

# GET INFORMED



Find out if your 2020 UWSA General Election Candidates care about the same issues as you before you cast your vote.

Candidate Speeches  
The Hive  
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# MAKE IT COUNT

## 2020 UWSA GENERAL ELECTION VOTER GUIDE

### VOTE AT/ON

March 2, 3 and 4 | 9am - 6pm  
Riddell Hall, Richardson Centre, Merchant's Corner

March 2 | 10am - 3 pm | Wii Chiiwaakanak Centre

March 3 | 9am - 6pm | Buhler Centre

March 4 | 9.30am - 11.30am | Buhler Centre  
March 4 | 12pm - 4pm | Centennial Hall (3rd Floor)

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## ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE U-PASS REFERENDUM



90% of UW students use their U-Pass, with 53% using it daily.



In the 2014 referendum, U-Pass was established after an 81.7% majority vote in favour of the program.



U-Pass cuts down on traffic congestion, provides parking cost relief, and cuts carbon emissions.



The cost of U-Pass will increase by \$24.50 per term. The 2020/21 U-Pass costs 50% less than a post-secondary pass.

The U-Pass was a student-led initiative and we want it to remain that way. In the 2014 referendum, students voted to have the U-Pass with a cost increase in accordance with the rate of inflation. Since the cost is increasing by a higher rate than that, **we are holding a referendum during the 2020 General Elections in order to get students' approval to continue providing the U-Pass program.**



### REFERENDUM QUESTION

The City of Winnipeg has made a fee increase mandatory to continue offering the U-Pass. Are you in favour of a U-Pass fee increase of \$24.50 per term, amounting to a total U-Pass fee of \$160.75 per term (adjusted annually for inflation), to continue providing unlimited access to Winnipeg Transit services for students?

The options are:

- Yes, I am in favour of the U-Pass fee increase.
- No, I vote to end the U-Pass.

### What does a 'Yes' vote mean?

A 'Yes' vote means that the UWSA can continue to provide a U-Pass to students at the rate of \$160.75 per term. It means that you will continue to have access to a highly subsidized, sustainable mode of transport.

### What does a 'No' vote mean?

A 'no' vote would lead to the end of the U-Pass program. The alternative would be to purchase a post-secondary bus pass that costs **\$117.25 higher** per semester at \$278/term.

# UWSA GENERAL ELECTION CANDIDATES

## CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT



### MAHLET CUFF (DEVOTE)

Hello! My name is Mahlet Cuff and I am running in the UWSA 2020/21 elections to be your President! I am a women's and gender studies major, an active volunteer at CKUW and a member of student groups on campus such as the Black Student Union. Through being a current executive, I have learned so much about the University of Winnipeg student body. I want to ensure that all U of W students have access to proper healthcare, feel safe on campus, accessible U-Pass rates, and most importantly have fun on campus too. If I am elected President I will lobby with the government for lower tuition fees for international and domestic students. Work with administration on better mental health services on campus. As well as ensure that student groups have access to more funding to put on events. Vote Devote as your new UWSA executive team!



### KIRT HAYER (AWARENESS)

Greetings. I'm Kirt, a 5th year student and candidate for President. I want to create positive change on campus through new and innovative approaches. A testament to my innovative ability is my incorporation of poetry into my campaigning efforts. If given the honor of assuming office, I will serve the students with the same creative zeal. Through working as a professional DJ, I have plenty of experience in creating excitement. I will do the same as the president of the UWSA to inspire those around me to get more involved and do better work. My vision is to create a more vibrant student community by giving student groups the supports and ideas they need to thrive. I want to transform the UWSA to become a more engaging, responsive and representative organization. If elected, I promise to go above and beyond in my service to the students and in making my vision a reality!



### JIBRIL HUSSEIN (ENVISION 2020)

My name is Jibril Hussein and I am currently a fourth-year biochemistry and international development studies major. My experience with Peace of Mind Canada, an organization that supports mental health services, opened my mind to how community can impact students' wellness. Students should have access to a positive and supportive learning environment where they can connect with peers, faculty members, and resources. I am running to be the President of your UWSA because I believe this association should foster a greater sense of community for all students on campus. Our team, Envision 2020, wants to make the association as accessible as possible by REVITALIZING student spaces, EQUALIZING funding for all student groups and CREATING new opportunities for students to succeed. On March 2, 3 and 4, vote for Jibril Hussein for President and Envision 2020.

