



University
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**STUDENTS'
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2018/2019 MIDTERM REPORT

This year, your student union committed to some big promises. We are continually working to improve our services, campaigns, and advocacy work for you.

So far we've been able to accomplish 70% of the goals we set out, on top of several other projects - and it's only February



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Dear Fellow Students,

There is no doubt we live in a difficult time to advance our goals of affordable and accessible education. The provincial government, just prior to our term in office, enacted a real cut of 2.5% to the university's operating grant, which led to a maximum allowable tuition increase of 6.6% for all students. But while there are major difficulties students are facing, UMSU has done a lot of work towards creating more affordable education at all levels of advocacy. We have successfully lobbied the university to cover international health care for the 2018/19 term and retained the most affordable health care plan for international students in the province. We also successfully lobbied the government to pledge that they will continue zero interest student loans in the upcoming budget.

We have also created a number of events and initiatives to create greater community on campus. We are in the midst of our 100th anniversary speaker series, including bringing Laverne Cox to campus on February 26th. We have hosted or helped facilitate an international student soccer tournament, a black history month student art exhibit, an Indigenous Financial literacy event, and campaigns surrounding healthy sexuality, financial aid awareness, sustainability, mental health and equity. On top of this, we hosted the most fiscally responsible, sold-out frosh fest since inception.

While I am proud of what we have accomplished, we have much more to do. We are in the midst of attempting to gain our students a summer UPass, campus-wide composting, a sexual violence support centre and increased funding for Indigenous language scholars. We will be working tirelessly over our remaining three months in office to complete as many of these objective as we can, and we are always looking for ways to bring your priorities to the forefront.

Thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving you this year.

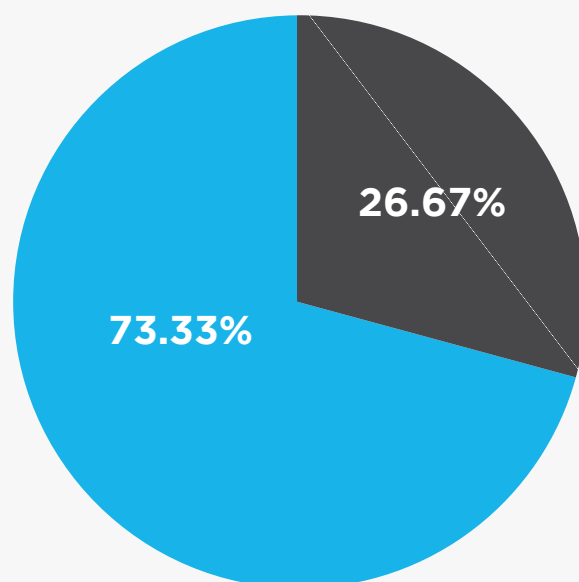
Sincerely,

Jakob Sanderson

PROGRESS REPORT

UMSU set out 30 goals to be completed by April 2019.

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Jakob Sanderson

President

The President is responsible for the overall operation of the Union and serves as the official spokesperson. The President is also in charge of communicating and advocating for students' interests to the University Administration and external bodies. The President also serves on multiple University boards and committees, such as the University Senate and Board of Governors, in order to ensure that students' voices are heard when decisions are being made.

5/6

COMPLETED

- Reduce textbook costs through open educational resources
- More accessible scholarships and bursaries
- Explore more co-op opportunities in all faculties
- Accessible office hours
- Promoting sustainability on campus

IN PROGRESS

- Advocating for lower tuition

ADDITIONAL PROJECTS

- Community Initiative Funding
- CFS Decertification
- Initiation of Research Department
- New student group policy on reproductive rights
- International Healthcare contract



Mbuli Matshe

VP Finance & Operations

The Vice-President Finance and Operations (VPFO) oversees the finances of the Union. Working alongside the General Manager and Accounting Manager, the VPFO prepares the annual budget for Council to approve, and oversees the operations of all UMSU Businesses. Serving as the chair of the Finance Committee, the VPFO is responsible for keeping UMSU Council up to date on the financial activity of the Union.

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COMPLETED

- Removal of Service Fees at Answers
- Bring Back the Residence Grocery Bus (Grocery delivery partnership with Box n' Drops)
- Expanding GPA's
- Review Process for External Fee Levies
- More Support for Cultural Groups on Campus

IN PROGRESS

- Removing ATM Fees
- Participatory Budgeting

ADDITIONAL PROJECTS

- FIFA World Cup Viewing
- Wayfinder Project
- Intercultural Soccer
- Indigenous Financial Literacy Event
- Day of Giving (Residence)



Sarah Bonner-Proulx

VP Advocacy

The Vice President Advocacy (VPA) strives to promote a safe and equitable university experience for all students. The VPA has a dual role with University governance and sits on both the Board of Governors and the University Senate. The VPA also oversees and implements UMSU campaigns and assists with individual student advocacy cases.

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COMPLETED

- Increase Mental Health Supports and Resources
- Expand Campus Safety Initiatives
- Increased Collaboration with Community Groups
- International Student Tuition Deadline Revision
- Expanded Food Bank Services

IN PROGRESS

- Advocate For a Fair Voluntary Withdrawal and Limited Access Policy



Owen Black

VP External

The Vice President External (VPE) works directly with the UMSU Marketing Department to coordinate all UMSU communications, and event promotions. The VPE is also responsible for the production of all UMSU external marketing materials as well as coordinating external sponsorships. The VPE also acts as UMSU's representative on any external organizations that UMSU may be a part of, as well as coordinates external relations and advocates for UMSU to external bodies.

4/5

COMPLETED

- 100th Anniversary TEDx Conference (Shifted to Speaker Series with big names - Laverne Cox, Ian Campeau, and more!)
- Expanded Support for International Students
- Flexible Parking Options
- Connect Students With All Levels of Government

IN PROGRESS

- Opt-In Spring/Summer UPass



Carly Mastromonaco

VP Student Services

The Vice-President Student Services (VPSS) oversees all of the interactions between UMSU and the UMSU recognized Student Clubs, Community Groups and Student Associations. As well, the VPSS oversees the Health & Dental Plan and the U-Pass program in conjunction with UMSU staff. Serving as the chair of the Member Services Committee, the VPSS also oversees all services provided by UMSU to the membership.

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COMPLETED

- Peer-To-Peer Tutoring Platform
- Increases Study Resources During Finals
- Summer Jobs Portal
- Creating Incentives for Engaging with Bison Athletics

IN PROGRESS

- A Year-End Student Gala
- Medical Marijuana Health Plan Coverage

ADDITIONAL PROJECTS

- Online UPass Opt-Out
- UPass Renegotiation
- Renovation of 6 Clubs Offices
- UMSU Informational Video
- Streamlining UPass Committee

Notes:



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