



TO: UMSU Board of Directors
FROM: VP SS, Carly Mastromonaco
DATE: January 24, 2019
RE: **Report to the Board, January 2019**

New Updates

1. Bannatyne childcare initiative

UMSU invested in the Campus Daycare on Fort Garry Campus, and I was informed by UMSU's DBO (Director of Bannatyne Operations) that there is talks of a similar initiative in opening a childcare centre on the Bannatyne campus. The University of Manitoba Child Care Working Group created a briefing note report in October 2018 that identifies the significant need for childcare on Bannatyne campus, and identifies flexible hours and drop-in supports for evenings/weekends and infant care as high priorities, amongst other needs. This will likely be a future undertaking, but we have started the discussion with representatives from Bannatyne about UMSU's potential for monetary donation or other support for the project.

2. Accessibility Centre room partnership

Jakob, Sarah, and I met with Andy Fenwick (representative from SAS (Student Accessibility Centre)) to discuss a potential partnership in which SAS can hold mentor office hours in the UMSU Accessibility Centre (located in Helen Glass). We see the Accessibility Centre as a highly underused resource and see this partnership as a positive for UMSU to draw attention to the space for students, as well as increase the usage of the space in general. The only concern surrounds the UMSU office renovation, during which UMSU staff was set to use this space as a temporary office. Therefore the mentor hours may not be able to start until the renovation is complete, however this is not a large issue as the mentor hours are significantly reduced during spring/summer.

3. Winter orientation

The team met with Brandy Usick, Executive Director of Student Engagement and Success, to discuss the future of orientation. Being a part of NSOC (New Student Orientation Committee) I have identified areas of concern regarding orientation, including the seeming lack of engagement from new students, as well as the lack of student input and collaboration into planning orientation. Ideally, UMSU would like to take over and run orientation. We will be doing more research into other U15 schools in Canada and their processes for orientation to compare.

4. Summer academic term committee

I have been appointed to a new committee that will be in charge of reviewing the summer term academic schedule. This review stems from the 2017 Senate review of the academic schedule, which recommends there be a separate review of the summer term



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schedule. Scope of the review will include the purpose of summer term, degree of scheduling flexibility afforded to units, value and cost of distance and online courses that span winter and summer terms, and related examination and registration practices. No meeting dates have been set yet.

Ongoing/Continuing Work

5. U-Pass negotiations

Jakob attended the 2019 Budget Town Hall Meeting with Brian Mayes to discuss the U-Pass. I was unfortunately unable to attend this meeting due to illness. U-Pass committee will discuss the information gathered by Jakob at our next meeting.

6. 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 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.

7. Post-Ed partnership

A representative from Post-Ed presented at both ACE (Assembly of Club Executives) and BOSS (Board of Senior Sticks) meetings to increase awareness of the app and the benefit it has for promoting student clubs and faculty associations' events. Post-Ed has also provided us with a data package that includes analytics from the past semester, and has been in discussion with us of potential new and upcoming ideas for the app. The executive team will review and discuss the analytics as well as the future potential benefit of a continued partnership with Post-Ed.



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Events & Meetings Attended

- Executive Committee meetings occur every Monday and Thursday
- Standing meetings every Thursday with Services Manager Gordon Chandler
- January 7th - Breakfast giveaway
- January 8th – Daycare opening celebration
- January 8th – U-Pass committee meeting
- January 9th – Breakfast giveaway
- January 9th – Student Experience Committee (with PET)
- January 10th – CSA Speaker collaboration
- January 10th – UCN meet and greet
- January 10th – Internal renovation update
- January 10th – BOD
- January 11th – Student Group coordinator meeting
- January 11th – Post-Ed meeting
- January 11th – Meeting with Accessibility Centre
- January 11th – Lunch with Studentcare
- January 14th – Frost ticket sales
- January 15th – Frost ticket sales
- January 15th – Student meeting
- January 16th – Frost ticket sales
- January 16th – ACE (Assembly of Club Executives)
- January 17th – Member Services Committee
- January 19th – Western Engineering Competition (WEC) Gala
- January 21st – Bannatyne free lunch
- January 22nd – Bannatyne free lunch
- January 22nd – UMSU Endowment Fund Board of Trustees
- January 23rd – Orientation meeting