



THE UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG

OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of Senate

FROM: Colin Russell, Registrar, and Chair, Senate Student Services Committee

RE: Senate Student Services Committee Year-End Report and Awards Report

DATE: April 17, 2024

During the 2023-24 academic year, the Senate Student Services Committee:

- received information that The University of Winnipeg Admissions Office has updated the English Language Policy to accept the IELTS (International English Language Testing System) for UKVI format of the IELTS test. According to the British Council, IELTS for UKVI is a test created for UK visa purposes, designed to meet certain administrative requirements that are specific to the UK Visas and Immigration Division. There are no differences in the test format or questions from the IELTS Academic Test.
- supported the adoption of an Authorized Leave Policy for International Students. This new policy outlines the process for international students to take an official leave of absence from their studies while complying with conditions of their study permit and maintaining eligibility for a post-graduation work permit. This policy will provide students with the support they need during difficult times or unforeseen circumstances that disrupt their studies and it will ensure that the University facilitates student compliance with Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) regulations. The policy has been referred to the Policy Office for review.
- on behalf of the committee, the Registrar presented to Senate lists of graduands for the June 2023, October 2023, and February 2024 Convocations
- on behalf of the committee, the Registrar presented to Senate the Degree and Major Statistics from February 2023, June 2023, and October 2023 Convocations
- approved 6 new awards and amendments to 11 awards (see next page):

New Awards

Donald W. Beattie Templum Sion Lodge of Freemasons Award in the Master of Arts in Peace and Conflict Studies
Maureen and Hugh Taggart Scholarship in Theatre and Film
The 2022 U17 Female MSA Champions Scholarship
Bill Blaikie Award for Social Justice
Dr. Ken Atwal Collegiate Award
University of Winnipeg Indigenous Community Awards - Student

Amendments to Awards

Bethia Henry Memorial Scholarship in Sociology
Bethia Henry Memorial Scholarship in Theatre and Film
Dr. Henry Woltman Scholarship in Kinesiology and Applied Health
Professor Gordon G. Blake Memorial Scholarship in Economics
Lawson Scholarship in Mathematics
The William Shakespeare Scholarship in Theatre & Film
Doreen & Harold King Bursary in Theology
Enterprise Mobility Indigenous Student Bursary
Henry Lasker Book Prize
Howard Curle Scholarship in Film
Norman J. and Gwen Axworthy Peace Education Bursary

I wish to thank the members of the Committee for their work this year, and extend particular thanks to Student Services Communications Coordinator, Lois Cherney, for her ever-capable assistance with the work of Senate Student Services.

Committee members:

Brandon Christopher, English
Ashley Dunlop, Director of Student Recruitment, Acting Director of Admissions and International, Immigrant and Refugee Student Services
Ryan Filteau, Director of Awards and Financial Aid
Carolyn Garland, Graduate Studies Awards and Communications Officer
Sherry Hebert, Biology
Srimathie Indraratne, Environmental Studies and Sciences
Mubarak Owolabi, UWSA representative
Valerie Pelleck, Kinesiology and Applied Health
Gabrielle Prefontaine, Dean of the Library (and Emma Hill Kepron, Acting Dean of the Library)
Christine Quiah, Vice President Student Affairs, UWSA