



TO: UMSU Board of Directors
FROM: UMSU President, Jakob Sanderson
DATE: July 16, 2018
RE: **Report to the Board, July 2018**

New Updates

1. International Students' Health Care

The International Health Care working group, which I served on along with UMSU Services Manager Gordon Chandler, was given authorization by the Board of Governors to approve the contract with the provider. They approved a 30 month contract with Manitoba Blue Cross, facilitated by StudentCare who will manage enrollment and student service.

MBC's affiliation with the province allows them to access the interprovincial rate, which made this offer more affordable than alternatives. It is also the best coverage opportunity, as international students will essentially stay on the same plan they had access to prior to the provincial policy change, and it aligns students with the same provider as they have for the supplemental UMSU health and dental plan.

The University has agreed to fully cover costs for 2018/19 but beginning in the 2019/20 year the cost will be put on to students. While UMSU maintains its strong opposition to the provincial policy, we are pleased with the result of the last few months' work by UMSU and the university to find the best contract we could.

2. UMSU Food Bank Golf Tournament

UMSU, in conjunction with the University of Manitoba, held its annual golf tournament benefiting our food bank this year. At the time I'm writing I don't know the exact amount raised, but between the tournament and corresponding donations we are estimating we raised between \$9,000 - \$10,000. This will go a long way towards helping students in financial need.

3. University Brand Advisory Council

I have been invited to serve on the University's brand advisory council, which will be a small working group of individuals tasked with deciding upon a vision that will be used to formulate the U of M's next marketing campaign and a new logo. My number 1 goal in serving on this committee will be to ensure that our university, located on treaty 1 land and home to the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation, reflects Indigenous principles into the new logo and reflects our heritage in our marketing vision. Please let me know if you have ideas you would like to see brought forward to the committee so that student voices are heard.

4. Technology Funding Competition

I recently met with Mario Lebar from the university information and technology office. He let me know that there will be the first of 4 annual funding periods for tech initiatives in September. We will be working on proposals for improved digital wayfinding, specifically in the tunnels, and an improved



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financial aid database. If anyone has any other ideas for improving the university's technological services please let us know.

Ongoing/Continuing Work

5. Board of Governors

The Board of Governors met on June 26. At this meeting, the approval was granted to the working group regarding international health care coverage, as discussed earlier. We advocated heavily for the university to increase its allocated spending from the previously committed \$2.1 million in order to cover the full cost and they formally agreed shortly after the meeting.

The Chancellor search committee was officially approved, which I will be serving on, and we will soon be constructing a search committee for the next President. If you wish to anything further, the minutes have not yet been posted, but the agenda and motions can be found at <http://umanitoba.ca/admin/governance/bog>. All items presented for approval were approved.

6. Peer Tutoring

The Executive Committee has approved \$5,000 towards a contract with Nimbus Tutoring, and the new database will be running for September 1st. We will be recruiting tutors throughout August and hope to be ready to recruit tutees beginning at orientation. Carly and I will be planning to meet with each of your faculty associations over the rest of the summer to work out how we can coordinate to provide accessible, high-quality academic assistance from student to student this year.

Conference Reports

1. Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) AGM - see PowerPoint attached

2. Canadian Organization of Student Activities (COCA)

From June 13-16, I attended the COCA conference with VPA Sarah Bonner-Proulx and VPE Owen Black. The conference centered around campus programming and events but there were also workshops regarding campaigns, communications, elections, reconciliation, media relations and more. The structure of the conference featured educational workshops mixed with showcases of potential acts to bring to campus, as well as guest speakers, networking suites and a business hall with corporate associates who often work with student unions.

I attended the following workshops (along with seeing a variety of speakers and showcases):

- Planning events in campus crisis situations
- Engaging in campus elections
- Leading Reconciliation on Campus
- Issues Management



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- Instituting Online Training Programs

I was also elected to the education committee on COCA's board which will give me an opportunity to present feedback and help construct the education sessions for next year's conference.

This was UMSU's first time attending COCA in a recent period, and we felt it was necessary given our decision to make significant changes to our FROSH week programming, along with having the opportunity to learn from workshops not focused on programming. While we are steadfast in our plan to increase UMSU's fiscal responsibility during FROSH week, we recognized the need to find some new, fresh ideas, and we believe COCA was useful for that.

Events & meetings attended since June 21 Board meeting

- June 22: Open Office Hours
- June 22: Meeting re: Campaigns for the UMSU Daytimer
- June 24-25: Executive Retreat
- June 26: Board of Governors
- June 27: Meeting re: Governance Research Advisor position
- June 27: Meeting re: Bison Sports Sponsorship Agreement
- June 27: Meeting with CEO Manitoba
- June 28: UMSU Executive Committee
- June 29: Open Office Hours
- June 29: Meeting with CSA VP Academic re: Peer Tutoring
- July 3: Meeting re: Staff Meeting Planning
- July 3: UMSU Golf Tournament
- July 4: Completed Rankings for Arthur V Mauro Scholarship
- July 4: Meeting re: Peer Tutoring
- July 4: Meeting re: Mayoral Public Forum
- July 4: Meeting re: potential Manitoba Moose Agreement
- July 4: Meeting with International Student Organization
- July 5: Full-Time Staff Meeting
- July 5: UMSU Executive Committee
- July 6: Data Sharing Agreement Review
- July 6: Open Office Hours
- July 6: Meeting re: Potential Indigenous Nursing Student Group
- July 9: UMSU Executive Committee
- July 9: GPA's Product Review
- July 9: Fort Richmond-University Heights Neighbourhood Association Meeting
- July 10: UMSU Budget Review Meeting
- July 10: Marketing Management Committee
- July 10: UMSU Finance Committee
- July 11: Monthly Meeting with University Ancillary Services
- July 11: Meeting with Mario Lebar



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- July 11: UMSU Governance Committee
- July 12: UMSU Executive Committee
- July 12: Initial meeting with Governance Committee Chair
- July 13: Meeting with Nimbus Tutoring
- July 13: Open Office Hours
- July 13: Conference Call with Volunteer Manitoba
- July 16: UMSU Executive Committee
- July 16: Meeting re: Peer Tutoring
- July 16: Meeting with UMFA
- July 17: Campaign Promises Progress Meeting
- July 18: Meeting with Office of Sustainability
- July 18: Meeting with International Students Organization
- July 19: UMSU Executive Committee
- July 19: UCRU Conference Call
- July 19: UMSU Board of Directors