



TO: UMSU Board of Directors
FROM: President, Jakob Sanderson
DATE: Feb 7th, 2019
RE: **Report to the Board, February 2019**

Ongoing / Continuing Work

1. Board of Governors

BOG met last week. The only contentious issue was regarding the opening of the presidential search committee process. As we reported previously, senate recommended an open search, but the board of governors decided to keep the search closed with the exception of incorporating some surveys. We are currently discussing a potential response to this with our student senate caucus and I will update you on this orally by Thursday.

2. Working Groups

Accessible Education Working Group (AEWG) met for the first time, and we will be using this group as a primary, open feedback source for the type of issues we want to be lobbying for provincially and federally with UCRU. This group, and all its meetings are open to anyone so if you want your say on our advocacy priorities, please send me an email and I'll add you to the mailing list.

Sustainability Working Group (SWG) met as well to discuss the university sustainability plan. We've submitted our feedback on the plan and will update you as to what the final plan looks like. We are also planning our campaign week for March 18-22, and would welcome any input or help in planning and executing that.

3. UPass Negotiations

Myself, VPSS Carly Mastro Monaco and several of our services staff had another meeting with Winnipeg Transit that went quite well.

When the next UPass contract is implemented in 2020, we are becoming more confident that we will be able to deliver a summer UPass to our students, as well as optouts for all students outside the service area. Transit has pledged to include Summer UPass in their report to city council, and we will be working to lobby city council to be in favour of this extension.

While our preference is still for a summer UPass as a subsidized extension of winter enrollment, transit's preference is a standalone pass for summer enrollment. With this model, it will be harder to identify who qualifies as a full time student, but we still believe that this method could work well for students if marketed properly.

Regardless of method, no additional UPass fee will go through without a referendum.



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Events & Meetings Attended

*Executive Meetings every Monday and Thursday **Schedule excludes internal meetings

January 23: Bannatyne Campus Lunch
January 23: Senate Executive Committee
January 23: JDC Thank you event
January 24: Bannatyne Campus Lunch
January 24: UCRU Call
January 24: Board of Directors Meeting
January 25: Manitoban Interview
January 25: Meeting w/ Mature Students' Rep
January 25: UPass Committee
January 25: Meeting w/ Womyn's Rep
January 26: UMES' The Big One
January 28: Winnipeg Transit Negotiations
January 28: Selections Committee
January 29: Marketing Committee
January 29: UMSU Centennial Meeting
January 30: Meeting w/ PSA
January 30: #StudentsLetsAct Tabling
January 30: AEWG
January 30: SWG
January 30: CSA Lunar New Year
January 31: #StudentsLetsAct Tabling
January 31: CFS-MB Executive
January 31: PAC Interviews
January 31: BSA Volunteer Appreciation
February 1: #StudentsLetsAct Tabling
February 1: Manitoban Interview
February 4: PAC Interviews