



UNIVERSITY OF WINDSOR MODEL UNITED NATIONS
HIGH SCHOOL CONFERENCE
INTERNATIONAL PRESS COMMITTEE

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LETTER FROM YOUR SECRETARY-GENERAL

Dear Teachers, Parents, and Prospective Delegates,

It is my honour have you attend the University of Windsor Model United Nations 2017 high school conference. UWindsor Model United Nations (WinMUN) is proud to be hosting it's third annual conference with students coming together to compete and debate. I can promise that WinMUN's secretariat team has been hard at work making this conference the best one yet.

Since its inception in 2014, WinMUN has striven to provide realistic and engaging simulations of the United Nations and its associated bodies to inspire diplomacy among students and foster an interest in global issues. In only 3 years, WinMUN has grown exponentially in terms of membership, travelling and winning in conferences, campus involvement through our first annual gala and panel discussions, and of course our high school conference. We are excited to once again offer the top- notch debate quality and will bring the same effort and enthusiasm that we have when planning all our events.

Over the past few months, our Secretariat team has worked hard to prepare the best conference to date and we are excited to share some of our work with you. We are thrilled that delegations from around the community continually express their interest in our work. The committees for this year provide students with a diverse array of options depending on their interests. All of our chairs are well trained and committed to providing delegates with the best experience possible.

In addition to offering a diverse and educational experience, WinMUN also offers great social and networking events. Taking advice from previous delegates and faculty advisors, we look forward to hosting events in which delegates will be able to connect with each other as well as the secretariat members.

The conference will be hosted at the beautiful Center for Engineering and Innovation with spacious rooms that allow for good flow of debate. It is at the edge of campus so students will be able to go and explore the university while also having many restaurants nearby to explore.

It is my sincere hope that you will enjoy WinMUN 2017 and that you have such a great experience that you come again next year or even join our team once you start attending university. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact rodri118@uwindsor.ca, or peruse our website.

On behalf of the WinMUN Secretariat and staff, thank you for your time and consideration. We are thrilled to have you as our honoured guests!

Regards,

Arianne Rodriguez Saltron

Secretary General

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Hello Delegates,

Welcome to the University of Windsor's Model United Nations High School Conference! My name is Melanie Renaud and I am very excited to be your new Editor in chief for the Press committee at this year's conference. I am a second year Double major in Digital Journalism and




Communication, Media and Film. Having been a part of WinMUN for the last two years, I have had the amazing opportunity to serve as the Under-Secretary General of Public Relations and work with WinMUN's social media outlets. I look forward to working with all of you at our 2017 conference and having the opportunity to witness the growth and knowledge that you will gain by being a part of such an exciting and immersive opportunity!

As a second-year Journalism student, you may be wondering how I found myself involved in Model United Nations. I became involved through the press side of Model United Nations and through that experience I have realized that there is something for everyone within MUN. Model United Nations is not restricted to one specific field of study. Model United Nations is about becoming more aware about the world and learning how we can solve the issues we are exposed to each day through various forms of media. Through Model United Nations, our delegates have become better public speakers, better debaters, better writers, and of course more knowledgeable about what goes on in the world. We have been able to provide our University community with the opportunity to become more versed about the world, and we are excited to extend this opportunity to you during our conference!

Welcome Delegates, one and all, to the International Press Committee! We are very glad to have you on board for this committee. You might be wondering, what is the International Press Committee all about?

