



TO: UMSU Board of Directors
FROM: Carly Mastromonaco, VP Student Services
DATE: June 19, 2018
RE: Work Activity Update, May/June 2018

New Updates

1) Informational Video

Lack of knowledge surrounding what UMSU is and what UMSU provides for students in terms of advocacy and services is a large issue facing our campus. An easy way to get students attention is an easily accessible video that provides insight (in simple terms) into the structure and function of UMSU. The plan is to get the video up as soon as possible.

- Currently talking to a videographer who is willing to help make the video.
- Intent is to have the video as the first thing you see on the UMSU website to provide context to students visiting the website as to a basic structure of UMSU to promote better understanding on campus, therefore increasing the knowledge of UMSU resources/supports.

Continuing/Ongoing Work

2) Gallery of Student Art (GoSA) Coordinator

UMSU recently hired a new GoSA coordinator for the 2018/2019 year. This is the person responsible for maintaining and scheduling the gallery for student exhibitions throughout the year.

- The hiring panel consisted of myself (VPSS), UMSU Services Manager Gordon Chandler, and outgoing coordinator Shauna Matthews.
- The hiring process started May 1 and ended May 16.
- The new GoSA coordinator is Selena Dyck.

3) Bookable Space in Helen Glass

6 rooms (previously student club offices) in Helen Glass are being renovated into bookable space for student groups.

- Student groups will no longer have access to booking UMSU Council Chambers – however faculty associations are still able to.
- Bookable space is designed for student groups to hold meetings/book space for the time around their events due to the fact that there are not enough offices for each student group.

4) Open Office Hours

The executive team decided that each executive will hold one hour per week of open office hours, during which any student is able to access that executive to meet with. The office hours of the executives for the duration of summer are as follows:



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- Jakob (Pres) = Friday from 11:00 am – 12:00 pm
- Sarah (VPA) = Tuesday from 1:15 – 2:15 pm
- Owen (VPE) = Monday from 1:00 – 2:00 pm
- Mbuli (VPFO) = Thursday from 1:00pm – 2:00 pm
- Carly (VPSS) = Wednesday from 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

5) Study Snack Cart Application Form

The previous VPSS started the Study Snack Cart, an initiative to provide coffee and snacks during study times such as LNAP and other stressful times during the year. To add to this idea, myself and UMSU Services Manager Gordon Chandler are currently working on an application for students to rent the snack cart.

This makes the snack cart able to be used more frequently, and can be rented by faculty associations or student groups who are hosting their own study events during different times on campus. The rental process will be similar to other equipment for rent at the UMSU front desk.

6) Peer Tutoring App

UMSU President, Jakob Sanderson, and I have looked into implementing an easily accessible tutoring app that links up students to peer tutors to assist with their academic needs.

We plan to meet and collaborate with faculty associations that already have an implemented tutor system to integrate the app into these already structured services to potentially alleviate some of the administrative stressors on the faculty associations. This will also assist other faculties who do not have a tutoring system in place to integrate the app into their faculty.

The goal is to have this up and running by September 1.

7) Summer Jobs Portal

Recently met with UM Career Services to discuss the implementation of better summer job access and resources provided by the University to students. Career Services is in the middle of upgrading their career portal (Career Connect) that should be implemented by the beginning of the fall semester.

We are talking with Zach Leclerc on how to implement a new page onto the upgrade that is specific for helping students find financial stability during the summer. Goal is to be more helpful to students in terms of assisting and facilitating the process of finding a summer job and finding a simple list of jobs that would be beneficial in certain fields. This will also familiarize students with Career Connect, increasing awareness for when it's time to graduate and find a job.



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Events & Meetings Attended

- Executive meetings occur every Monday & Thursday
- Regular standing meetings every Thursday with Services Manager Gordon Chandler

May 9: Tutoring options (with Jakob)

May 9: Edgar French (Spiritual Care)

May 11: UMFM

May 11: Bringing in the Bystander Discussion (with Gordon and Sarah)

May 16: GoSA coordinator interviews

May 17: Privacy Presentation

May 17: Student clubs bookable space (with Gordon)

May 22: Transit Union

May 22: CSA regarding TCW agreement

May 22: Student Clubs Tenant Orientation

May 23: Nimbus Tutoring

May 23-26: StudentCare Stakeholder meeting in Montreal

May 28: Kevin Oliver (Student Life)

June 5: CFS-MB

June 6: Tutoring options (Jakob)

June 6: Student Clubs Offices Tenants Orientation (make-up)

June 7: CSA Sponsorship opportunities

June 8: CFS AGM in Ottawa

June 13: Career Services

Events Attended

May 28: Pride Flag Raising (in front of UC)

June 2: Head Start orientation

June 2: Rise Up event

June 3: Pride Parade

June 12: IDEA Dinner

Travel Report

1) StudentCare Stakeholder Meeting

- Owen (VPE), Jakob (Pres), and I attended this conference from May 23 – May 26th in Montreal.
- StudentCare is the provider of our Health and Dental plan.
- The total cost of this trip cost \$0 to UMSU because all expenses were paid for by StudentCare.
- The goal of the conference was to provide training as well as to collaborate on new services StudentCare wishes to implement such as legal insurance and mental health resources.

Overall, the conference was a positive experience with many networking/support opportunities:



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- i. Gathered a better understanding of StudentCare's functioning and therefore a better idea of the plan as a whole.
- ii. Legal insurance is a new service that StudentCare is looking to implement, however I would strongly recommend against UMSU adopting legal insurance at this point in the process.
- iii. Brainstormed how to better implement EmpowerMe (mental health service) for the upcoming year.