



TO: UMSU Board of Directors
FROM: VP Advocacy, Sarah Bonner-Proulx
DATE: August 28, 2018
RE: **Report to the Board, August 2018**

New Updates

1. Senate Committees

The Senate Committee on Planning on Priorities (SCPP) met on August 27. Matters discussed related to the proposal for the creation of a post-baccalaureate Diploma in Medical Physiology and Pathophysiology within the Rady Faculty of Health Sciences.

Senate appeals workshop for student senators who sit on appeals committees and University Discipline Committee (UDC) are scheduled to take place the week of September 3-7. The purpose of the workshop is to familiarize student senators with the processes and procedures involved in appeal hearings.

2. UMSU Skills Week

Residence students associations (RSAC, AMSA, UCRA) partook in a two-day skills training which included 'UMSU 101' (an overview of UMSU Governance and Operations); consent culture training; a mental health and self-care workshop with David Ness from the Student Counseling Centre; and an events planning and socials workshop with UMSU's marketing team.

3. FROSH Week -- Cannabis Workshop on Safe Consumption

As a part of UMSU's orientation activities, we have partnered with an external organization to deliver a workshop focused on safe consumption and education about cannabis usage with respect to current and future legislation. This workshop set to take place the week of September 10.

Ongoing/Continuing Work

4. UMSU Mental Health Steering Committee

A Mental Health Steering Committee is ready to be struck (see motion within board package). The purpose of striking this committee is to broaden the scope and outreach of our mental health community on campus to develop a more collaborative approach among all students with respect to programming, campaigns and mental health-related priorities and initiatives.

5. Campaigns: Healthy Sexuality Week

Healthy Sexuality Week is set to be held the week of September 24-28. To be included are: planning workshops; programming and events addressing sexual violence and assault; sexual and reproductive health; and fostering a culture of consent on and off campus.

Joining student groups in participation will be external organizations such as the Sexual Education Resource Centre (SERC), Klinik, and the Student Counselling Centre (SCC), among others.



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If you are interested in helping out with this campaign in any capacity or know a group (internal or external) who might be, please contact me @ vps@umsu.ca or stop by the UMSU office.

6. **Consent Culture Workshops**

Workshop material has now been revised to be more intersectional and include bystander intervention components. The first workshop was held on August 20 for the Commerce Students' Association (CSA) facilitated by Justice for Women. We will continue to schedule workshops for faculty associations throughout the next month.

****NOTE:** If your student association has not done so already, please send your availability to participate in consent culture workshops to Justice for Women, copying vpa@umsu.ca – 75% of each council's members are required to participate.

Events & Meetings Attended

* Executive meetings occur every Monday & Thursday

July 27 – Post Ed- Mental Health Resources Mtg
July 28 – BOD Retreat Day
July 31 – Justice For Women – Consent Culture Planning Mtg
August 7 – Monthly Mtg UMSU and UOFM
August 8 – Mtg with Financial Aid & Awards
August 9 – AIAC Systemic Issues working group mtg
August 13 – Orientation Planning meeting
August 14 – SAVSC Committee mtg
August 14 – EA Interviews round 2
August 15 – Staff Event
August 16 – Off-Campus Housing mtg with Residence Life
August 16 – Orientation Week Planning Mtg
August 16-20 – Student Union Development Summit
August 21 – Advocacy mtg w Red Frogs
August 23 – Tokyo Smokes Mtg With Events
August 27 – Board of Governors Exec Mtg
August 27 – Senate Committee On Planning & Priorities
August 28 – UMSU Skills Week Day 1
August 28 – Campaign and Policy Mtg
August 29 – UMSU Skills Week Day 2
August 29 – Board of Governors Exec Mtg
August 30 – UMSU Part-time Staff training
August 30 – Bannatyne Lunch Giveaway
August 30 – BOD Meeting



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Travel Report

2018 Students' Union Development Summit – August 16-20, Vancouver, B.C

The purpose of this summit is to connect student union leaders and executives from across Canada to network, collaborate, learn and further develop essential leadership skills. During this time I attended a variety of workshops and breakout sessions including:

- Equity, Diversity and Inclusion in the Workplace
- Sexual Violence (Hosted by Our Turn National),
- Good Governance workshop
- Breakout Session: Advocacy (Internal and External)

Overall, I found that the workshops and breakout sessions were well organized and gave me many opportunities to collaborate with other student leaders, gain a deeper level of understanding for certain topics, and provided me with a number of ideas going forward into this year. All in all, I found the experience to be a positive one and would recommend that UMSU executives continue to attend SUDS in future years.