## CANDIDATES FOR VICE-PRESIDENT EXTERNAL AFFAIRS



### SHAWNA PÉLOQUIN (DEVOTE)

Tansi, Boozhoo, Bonjour, Hello - My name is Shawna and I hope to be your next Vice-President of External Affairs. I am a Two-Spirit Cree and Quebecker women from the James Bay Cree Nation. I grew up in Senneterre, QC and have been studying at the University of Winnipeg in the department of Urban and Inner-city studies since January 2017. I love to be involved in the community, and to challenge myself to be the most authentic, accountable and dedicated person I can be. I'm a big believer in the strength of Kindness and love to help, share, and dare where I can. What matters the most for me is youth empowerment, Indigenous rights, environmental sustainability and lateral love. I want to focus on improving students' services and on Divestment. I might look familiar since I used to be the Merchants Corner person and Now, I hope to be your person!!



### ALEX ILESANMI (AWARENESS)

I am Alexander Ilesanmi and I am a third year Mathematics major at the University of Winnipeg. I am running for the position of Vice President External Affairs. I have been on the board of directors for two years and as such, have acquired great knowledge and skills that have better equipped me to represent the student union. Having considered the challenges my fellow students face, I decided to run for this post so as to ensure a finer campus experience for all UWSA members. If elected, I will serve as a voice for students regarding issues surrounding student-life, such as the ever-rising costs of education and living.



### BREANNA M. BELISLE (ENVISION 2020)

My name is Breanna Belisle, I am currently in my first year of a Master of Arts with a BA (Hons.) from UWinnipeg. I have always valued being a part of the UWinnipeg community, which encouraged me to become the president of the Criminal Justice Students' Association. Students need their voices heard and the UWSA should be there to listen. I'm running as VP External Affairs to pursue Envision 2020's goal to create an inclusive campus with accessible services. Your UWSA should be an accessible and transparent resource for mental health, financial aid, sustainability, and safety on campus, ensuring you have the best experience. Envision 2020 will hold networking events for students of all faculties to create lifelong connections. On March 2nd, 3rd and 4th, remember to cast your vote for Breanna Belisle for VP External Affairs and Envision 2020.

## CANDIDATES FOR VICE-PRESIDENT EXTERNAL AFFAIRS



### NOELLE SAGHER (DEVOTE)

Assalamualaikum! My name is Noelle Sagher and I am running to be re-elected as your Vice President of Student Affairs with UWSA Devote. Currently I am the Women's Representative on the National Executive of the Canadian Federation of Students. My focus is promoting inclusive consent culture through existing campaigns, equally importantly assisting in subsequent policies on campus. I have worked for the United Nations in both Switzerland and New York City where I have engaged with hundreds of non-governmental organizations focused on developing programs and strategic initiatives designed to support and represent women, non-binary, and trans folk around the world. As your Vice President of Student Affairs, I hope to continue this work I have done on mental health accommodations for academic appeals, solidarity work with community organizations, and seeing the Divestment campaign through until we reach our final goal. Please vote me to represent you this year. Shukran/thank you!



### REZA SAKER (AWARENESS)

I am Reza, an ACS student here at The University of Winnipeg and I am running to be your next VPSA with slate "Awareness". You and I, as students of UW, are going through such a difficult time when our basic human right like food is unaffordable and to some extent inaccessible on campus, when we're required by professor to buy that \$250 textbook which could've been substituted with an open educational resource, when we don't know how the fee we pay for UWSA is actually benefiting us, that is when we know our association needs change, needs leaders who are motivated, enthusiastic, innovative and caring to students, needs leaders who don't give fake promises but really do something for the students. Support me and my team to raise awareness and transform your association into a more engaging, student-focused and active association.



### MELANIE WILLIAM (ENVISION 2020)

My name is Melanie William and I am a fourth-year biology and human rights major. Since my first year, I have been involved in the UWinnipeg community through various student groups in several faculties. I am the current president of UWinnipeg's Toastmasters and Biology Students' Association and am also Co-Chair of WUSC's Student Refugee Program. I have faced challenges seeking support from campus services and I believe students at UWinnipeg deserve a student union that prioritizes an enjoyable university experience. UWinnipeg is my home and I care deeply about the wellbeing of students, which is why I am running to be your VP Student Affairs. Envision 2020 will work to equalize funding for student groups, publish the UWSA's monthly budget, and redesign Roll Call to reflect the interests of all students. Vote Melanie William as VP Student Affairs and Envision 2020 on March 2, 3, and 4.

## CANDIDATES FOR SENATOR



### ADA CHUKWUDOZIE

Ada is a Human Rights Lawyer and a first-year graduate student of the Master's in Development Practice. She is particularly interested in running for a seat at the Senate because she feels that having the best academic exposure first and foremost is of the utmost importance for a rewarding university experience. As such she aims to work endlessly and tirelessly using her legal and advocacy skills to put a spotlight on students' academic issues, committing herself to be the voice for students who encounters any form of academic related grievances during the upcoming academic year.



