



TO: UMSU Board of Directors
FROM: Owen Black, Vice President External
DATE: June 17, 2018
RE: Work Activity Update, May/June 2018

New Updates

1. Selections Committee

Selections Committee met on June 7 and we were able to fill most committees, including all student-at-large positions. However, we still need to fill Board of Director spots for Member Services, Governance and U-Pass. All committees do have enough members to meet quorum in the meantime.

Selections Committee also selected the UMSU Board of Directors Chair: Michael Catanese will be returning for a second term. We are all excited to be working with Michael over the coming year.

2. Civic Election Campaign

UMSU President, Jakob Sanderson, and I have begun to work with our marketing team to create a campaign to encourage students to vote in the upcoming fall municipal election. This will hopefully include a public forum or debate here on campus with mayoral candidates, as well as highlighting issues that matter to students. We will also be creating a video with information on how students can vote and get involved in the process. If you have any suggestions on how to get students involved in this civic process we would love to hear from you.

We also met with the Transit Union to discuss potential partnership opportunities during the election to keep transit issues and bus service to campus on the minds of candidates.

3. Studentcare Stakeholders Meeting

From May 23 to May 26, Jakob, Carly and I attended the Studentcare Stakeholders conference in Montreal. Studentcare is our health and dental plan providers, and they hold this meeting annually to connect with their clients to see how their services can improve. This two-day, three-night conference included a day of sessions in which we connected with journalists to learn best practices on how to interact with the media, as well as how to create effective mental health programs on campus.

One program that specifically caught our eye was the Crisis Text Line, and we are excited on going forward and examining how we can improve the services on campus that address mental health. The second day of the conference included an oversight on how Studentcare secures our students' data, and other services that Studentcare offers. At this time we plan to stick with our current services that we use from Studentcare. This conference was covered by Studentcare and came at no cost to UMSU.



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4. **Canadian Federation of Students National General Meeting; Canadian Organization of Campus Activities; Post-Secondary Education Partnership – Alcohol Harms**

- From June 9-13th, the executives, UMSU's Services Manager Gordon Chandler and student Andy Fenwick attended the Canadian Federation of Students National General Meeting.
- From June 13-16th, Jakob, Sarah and I attended the Canadian Organization of Campus Activities (COCA) to examine alternative programming opportunities.
- From June 19-21st, I attended the Post-Secondary Education Partnership Annual Meeting. (PEP-AH)
- We will have full reports on these three conferences at the next board meeting.

Ongoing/Continuing Work

5. **UMSU Act**

The amendments to the UMSU Act was passed and received royal assent on May 29. It is now law. Congratulations to all past executives and students who worked on making this the first amendment to the UMSU Act (other than it being translated until French) since its original passing in 1990.

Summary of changes:

- Fixing all language that was not gender neutral in its original passing.
- Mandating that any new fees passed by the BOD have to be voted on by a referendum of the membership.
- Mandating that the BOD must review membership of external organizations every 2 years, and take all necessary measures if the BOD decides to leave an external organization.

6. **Pride Week**

Pride Week was a big success as many events that were hosted by UMQueer and the Rainbow Pride Mosaic (RPM) had high attendance. We look forward with working with both groups in the upcoming year to keep the momentum going forward and expanding events and services offered to the community.



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7. The Evolution of Frosh

Our Marketing team has now started to start booking the space and talent required for our Block Party event since receiving supportive feedback at our last board meeting. We are still looking at what talent/artists to hire, so please approach me if you have any recommendations.

Events & Meetings Attended, since our May 17th Meeting

- May 22: Transit Union Meeting
- May 23-26: Studentcare Stakeholders Meeting
- May 28: Pride Flag Raising
- May 29: UMSU Act 3rd Reading
- May 29: Office of Sustainability Workshop
- May 31: UMQueer Drag Show
- June 2: Headstart Tabling
- June 2: Rise Above Fundraiser
- June 3: Winnipeg Pride Parade
- June 4: Pizza Hotline Partnership Meeting
- June 5: CFS Pre-Conference Meeting
- June 7: Convocation
- June 7: Selections Committee
- June 9-12: Canadian Federation of Students Annual General Meeting
- June 13-16: Canadian Organization of Campus Activities
- June 19-21: Post-Secondary Education Partnership – Alcohol Harms (PEP-AH)