



New Updates

1. **UMAC meeting**

I recently met with the co-presidents of UMAC (University of Manitoba Athletic Council) about how UMSU can support Bison Athletes this upcoming year. We came up with a few preliminary ideas on how to incentivize students to attend more Bison sporting events throughout the year.

- Implement a program similar to Spirit Cup in residence, where students who attend games say which faculty they belong to. The faculty with the largest cumulative score at the end of the year “wins” – prize to be determined in further discussions
- Potential fantasy draft league in which students draft student athletes and receive points – still a work in progress, working on implementation and logistics
- Potentially giving “UMSU cards” to students who attend games. Every game attended you get a sticker for your card – once you collect 10 stickers you receive a prize (or something along these lines)

2. **DBO Study Snack Cart to Bannatyne**

I recently met with the new Director of Bannatyne Operations on Bannatyne (DBO) campus to discuss upcoming projects. We discussed potentially moving a study snack cart permanently to Bannatyne to provide coffee and snacks for Bannatyne students as we do for Fort Garry.

Ongoing/Continuing Work

3. **Peer Tutoring App**

Jakob and I have been finalizing details about the Peer Tutoring app, and have been working out the logistics on what we need to accomplish to have it up and running by Sept.1. We need to ensure that we can assist faculty associations with the transition and onboarding of tutors, as well as onboard 30 tutors before the app is implemented.

Events & Meetings Attended

- Executive Committee meetings occur every Monday and Thursday
- Regular standing meetings every Thursday with Services Manager Gordon Chandler
- June 18 – UMCycle Ribbon Cutting
- June 18 – DBO Meeting
- June 19 – Campaign project review



TO: UMSU Board of Directors
FROM: Carly Mastromonaco, VP Student Services
DATE: July 16, 2018
RE: **Report to the Board – July 2018**

- June 19 – University
- June 24-26 – Exec retreat
- June 26 – UPASS Opt-put
- June 27 – UFM Board Meeting
- July 3 – UMSU Golf Tournament
- July 5 – CSA Sponsorship
- July 9 – Campus Planning

Travel Report

Canadian Federation of Students – National General Meeting

- All five executive members attended the CFS (Canadian Federation of Students) NGM (National General Meeting) from June 8th – 12th in Gatineau, Quebec. The CFS is an organization made up of student associations from across Canada which aims to associate and organize student voices to lobby for the needs and interests of Canadian students, mainly accessible and quality education. The purpose of the NGM is to collectively set policy changes and make decisions and necessary changes regarding objectives and governance, as well as elect their new executive. I represented the disabilities constituency on one of the four sub-committees, OSD (Organizational and Services Development Committee), which reviews relevant motions before they are presented and addressed at closing plenary
- The overall experience I had at the CFS NGM left me thoroughly questioning our continued membership of this organization. In an attempt to go into the NGM with an open mind and as objectively as possible, I immediately felt a hostile environment brewing between those schools that support the CFS, and those schools who wish to de-federate. This impacted many decisions and motions that were discussed, because it seemed as though internal politics had a stronger influence on people's decisions than did logic at certain points. For example, online voting, which would make voting in plebiscites and referendums much more accessible and easy for students, was voted down due to political discrepancies by different local institutions. It was also evident that the CFS majorly benefits only those schools of smaller populations who rely on the services that CFS provides, such as health and dental. For larger institutions, such as ourselves, we do not rely on virtually any of the services CFS provides. The only thing we really benefit from is the lobbying and advocacy efforts, which seem to be extremely misaligned with the needs of students, and more aligned with spending students money to combat all social justice issues, regardless of if they impact students or not. It seems as though the benefit that UMSU gains from being a member of the CFS is extremely minimal in relation to the large sum of money our students pay to be a part of this organization.