### CHETA D. AKALUKA

Cheta D. Akaluka studies Communication and Sociology at the University of Winnipeg. She is enthusiastic about fostering communication amongst peoples, and is determined to amplify the voices of her fellow UWSA members. As Cheta continues to take note of students' perspectives with regards to the university policies, she plans to serve as an intermediary between both parties. UWSA members can rest assured that they will be optimally represented with Cheta as their Senator.

## CANDIDATES FOR 2SLGBT DIRECTOR



### JACOB K. ANTMAN

My name is Jacob Antman, and I will be running for the position of 2SLGBTQ\* Director. I am nonbinary, bisexual, and an active member of the UWSA's Rainbow Lounge. My pronouns are They/Them. As a director, my primary focus will be to ensure that this university can be a welcoming space for all students - especially those in the 2SLGBTQ\* community. If elected, I look forward to working with the other board members on initiatives that will ensure students have the support they need to excel here.

## CANDIDATES FOR ACCESSIBILITY DIRECTOR



### SARAH ANDERSON

My name is Sarah Anderson and I am excited to run for the position of Accessibility Director. I am a second year Education student with prior ambassador and public speaking experience. Last year, as a co director, I advocated for improved access to elevators and study spaces on campus, and facilitated an opportunity for students disabled by barriers to engage with Reaching E-Quality Employment Services. This year I am committed to improving physical accessibility through advocating for automatic doors, as well as exploring ways to encourage connectedness among students disabled by barriers. I believe that students with disabilities know their needs best, and I will ensure student's requests are at the heart of my directorship. I look forward to being your voice!

## CANDIDATES FOR ARTS DIRECTOR



**WESLEY FALLIS**

## CANDIDATES FOR BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS DIRECTOR



**HARSIMRAT S. MALHOTRA**

Harsimrat Singh Malhotra is a third-year student in the faculty of business and economics. He is running for the position of Director of Business and Economics in the UWSA. He promises to work hard to fulfill all the duties and responsibilities of his position. He puts ethical service before all and promises to be fair and just in all his endeavors. He can adapt to the ever-changing needs of the modern world to offer effective solutions to problems. He will try to understand the operations of bond and equity market using economic and business concepts from a Canadian perspective to better streamline the business and accounting aspects of UWSA operations.

## COMMUNITY LIAISON DIRECTOR



**CELINA CLEMENTS**

Celina Clements is a third year Urban and Inner-City Studies student. Her ancestry is Acadian from Nova Scotia, Mohawk, French and African roots. She has volunteered at many Inner City organizations such as Aboriginal Visioning for the North End, North End Community Helpers Network. She has diplomas from Red River College in Media Production, Photography and Aboriginal Child Support Helper Diploma; Hons, Valedictorian. Celina as Community Liaison Director wants to reach out and communicate with the diverse organizations in the North End, West End and Central Communities, as well as High School students. Celina looks forward to leading the way for alliances between these community organizations to implement programming and workshops.

## GRADUATE STUDENT DIRECTOR CANDIDATES



**ALEXANDRA K. NYCHUK & NADIA M. CHAHARSOUGHI (Co-Directors)**

## CANDIDATES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' DIRECTOR



**HARSHLEEN SINGH**

Harshleen Singh is a 2nd year student at the University of Winnipeg who is pursuing a 3-year BBA. He is a candidate for the position of International Student Director in the 2020 UWSA general elections. Harshleen is aiming to achieve a strong relationship with the other directors of the association and with international students. He is himself an international student and has firsthand experience of the problems they face. If he is given the honor of achieving his intended position, he seeks to facilitate cultural exchanges to better integrate international students into the Canadian society and be of service in any way he can. His goal is to tirelessly solve problems that are presented to him, take initiative to find problems, and offer effective solutions.



**ELSA OWUSU & ONYINYE F. IDIGBE (Co-Directors)**

Hey! This year we are running as co-directors for the position of International Student's Director. We are both full-time International students at the University of Winnipeg and are excited to represent you. We understand the larger issues that International student's face, such as limited access to healthcare, the 20-hour cap on number of hours available to work off-campus and the increasing cost of tuition. If elected, we intend to work with other international student directors across other universities in Canada and the UWSA board to see how we can address these issues. We would also like to create awareness of all resources available to International Students and help them answer and address issues that they face.

## RACIALIZED STUDENTS' DIRECTOR



**ELLA TAYLOR**

## VOTE YES/NO ON THE U-PASS REFERENDUM QUESTION AT POLLING BOOTHS!

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