In the International Press Committee, delegates take on the role of an editor of a newspaper and write articles about the various committees. The important thing to note



is that delegates (who we will now refer to as journalists) should write their articles from the perspective of their newspaper. If the newspaper you are assigned takes on a biased approach and strongly supports one country's stance and opinions, your writing should reflect this notion. Sometimes, one newspaper would prefer the stance and opinions raised in one particular committee. However, in this committee, we challenge delegates to strongly look at the editorial policy and opinions of the newspaper you are assigned and apply the stance and writing style of your newspaper to other committees. This way, we can see the kind of journalist you are and how your writing can vary from topic to topic, while still maintaining the integrity of your newspaper. The Newspaper options are:

- Al Jazeera
- Toronto Star (Toronto, Canada)
- Sports net
- CBC/Radio-Canada (Canada)
- The New York Times (United States)
- Awareness Times (Sierra Leone)
- Times of India
- The Telegraph (UK)
- The Economist
- The Guardian (US)

Your objective should be to research your newspaper and the editorial policy. This will give you an idea about the kind of writing that the newspaper upholds.

It is important for you to have a strong understanding of the history of your newspaper, understand the features of the newspaper's style, information about the newspaper's editorial policy (are they biased, do they focus on one topic more than another, what is the background of their writers, etc.). Also look into the journalists of your newspaper, as there might be some very famous names for you to keep in mind.

All your articles should be sent to winmunblog@gmail.com. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out and send your inquiries our way. We look forward to working with you all and seeing your journalistic capabilities.

Sincerely,
Melanie Renaud
Editor- in- chief

Important factors to Note about the Press Committee

- Reporters should try to write their articles on different committees ex. If one reporter writes about General Assembly, the other reporter should write about security council
- All articles should aim to be within 300 to 500 words
- All articles must be submitted ON TIME in the email account in order to be edited
- Avoid being opinionated in the articles: write what you see and write about what is happening
- You may interview delegates during Unmoderated Caucasus if you would like to know more details about what is being discussed
- Avoid using "I" in any of your writing
- Use the editorial and writing style of your respective news source when writing your articles (e.g. If your news source is very right wing and strongly advocates for equality, make sure your writing style reflects this advocacy- this is not being opinionated, this is writing according to the standard and style of the news source)

DAY 1

Reporters are expected to submit THREE articles in total on THIS day

- o 100 to 200 word article on the Ceremony/Keynote (Two different perspectives here is allowed) Write about what was discussed at the Opening ceremony, what the Keynote speaker spoke about, what questions were brought up, etc.
- o 300 to 500 word article about Committee session 1 (what was discussed, what topics are they talking about, are there any arguments between countries, is there tension, what is the progression of the resolutions, are there any countries that are not cooperating, etc. What you write about and how you go about it is really up to you, just ensure that you are focused specifically on the committee and it is functionality
- o 300 to 500 word article about Committee session 2 (If you write an article about Security Council in your first article, try writing about another committee this time so all the committees are reported on)

DAY 2

Reporters are expected to submit two articles

- o One article about Committee session 3 and one about Committee session 4.

- o cover a committee that you have not yet covered for Committee session 3, and then for committee session 4, go back to a committee that you enjoyed, and write about how they are wrapping up their debates, where the resolutions have gone, any tensions that lie in the room, any alliances that have been made, etc.
- o Ensure you do not forget to submit the articles to the Email account in order to be edited **ON TIME** (NOT A MINUTE LATER) This is crucial in order to ensure that the articles are on the blog and ready for print by the time delegates get out of committee session
- o Email is: winmunblog@gmail.com
- o All inquiries/articles must be sent to this email account

What to Bring to the Press Committee

- § Pencil/Pen
- § Paper
- § Binder
- § Research on your respective News Sources
- § A camera
- § Laptop (optional)
- § Voice recorder
- § Shoes that you can walk around in (You will be on your feet all day)- NO RUNNING SHOES

Your conduct in this committee reflects you as a journalist. We expect the journalists to always stay on task and report to the Pressroom as soon as you are called upon. We expect journalists to adhere to ethics and report the FACTS without falsifying the information they uncover within the committees. We ask journalists to be mindful of your role and remain on track in your duty to report. Any negative behaviour, deliberate ignorance of authority, and “goofing off” will be dealt with seriously and may impede your participation in the Press Committee. We trust that you will conduct yourself professionally and accordingly and we expect the best from our journalists.