



TO: UMSU Board of Directors
FROM: VP SS, Carly Mastromonaco
DATE: January 10th, 2019
RE: **Report to the Board, January 2019**

New Updates

1. Childcare Advisory Meeting

UMSU invested in the Campus Daycare and Gordon and I sit on a committee that meets to ensure that UMSU members are given adequate priority (outlined in the terms of the agreement). The daycare has so far been running very successfully, with many of the spots being filled by UMSU members. The University will be hosting an official grand opening of the center sometime this month (date and time is TBD).

2. International Food Skills Workshop

Sarah, Mbuli, and I met with a student who is part of the Human Nutritional Sciences Department who has created an initiative to ease the transition for international students when they come to Canada in terms of food preparation. This student and others as well as the department have and will continue to put on workshops, as well as provide resources to international students. We are hoping to integrate UMSU into this initiative in terms of promoting these events, and potentially becoming more involved in the future, such as hosting our own workshops, etc.

3. Winter Orientation

New student orientation for Winter 2019 took place on Friday, January 4th, however UMSU was not asked to speak/be involved on this day which we found troubling. Typically UMSU has been able to send a representative to talk to new students about our services, however we were not given that opportunity this winter. We will be meeting with representatives from the U1 center this month to discuss the future of orientation, a future which we hope holds more UMSU interaction. We will be doing some research on other Canadian universities orientations and how student unions' fit into them across the country.

Ongoing/Continuing Work

4. U-Pass negotiations

In mid-December we had our first meeting with Winnipeg Transit regarding the upcoming contract negotiations. This meeting was overall successful, with Transit being overall receptive to most wants. This was discussed in further detail by U-Pass committee.

5. Peer Tutoring

All vetted tutors were uploaded to the app by Nimbus, and were required to complete their profiles by January 3rd. This means that the tutors are up and ready to go and can



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hopefully begin to start scheduling hours with tutees in the upcoming weeks. We have also been working with the ALC (Academic Learning Centre) to promote their tutor training sessions over the past few months, and will continue to do so.

Events & Meetings Attended

- Executive Committee meetings occur every Monday and Thursday
- Standing meetings every Thursday with Services Manager Gordon Chandler
- November 21st – Renovation update (internal)
- December 5th – International Food Skills Workshop Meeting
- December 6th – Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce State of the Province Luncheon
- December 6th – BOD Meeting
- December 7th – Justice for Women Meeting
- December 10th – Christmas photos
- December 10th – Winnipeg Transit meeting re contract negotiations
- December 10th – Member Services
- December 12th – U-Pass follow up meeting (internal)
- December 13th – Childcare Advisory Meeting
- December 13th – Hamper deliveries
- December 14th – Hamper deliveries
- December 14th – Migizii Agamik Open House
- December 15th – January 3rd – Vacation/Holiday break
- January 3rd – First day back
- January 7th – Free Breakfast giveaway