



New Updates

- 1) Senate/ Student Senate Caucus (SSC)
 - Chaired Senate caucus on Monday Dec. 3rd for final meeting of 2018 year.
 - Senate met Wednesday Dec 5th for final meeting of year.
 - Presidential Search Committee: Results TBA
 - 2018/19 Academic Schedule: Proposed

- 2) University Policies Working Group (Academic and Behavioral)
 - Meeting on Dec 4th – Will not have met at time BOD report submitted so will deliver report orally.
 - Items for discussion: Sexual Assault and Respectful Work and Learning Environment Policy revisions
 - Academic Policies (VW, AW, etc.) general survey
 - Address and prioritize working groups goals for upcoming year

- 3) MDAM (Mood Disorders Association of Manitoba): Potential Partnership
 - Looking into potential collaboration with Moods for implementation of peer support training
 - Objective to increase number of peer support trained elected officials, reps and/or student leaders that can act as an available mental health resource for students.
 - In process of determining what this will look like and who the training will be available to
 - Meeting set up early January to discuss details

Ongoing/Continuing Updates

- 1) Holiday Hampers

Holiday Hamper applications now closed but are still open for donations until this Friday, December 7th. We received over 180 applications – more than the past several years. We currently have roughly 30 hampers sponsored along with various toy drive donations. We will be assembling hampers on December 10th -12th (8:30am-4:30pm) and delivering hampers on December 13th & 14th. I am looking for volunteers to help on assembly and/or delivery. Will be doing a UM Social Media takeover on the 13th to showcase the Hamper and Toy Drive program.

- 2) Movies for Mental Health (M4MH)

- In process of planning/coordinating along with the Nursing Students' Association "Movies for Mental health" event for Mental Health Week in 2019
- Objective is to promote mental wellness by creating a space for students to learn and connect through art and media. M4MH is an NPO organization which brings intersectional mental health programming to universities and is bringing this event to the UofM for the first time.
- Overview: two-hour workshop that features interactive discussion among students supplemented by films from M4MH media library. It concludes with a panel discussion featuring students with



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lived experience of mental illness as well as representatives from local mental health resources. This workshop aims to educate students about the complexities of mental health and reduce stigma surrounding mental health and illness through creative programming.

- If you are interested in being a student panelist or would like to submit a film of your own, please contact myself, vpa@umsu.ca for more information.

Events & Meetings Attended

- External Meeting listed only
- Standing Exec meetings every Monday & Thursday

- Nov 23rd – 100th Anniversary Mtg
- Nov 23rd- Student Mtg – Tuition
- Nov 24th –MSA Annual Dinner
- Nov 26th – Indigenous Financial Literacy event
- Nov 26th – Senate Planning and Priorities mtg
- Nov 27th – Review of Academic misconduct policies
- Nov 27th – M4MH mtg
- Nov 28th – AGM
- Nov 29th – Film production funding mtg
- Nov 29th – Emergency BOD mtg
- Nov 29th – Staff Christmas Party
- Nov 30th – HMCM Mtg LOD review
- Nov 30th – Asper CSA Student Appreciation planning mtg
- Nov 30th --RDAC mtg
- Dec 3rd – Student Senate Caucus
- Dec 4th --University Policies working group
- Dec 5th – RWLE/SA Policy Cte
- Dec 5th – Office of Sustainability Mental Health consultation
- Dec 5th – Senate Mtg
- Dec. 5th – International Food Skills Workshop