



**TO:** UMSU Board of Directors  
**FROM:** VP External, Owen Black  
**DATE:** January 24, 2019  
**RE:** **Report to the Board, January 2019**

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## **New Updates**

### **1. PEP – AH Conference**

Myself and Vice President Advocacy travelled to Toronto from Dec 11<sup>th</sup>- Dec 13<sup>th</sup> for the bi-annual PEP-AH (Postsecondary Education Partnership – Alcohol Harms) meeting where we discussed different methods to prevent binge drinking on campus and to mitigate the harms of alcohol. I am the Western Regional Representative and therefore no costs were incurred to UMSU – and I would recommend that the next year a representative from UMSU attends as it is valuable learning what other schools and student unions are doing to combat alcohol harms. We have especially found this useful in countering the new security services policy that requires alcoholic events on campus to hire 5 police officers, and we hope to continue to use PEP-AH's resources to eventually reverse this detrimental policy.

### **2. Frost Update**

Unfortunately due to poor ticket sales myself and the executives made the difficult decision to cancel Frost Fest 2019. We determined that we would need to sell an unlikely number of tickets to meet the threshold where we would lose less money than if we cancelled the event. We want to use this opportunity to reexamine the viability of a winter Frosh type event as over the past several years the event has not been a success – as currently our recommendation for next year's executive is that UMSU permanently cancels Frost Fest.

### **3. Sustainability Campaign Partnership**

UMSU will be partnership with the Co-Operative program here at UofM during our Sustainability campaign week to highlight how sustainability and programs offered by the UofM are related. This will include a day of booths at UC and free breakfasts for students. Our sustainability committee is meeting this week to further plan for events and details and we will have more to share in the near future!

## **Continuing Updates**

### **1. Monique Heart Drag Fundraiser**

The drag show fundraiser that were planning with RSAC and RPM has officially been booked and Monique Heart is confirmed as our main act. We're very excited to host the Rupaul Drag Race star Feb 9<sup>th</sup>. Tickets will go on sale on January 28<sup>th</sup> at \$20 until Feb 4<sup>th</sup> – prices will then rise to \$25.

## **Events & Meetings Attended, since our November 5th Meeting**

1. Jan 11<sup>th</sup> – Bender Ender Social
2. Jan 15<sup>th</sup> – Alumni Relations Working Group
3. Jan 15<sup>th</sup> – Monique Heart Planning Meeting
4. Jan 17<sup>th</sup> – Western Engineering Competition Wine & Cheese
5. Jan 17<sup>th</sup> – Sustainability Meeting with Co-op
6. Jan 18<sup>th</sup> – Sustainability Committee Meeting
7. Jan 19<sup>th</sup> – Western Engineering Competition Gala
8. Jan 19<sup>th</sup> – AMSA Grease Social
9. Jan 21<sup>st</sup> – Serving Lunch at Bannatyne Campus



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10. Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> – Serving Lunch at Bannatyne Campus
11. Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> – Meeting with Administration on Speaker Series
12. Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> – Sustainability Working Group Meeting
13. Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> – Orientation Meeting
14. Jan 24<sup>th</sup> – GPA's Floor Meeting
15. Jan 24<sup>th</sup> – UCRU Call