

RSP 4: WUSA Yearly Planning Survey Summarized Report

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Introduction

The Representative Survey Platform (RSP) WUSA Yearly Planning survey received a total of 692 responses. This main goals of this survey were to:

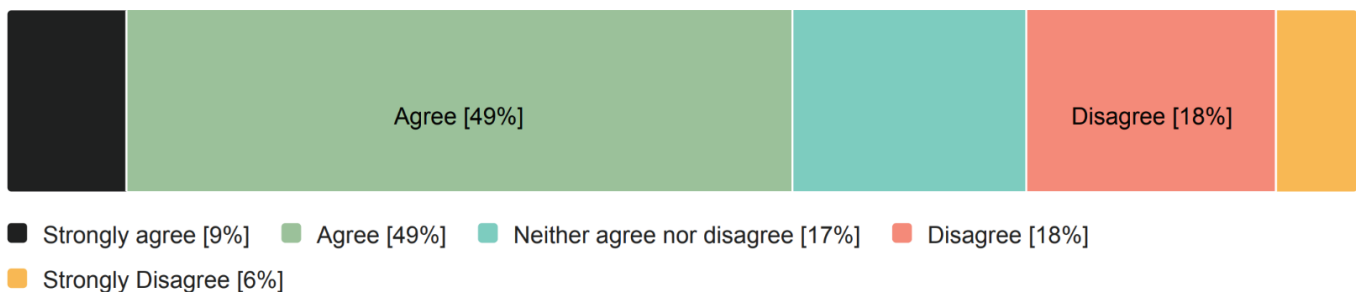
- Understand student awareness and engagement with WUSA Elections and Governance
- Understand what issues are important to students
- Learn what students see as priorities for WUSA to focus on in the coming year

Key Findings

Elections

- Most students either strongly agreed (9%) or agreed (49%) that they felt knowledgeable enough to make an informed decision when voting in the 2024 WUSA General Election (Figure 1)

Figure 1: Agreement with the statement "I felt knowledgeable enough to make an informed decision when voting in the 2024 WUSA General Election"



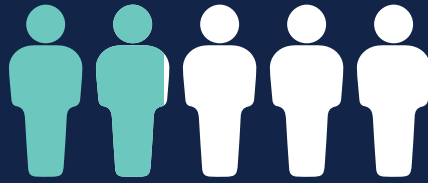
Most students (86%) who completed this survey were aware of the 2024 WUSA General Election.

- Of those students, 62% indicated they had voted.

Top two reasons why students did not vote in the 2024 WUSA General Election



47% Lack of time



39% Forgetting when the deadline was

Top two communication methods students learned about the election through



60% WUSA email



51% Posters around campus

Governance & Operations

Most students did not plan to attend the general meeting due to:



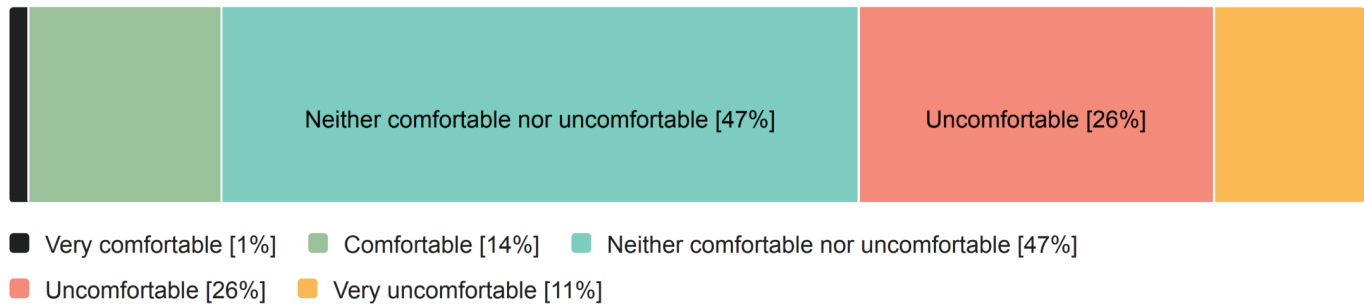
74% Being too busy



32% Felt their attendance would not make a difference

47% of students were neither comfortable nor uncomfortable with their knowledge of WUSA operations, followed by 26% of students who were uncomfortable (Figure 2).

Figure 2: Student comfort with knowledge of WUSA operations



Most students wished they understood more about WUSA operations (66%). Students would like to better understand:

- How WUSA operates
- The roles of individuals within WUSA
- The overall structure of WUSA
- How decisions are made and WUSA's responsibilities

Advocacy & Annual Planning

Top stressors for students



90% Academic workload

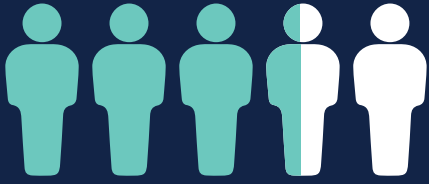


63% Maintaining a positive mental health



56% Financial challenges

In addition to the five main advocacy priorities from the 2020-2025 LRP, the top issues students would like WUSA to advocate for were:



68% Student mental health

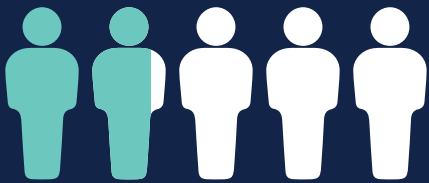


68% Availability of student jobs and employment



41% Community & belonging on campus

Students most commonly want to engage in WUSA advocacy by:



36% Attending events related to a specific topic



32% Providing feedback through research and consultation opportunities

66% of students indicated that connection to their field of study would encourage them to participate more in advocacy related activities.

Further Insights

The full RSP WUSA Yearly Planning Survey Report can also be found on wusa.ca, complete with the expanded key findings and corresponding recommendations.