



TO: UMSU Board of Directors
FROM: VP External, Owen Black
DATE: October 11, 2018
RE: **Report to the Board, October 2018**

New Updates

1. Malpractice

UMSU and RSAC will be partnering this year to bring our popular Halloween social back again for this year. It will be held on October 27th and tickets will begin shortly.

2. Training Grant from the Province of Manitoba and the Canadian Government

UMSU has been approved for a training grant that covers 2/3 of approximately \$22,000 worth of training for over 15 UMSU staff. This includes a diverse range of training, such as health and safety training, training for our community group coordinator, research training and multiple other classes. If you are wanting to learn more information please send me an email at vpe@umsu.ca.

3. Increased Proactive Advocacy from the UMSU Exec

With the hiring of our Governance Research Advisor, changes will soon be implemented on our website to host a more focused push on proactive advocacy by the UMSU Execs. This will include opinion pieces, budget submissions and other pieces that are advocacy focused. It started with this week's publishing of an opinion piece by Jakob and myself on the importance of rapid transit in Winnipeg, and its relationship with our U-Pass Program. Our hope is to setup UMSU to be a more proactive advocacy organization, something that has in my opinion been lacking in the past couple of years.

4. Trick or Eat

UMSU is partnering with UManitoba Campus Food Strategy Group to assist in an event called Trick or Eat. This is an event in which volunteers go trick or treating on Halloween, but instead of collecting candy we collect food for our Foodbank on campus. You can sign up to volunteer at <https://www.mealexchange.com/trick-or-eat/> or through our UMSU volunteer program. Everything collected stays on campus and supports our UofM students!

Ongoing/Continuing Updates

1. Speaker Series

We have put in an offer for an exciting headline speaker. We will have more to announce in the coming weeks.

Events & Meetings Attended, since our Sept 27th Meeting

1. Orange Shirt Day March – Sept 28th
2. Bison Ball – Sept 28th
3. Men's Football Homecoming Game – Sept 29th
4. Engineering 'Grafitti' Social – Sept 29th
5. Homecoming Brunch
6. Phone Call with Manitoba Grants – Oct 1st
7. GPA Renovations Meeting – Oct 2nd
8. Senate Committee on Admission Appeals Teleconference – Oct 2nd
9. Student Life Building Sod Turnover – Oct 4th



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10. Undergraduates of Canadian Research Intensive Universities Call – Oct 5th
11. Women's Hockey Home Opener – Oct 5th
12. Arts First Affair Social – Oct 5th
13. Running Man Social – Oct 5th
14. Next Generation Web Experience Project Board Pre Meeting with Mario Lebar – Oct 9th
15. JDC West Coaching – Oct 10th