

Office of the Provost and Vice-President, Academic

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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Updates on Strategic Initiatives

Strategic Enrolment Management

In May, the SEM Steering Committee hosted an SEM Info Session followed by two engagement sessions with the UWinnipeg community to collect feedback on the draft SEM Plan. Thanks to the over 155 faculty, staff, and students who participated!

The next part of this engagement phase will include a Student Survey on academic programming and university experience (adapted from the National Survey of Student Engagement), including demographics, and a Faculty Survey on teaching and learning needs and academic programming.

Teaching and Learning Advisory Committee

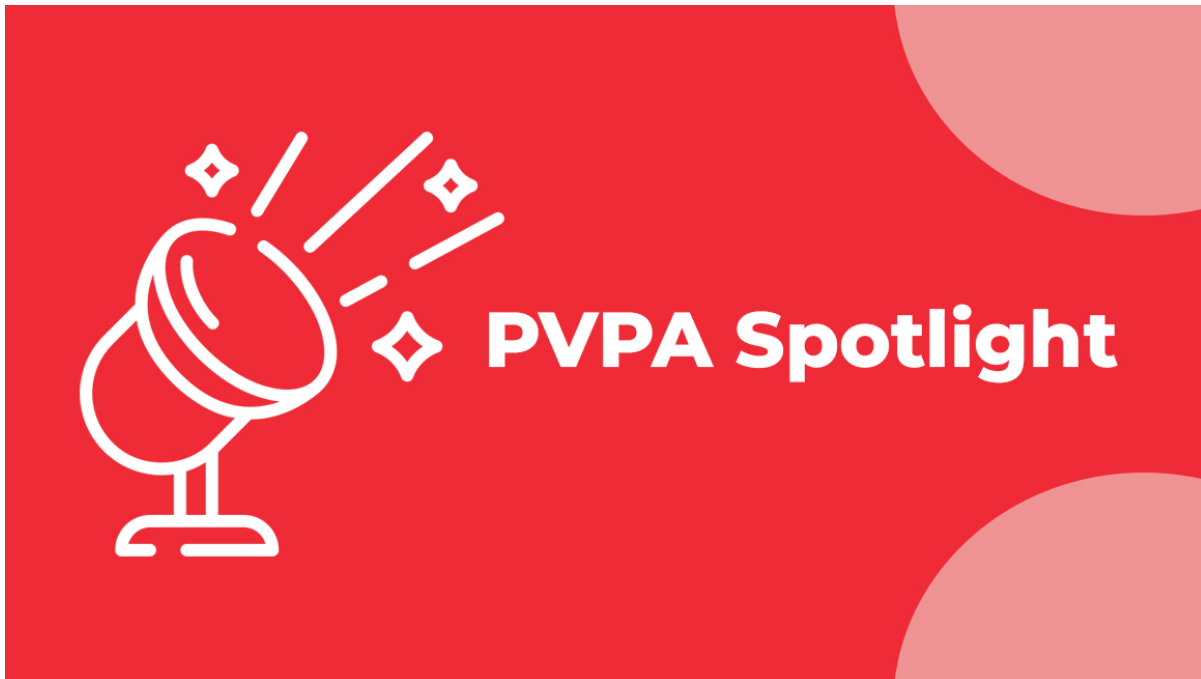
Thank you to all who volunteered to be on the new Teaching and Learning Advisory Committee! The first meeting will take place online on June 6.

Calls for Participation

Work-Integrated Learning Committee

We are looking for 6-10 faculty who are interested in work-integrated/experiential

learning to become members of an ad hoc Work-Integrated Learning Advisory Committee. The purpose of this committee is to draft an institutional work-integrated learning strategy. Please email Ramona Hallett at r.hallett@uwinnipeg.ca if you are interested in joining this committee.



UWinnipeg Hosts Classical Association of Canada 2025 Annual Conference

From May 14-16, UWinnipeg hosted the 2025 Annual Conference for the Classical Association of Canada – the first time it had been at the University in more than 20 years.

The Classical Association of Canada annual meeting is the largest gathering of Classicists, classical archaeologists, and ancient historians in Canada. Highlights included innovative panels on Classics and Indigenous North America, Classics and 2SLGBTQ studies, and intersections among Classical literature, art, and history with popular culture. We also heard from leading experts in the many subfields of Classics, including an important symposium on the ethics of working with papyrus, some of which is illegally looted and exported on a black market. The keynote speaker was Prof. Joel Christensen from Brandeis University, one of the world's leading experts on Homer and a stalwart advocate for bringing Classical literature and its study out of the classroom and into the popular world.

