



TO: UMSU Board of Directors
FROM: Carly Mastromonaco
DATE: September 13, 2018
RE: **Report to the Board, September 13, 2018**

New Updates

1. All About U Expo & Orientation

UMSU participated in this year's All About U Expo at new student orientation. Our table was double booked so we ended up setting up a new booth at a more popular location (near the science buildings). The university is now offering online orientation in the format of multiple video uploads. I am going to bring up the idea of adding a 'What is UMSU?' video to online orientation at the next NSOC (New Student Orientation Committee) meeting. Overall the day was successful, we reached out to many new students.

2. Class talks/Frosh tabling

The executive team decided that it would be beneficial to engage new students with UMSU by doing class talks during orientation week. We have also been reaching out by tabling in UC and in the commerce beer gardens to sell frosh tickets. We have been continuing unfinished class talks this week alongside free breakfast in CAMPO. Our goal is to engage student body more and to educate students on UMSU resources.

3. UPass Opt-Out online format

Applications to opt-out of the UPass can now be fully submitted online. Services & UPass team tested the software this past summer and so far it has been working successfully.

Ongoing/Continuing Work

1. Peer Tutoring

UMSU has hired someone part time to tackle the vetting of tutors due to the large volume of applications. Once the tutor vetting has begun, the next step is advertising for tutors. We are currently waiting for the administrative software from Nimbus tutoring. If you know of any interested tutors, please have them email tutors@umsu.ca. Any faculty associations that wish to take on their own vetting of tutors, please contact me at vpss@umsu.ca.

2. Study Snack Application Sheet

We are currently working out the logistics (cost, etc.) of student groups renting the cart. We are in contact with Ryan Woods (manager, Degrees) waiting for cost breakdown of coffee/snacks. The form is in the process of being made and should be up and ready for early September for student associations/groups to use once all logistics are figured out.

3. StudentCare Kiosk Relocation

The University has partnered with StudentCare to take on the health insurance plans for international students. The StudentCare kiosk has been relocated to 150 UMSU University



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Centre, and the renovation is now complete. Please direct students to misip.ca for more information on international student healthcare.

4. Student Club Recruitment Week

Reminder that Student Club Recruitment Week will be taking place September 17-21. Student clubs will display their club activities in UC to recruit new members. Alongside them, Financial Aid Awareness and external entities offering financial aid will set up in UC to educate and assist in financial aid awareness.

Events & Meetings Attended since August 30, 2018

- Executive Committee meetings occur every Monday and Thursday
- Standing meetings every Thursday with Services Manager Gordon Chandler
- August 28th – Residence Skills Day
- August 29th – Residence Skills Day
- August 30th – Nimbus tutoring
- August 30th – UMSU part-time staff training
- August 30th – BOD meeting
- August 31st – Free lunches @ Bannatyne
- August 31st – International Student Orientation tabling
- September 1st – Residence Move-in weekend tabling
- September 4th – All About U Expo tabling – orientation
- September 4th – UMSU Frosh ticket tabling
- September 4th – Finance committee meeting
- September 5th – ‘What is UMSU?’ class talks
- September 5th – UMSU Frosh ticket tabling
- September 5th – Student Accessibility UPASS opt-out meeting
- September 6th - Class talks/Frosh tabling
- September 7th – Bison Athlete Orientation
- September 7th – Class talks/Frosh tabling
- September 7th – Bison football home-opener game
- September 10th – Peer tutoring – Faculty of Engineering integration
- September 11th – UPASS Committee Meeting
- September 11th – UMF Board Meeting
- September 12th – Free Breakfast – CAMPO
- September 12th – University – Tannis Campbell
- September 12th - Marketing