Red River College campus newspaper for mediaINDIGENA event.