



Office of the Provost and Vice-President, Academic

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the second edition of the newsletter from the Office of the Provost and Vice-President, Academic!

Updates on Strategic Initiatives

Academic Unit Plans

The Academic Unit Planning initiative was launched last year to provide departmental units with an opportunity to reflect on priorities, enrolment, opportunities, challenges, and curriculum innovation, as well as contributions to the TRC and the Scarborough Charter. These plans provide a comprehensive overview of the University's academic strengths and potential opportunities that will further assist in informing and building towards our next UWinnipeg Academic Plan.

The PVPA would like to thank all departments for their efforts in drafting their academic unit plans and for meeting with the PVPA team to discuss their academic unit plans.

All of the academic unit plan meetings will be completed by the end of April. An important part of the initiative was the development of unit-specific enrolment dashboards, which will be shared with Chairs and Deans in May.

Look out for a report on what we heard in Fall 2025.

Strategic Enrolment Management

The SEM Steering Committee has been working closely with three SEM Sub-Committees (Recruitment, Admissions, and Enrolment; Retention; Academic Programming and Infrastructure/Learning Spaces) to review existing data, perform environmental scans, and consult with faculty, staff, and students to inform the development of the UWinnipeg SEM Plan.

The next step in this process is to hold an SEM Info Session followed by engagement sessions with the UWinnipeg community. Information regarding these sessions is provided below:

SEM Information Session

May 13, 2025 | 11:00am-12:00pm | Convocation Hall

SEM Engagement Session (In Person)

May 20, 2025 | 11:00am-12:30pm | Convocation Hall

SEM Engagement Session (Online)

May 27, 2025 | 10:30am-12:00pm | Zoom

[Register here](#)

The draft of the SEM Plan will be shared with registrants prior to the engagement sessions.

Further engagement sessions may be scheduled as needed.

Teaching and Learning Advisory Committee

Thank you to all faculty who have expressed an interest in being part of an ad hoc Teaching and Learning Advisory Committee. The purpose of this committee is to lay the groundwork for a Teaching and Learning Centre. An email with details about the meeting time/date to discuss next steps will be sent this week.



PVPA Spotlight

Graduate Studies BIPOC Alumni Panel and Mentorship Program Launch

The Faculty of Graduate Studies hosted a BIPOC Alumni Panel on March 28, which featured three alumni from UWinnipeg graduate programs (Bunmi Afolabi, 2023 MDP Grad; Mohammad Anas Khan, 2024 MA Environmental and Social Change Grad; Abinash Meher, 2022 MSc Bioscience, Technology and Public Policy Grad), a current postdoctoral fellow (Tanya Verma, Biology), and the panel moderator, Dr. Sharanpal Ruprai, Chair of Women's and Gender Studies.

This event also served as the launch for a new UWinnipeg BIPOC Graduate Student Mentorship Program, with five alumni committed to mentoring graduate students throughout 2025. The Faculty of Graduate Studies plans to organize two more alumni and student mentorship events this year to foster networking and support within the BIPOC graduate studies community at UWinnipeg.

A big thanks to Mekala Wickramasinghe, Recruitment and Training Officer in Graduate Studies, for organizing this exciting initiative!



Mind Matters: Prioritizing Mental Health for Black Students

The Black Scientists Network (BSN), a student group that aims to foster community, mentorship, and career opportunities for Black students in STEM fields at UWinnipeg, hosted “Mind Matters: Prioritizing Mental Health for Black Students” on March 7. This event focused on specific challenges for Black and other racialized students and new immigrants studying in STEM fields.

Counseling psychologists Dr. Grace Ukasoanya from University of Manitoba and Dr. Sophie Yohani from University of Alberta each presented by Zoom with most students gathered in the Aabijijiwan New Media Lab/Kishaadigeh Collaborative Research Centre and others joining via Zoom. Students learned about the value of building resilience, wellness, and stress management techniques to equip them to manage the demands of advanced training and their subsequent professional careers. Presentations were followed by a “Meet n’ Greet” that included dinner.

Undergraduate and graduate students interested in joining the BSN can contact: uwblackscientistsnetwork@gmail.com.



Upcoming Events



Graduation Pow Wow

May 4 | 10:00 a.m. | Grand entry 12:30 p.m.

Duckworth Centre

Help us celebrate our graduating Indigenous students at this exciting event. Everyone is invited! [Learn more.](#)

Experiential Learning Colloquium

May 2 | 12-2:30 p.m.

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Students, faculty, and mentors from host organizations are invited to celebrate experiential learning at this colloquium. Faculty and students will present on their exciting projects. [Learn more.](#)

Academic Integrity Inter-Institutional Meeting 2025

June 10 | 12-2:30 p.m.

Kishaadigeh Collaborative Research Centre | Richardson College

UWinnipeg and the Manitoba Academic Integrity Network are pleased to present the 8th Annual Academic Integrity Inter-Institutional Meeting. See [event website.](#)

Updates on Searches

Dean of the Faculty of Science Search

UWinnipeg is pleased to announce the search for a new Dean of Science has begun. To ensure that the search continues to be on time, we secured a search partner, KBRS, to assist with the search. See the [posting here](#).

Dean of Collegiate Search

UWinnipeg is pleased to announce the search for a new Dean of Collegiate has begun. See the [posting here](#).

Travel Advisory

When travelling for research or other university-related matters, The University of Winnipeg advises faculty, staff, and students to follow the Government of Canada's country-specific travel advisory at [Travel advice and advisories - Travel.gc.ca](#).

If you have any concerns or require a travel risk assessment, please fill out the [Travel Risk Assessment form](#) and submit your university sanctioned travel plans to the Risk Management department 4-6 weeks prior to the departure date to receive a report to assist you with your travel, along with local information on the destination. If you have any questions about travel risks, please don't hesitate to contact rms@uwinnipeg.ca.

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