Congratulations to the Organizing Committee: Dr. Melissa Funke, Dr. Peter J. Miller (co-chair), Dr. Melanie Racette-Campbell, Dr. Pauline Ripat, Dr. Conor Whately (co-chair), and Dr. Flavia Vasconcellos Amaral!



2025 Silver Ring Ceremony

Twenty-two graduating students from the Department of Environmental Studies and Sciences (EES) were celebrated at a Silver Ring Ceremony in Convocation Hall on April 29. This special biannual event, organized by the Canadian Institute of Forestry (CIF), welcomes new graduates from forestry-focused programs to a career in forestry.

The 2025 Silver Ring Ceremony was the sixth held at UWinnipeg. The first took place in 2009. Since then, over 100 UWinnipeg students have received CIF silver rings.



2025 Experiential Learning Colloquium

Since 2013, the University of Winnipeg's Experiential Learning Fund has supported faculty projects and research rooted in hands-on learning approaches.

Our 2024-25 round of funding has meant more opportunities for experiential learning across a wide variety of academic disciplines, from Classics, to Archaeology, to Education, to writing and media-based disciplines like English, Rhetoric and Cultural Studies.

As Experiential Learning is primarily student-centered, so too is our yearly Colloquium, where student presenters are encouraged to share their experiences working on local and internationally based projects. This year many such opportunities engaged with Indigenous communities, disability experts, conservation organizations, and institutes that create and promote current and future historical data, media, and artifacts.

The colloquium at large proved to be valuable in highlighting projects engaged in collaborative advocacy and knowledge mobilization, with students at the forefront.

All of the individual presentations from this colloquium can be found [here](#).



Hands-On for a Head Start

UW Experiential Learning
2025 Colloquium

UWinnipeg Faculty and PACE Students and Alumni at TEDx Winnipeg

On May 29, alumna Dorota Blumczynska (BA 05, PACE 07), UWinnipeg students Don Ritson and Chioma Onyekpere (PACE 25), and faculty member Izzeddin Hawamda, will speak at the 15th Annual TEDx Winnipeg. TED Talks are short, powerful presentations that aim to ignite conversation and share ideas worth spreading.

Their talks will cover a wide range of topics – from the significance of tattoo artistry to ethical artificial intelligence, to the power of storytelling, and the evolving role of museums in truth, reconciliation, and healing. For more information see [UWinnipeg students, faculty and alum to represent on TEDx Winnipeg stage](#).



New 2SLGBTQ+ Community Page

As we celebrate Pride Month, make sure you check out the new [2SLGBTQ+ Community page](#) on the [EDI Hub](#). This page features on- and off-campus resources for the UWinnipeg 2SLGBTQ+ community, including a [Trans and Gender Diverse Students' Guide](#).



Upcoming Events

[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

Reappointment Review Process: Dean of the Faculty of Education

UWinnipeg has initiated a reappointment review process for Dr. Laurie-Ann Hellsten, whose five-year term as Dean of the Faculty of Education concludes on June 30, 2025. Dr. Hellsten has expressed her interest in serving a second term, prompting the establishment of a Reappointment Review Advisory Committee to evaluate her performance and determine the suitability of renewing her appointment.

The committee seeks written input from the University community focusing on the overall administration and operation of the Faculty of Education under Dr. Hellsten's leadership. Submissions must be sent in confidence to the Committee Chair via email at provost@uwinnipeg.ca by **Friday, May 30, 2025**. Anonymous submissions will not be considered.

Reappointment Review Process: Dean of the Library

The University of Winnipeg has initiated a reappointment review process for Gabrielle Prefontaine, whose five-year term as Dean of the Library concludes on June 30, 2025. Gabrielle Prefontaine has expressed her interest in serving a third term, prompting the establishment of a Reappointment Review Advisory Committee to evaluate her performance and determine the suitability of renewing her appointment.

The committee seeks written input from the University community focusing on the overall administration and operation of the Library under Gabrielle Prefontaine's leadership. Submissions must be sent in confidence to the Committee Chair via email at provost@uwinnipeg.ca by **Wednesday, June 4, 2025**. Anonymous submissions will not be considered.

Dean of the Faculty of Science Search

We are excited to share the shortlist of candidates for the Dean of the Faculty of Science search. The University community will have the opportunity to meet the candidates during the first week of June. Each candidate will give a 30-minute public presentation, which will be followed by a question-and-answer session. The candidates' short biographies can be found on the Office of the Provost [Leadership Searches page](#).

Dean of Collegiate Search

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

New PVPA Website

Check out the [new website](#) for the Office of the Provost and Vice-President, Academic. Here you can find information on our strategic initiatives, supports for faculty, and updates on leadership searches, as well as key office contacts.

Feedback and contact information

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