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Peyton Veitch
President

It's an incredible privilege to be serving as your UWSA President. This year, I'm committed to being a voice for fairness, equity and accessible education. To the University administration and at all levels of government, I will work to ensure that students' perspectives are clearly articulated and heard.

I could not be any prouder to be the President of an association that has achieved so much in years past. While serving as Vice-President Advocate in 2014/2015, I was part of a team that delivered on everything from the elimination of interest rates on Manitoba student loans, to the implementation of a fall reading week for 2016, and to securing improvements to in-house counselling services at the University.

It is through recognizing what we can achieve together combined with the realization that there are many more battles to be won that keeps me motivated. My priorities include striving to improve our services, reconnecting with our members and continuing to advocate for social, economic and environmental justice. Students are not apathetic, and we are not powerless. It was because of my involvement with the UWSA that allowed me to become aware of my own ability to affect positive change. As President, I can't do it alone. Every single day, I'll be striving to grow our movement so that the opportunities for empowerment and leadership that I enjoyed through the UWSA are open to all.

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Kevin Sette
Vice-President of External Affairs

I am your newly elected Vice-President External Affairs. I was born and raised in the downtown west end of Winnipeg. Originally I am from Fisher River Cree Nation and Matheson Island, a small fishing community. Currently, I am doing a double major in Urban and Inner City Studies and Geography. The focus of my studies is on poverty reduction through cultural revitalization, community economic development and environmental protection. As an Anishinaabe man, I have a responsibility to advocate and fight for an equitable society that is founded on human rights, cross-cultural education, social and environmental justice and environmental stewardship. As an advocate and representative of the student union, it is my job and responsibility to bridge relationships between our union and greater community to further the mission and goals of the UWSA and student interests. As chair of the campaigns and external relations committee, we will work hard to implement national, provincial and local campaigns that matter the most to students at the University of Winnipeg. I am looking forward to not only raising awareness on issues that affect students, but also building solidarity between student groups and taking action to serve justice. If at anytime you would like to contact me, please come by; we have an open door policy and encourage students to come visit us. The responsibility isn't all on students; we are committed to and will reach out to the student membership to hear the needs and wants of our members.

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Jesse Blackman

Vice-President of Student Affairs

Since beginning my studies here in fall 2011, the UWSA has been integral to my student experience. Going to events, joining student groups, volunteering, leading campaigns, becoming a UWSA Director, and representing the UWSA at the Canadian Federation of Students General Meetings has shown me the strength of the student movement, its relevance in civic, provincial, and national lobbying, and the vibrant sense of community it produces.

As Vice-President of Student Affairs, I am engaged with student groups and service centres, including the Womyn-Trans Spectrum Centre, LGBT* Centre, EcoPIA, and International Students' Association. I represent students on numerous internal committees within the University, and I am eager provide support to students through guidance and advocacy for Academic and Non-Academic Misconduct, Grade and Course Appeals, Housing Incidents, and other circumstances which impact students' lives and well being.

I look forward to getting to know many of you throughout the year. If you see me around come say hi, I'm always happy to chat about anything from that local sports team, to general counselling on campus, to equity and social justice, or navigating the University's policy and procedures.

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Emily Epp

Vice-President of Internal Affairs

I am very excited to be serving as your vice-president internal affairs for the 2015-2016 year. I am a fifth year human rights and conflict resolution major. I served last year as one of the status of women co-directors, and as acting chair of the board of directors working hard to bring about increased services, and i am looking forward to continuing that work this year. I believe in accessibility, equality, and accountability. This year, i'm responsible for the services the UWSA offers, so if you have any questions about the foodbank, the UWSA health plan, or just want to print something on campus, come talk to me! I am also responsible for the UWSA's budget, and as the chief financial officer for the UWSA, I promise to work diligently to ensure our budget and spending reflect our values of honesty and integrity. The UWSA is here to help enhance your student experience and advocate for students, so please don't hesitate to stop me in the hall, or pop by the office. I'd love to talk to you!