



**TO:** UMSU Board of Directors  
**FROM:** **President, Jakob Sanderson**  
**DATE:** September 27, 2018  
**RE:** **Report to the Board, September 2018**

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## **Ongoing / Continuing Work**

### **1. Board of Governors**

BOG met on Tuesday, September 25th. The meeting was held after reports were finalized therefore, this report will be given verbally at the Board of Directors Meeting.

### **2. Peer Tutoring**

Peer Tutoring is up and running! We've received the administration console from Nimbus Tutoring and have nearly concluded tutor interviews. Our contracted interviewer has approved over 150 tutors and we look forward to being able to now market the service to tutees. As well, as this project moves into the day to day oversight stage, peer tutoring will almost entirely be overseen by VPSS, Carly Mastromonaco and Services Manager, Gordon Chandler. Thus, Carly will be providing the updates regarding Peer Tutoring to the board from this point forward.

### **3. Financial Aid Awareness Week**

Financial Aid Awareness Week ran from September 17-21. Myself, with the help of my team, UMSU volunteers and our Executive Assistant, Carly Frey, helped several students with bursary applications and spread awareness of financial aid opportunities throughout the week. We had five sessions throughout the week, and six tabling partners from different resources on and off campus and we thank each group for participating in the week. This was UMSU's first time running this campaign, and while I would hope for higher session attendance next year, overall I thought it was a good first run and something to build off of in future years.

## **New Updates**

### **1. Orange Shirt Day**

On Phyllis Webstad's first day at the St. Joseph's Mission residential school in Williams Lake, B.C., she wore a new orange shirt her grandmother had given her. She had the shirt and all her clothes removed upon entering the mission, never to see the shirt again. Since 2013, Canada has commemorated this story, and the colonialist legacy of residential schools with Orange Shirt Day every September 30th. As September 30th falls on a Sunday this year, there will be a commemorative event tomorrow at 10:30 AM in Helen Glass. I encourage everyone to attend and to wear orange tomorrow.

Our campuses lie upon Treaty 1 land, as we read aloud at the beginning of each meeting - land that was stolen from the Metis Nation, an act which was recognized this past week with the announcement of a \$153.8 million settlement with the



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Manitoba Metis Federation. And on these lands, 19 residential schools were built in Manitoba, remaining in operation until the last was closed in 1979. This includes the Assiniboia Hostile, which operated in Winnipeg from 1958-1973. While Residential schools are no longer in operation, Indigenous peoples continue to be underrepresented and marginalized throughout society, including at this institution and face far higher rates of poverty and illness than settler Canadians. Meanwhile, each day our country continues to face a crisis of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.

I encourage everyone here to wear orange tomorrow, but more importantly I encourage everyone to consider the harms of the past in this nation, as well as the harms of the present, and how we can work towards reconciliation moving forward.

### **Events & Meetings Attended**

\*Executive Meetings every Monday and Thursday

September 14: UMSU Frosh "Pre-Games"  
September 14: UMSU Frosh Music Festival and Street Party  
September 17: CTV Morning Live  
September 17-21: UMSU Financial Aid Awareness Week  
September 17: Meeting with Janice Ristock and University Administration re: Sexual Violence Training and Resources  
September 17: Meeting with CFS-Manitoba  
September 17: Meeting with RSAC  
September 18: University Disciplinary Committee  
September 19: Meeting with Barry Stone re: Off-Campus Housing  
September 19: Meeting with PostEd  
September 19: University Disciplinary Committee  
September 19: U-Pass Committee  
September 20: Brand Advisory Council: Brand Consultation Session  
September 20: Community Conversations: Basic Income Manitoba  
September 21: Meeting with University Administration re: Interim Measures  
September 24: UMGSA Awards Luncheon  
September 24: MMF Minister Will Gooden announcement  
September 24: Meeting with Susan Gottheil and Lynn Lavallee re: Student Experience Committee Representation  
September 24: Meeting with CEO Manitoba  
September 25: Chancellor Search Committee  
September 25: Board of Governors  
September 26: Indigenous Homecoming  
September 26: U-Pass Committee  
September 26: Student Senate Caucus