

Quarterly Report to the Board of Trustees  
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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report covers activities and initiatives that are happening from the perspective of Winthrop students. This quarter's report will highlight two student engagement activities. Also featured is student feedback from the Student Experience Survey conducted November of 2019 through January 2020 by the Council of Student Leaders (CSL). The report will wrap-up with an overview of proposed constitutional and structure changes, and a listing of CSL's upcoming events.

## **STUDENT ENGAGEMENT**

### **First-Generation College Student Celebration Day**

Student Affairs hosted a social media campaign recognizing Winthrop's first-generation students and graduates (faculty and staff). The campaign culminated in the inaugural First-Generation College Celebration Day on Friday, November 8. First-generation is defined as neither parent/guardian has earned a baccalaureate degree.

As students wore their first-generation buttons with pride, many were able to connect with other first-generation students, faculty, and staff. Outside of bringing awareness to this population on Winthrop's campus, this week provided space for students to feel more comfortable sharing about their experiences coming from a first-generation background.

### **Martin Luther King Day of Service**

This year, Winthrop held the 20<sup>th</sup> annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service event. Over 250 students from Winthrop University and York Technical College came together to participate in a day on instead of a day off. With the help of the Office of Career and Civic Engagement, 31 student leaders from across campus came together to help successfully lead this event.

Students who participate in this event appreciate it not only focuses on community service, but community building as well. This is an event that students look forward to every year.

## **THE COUNCIL OF STUDENT LEADERS**

### **Student Experience Survey**

The Council of Student Leaders conducted a Student Experience Survey to gain a better understanding of students' thoughts about the institution and to gain more insight about their current experience on Winthrop's campus. From mid-November to early January, the Council collected 663 survey responses. Topics included student involvement on and off Winthrop's campus, student employment, the 2019 Homecoming experience, commuter student involvement, food insecurity, Residence Life, feedback about their overall Winthrop experience,

and knowledge of CSL. The Council has been using this information to better understand and advocate for student’s needs.

**Constitution Amendments and Structure Change**

From the Student Experience Survey, the Council gained insight about what students needed from the student life perspective, academically, and what students needed from their student government. We will be proposing changes to the Constitution at the final board meeting that will benefit the overall functioning of the Council of the Student Leaders so we can better serve and collect information from a wide variety of students – particularly post-traditional, commuter, and online students. Below is a brief summary of some the changes we will be proposing.

**Changes will include:**

Name of Change	Purpose
Parliamentarian Position	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain Robert's Rules of Order and Parliamentary procedures during meetings.</li> <li>• Assist the President in enforcing Constitution and Bylaws</li> </ul>
Student Experience Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committee under CSL’s jurisdiction - excluding council members</li> <li>• The committee would meet the last Monday of the month</li> <li>• Committee will be open to a wide variety of participants. Meetings will focus on an assortment of topics, and as appropriate may focus on different student groups and identities (i.e. international students, transfer students, student organization leaders, online based students, first-generation students etc.).</li> <li>• The committee would be introduced to University functions and offices, and encouraged to give their opinions and feedback on their individual and collective university experiences. Collected information (ex. Homecoming changes, Common Time feedback, parking concerns, etc.) will be aggregated and shared with appropriate institutional entities.</li> </ul>

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Student Body Elections
- The Sullivan Project
- CSL Week