



TO: UMSU Board of Directors
FROM: VP Student Services, Carly Mastromonaco
DATE: March 14, 2019
RE: **Report to the Board, March 2019**

New Updates

1. Student Life Coordinator hiring panel

I was invited by Brandy Usick (Director of Student Engagement and Success) to sit on the hiring panel for the new Student Life Coordinator position. The panel consisted of myself, Brandy, and Gail Langlais (Director of Career Services). We short-listed and interviewed four candidates, eventually offering one successful candidate the position. In our wrap-up meeting, we discussed the future of Student Life as a department, as well as the future relationship with Student Life and UMSU. My understanding was that the department is very malleable to change, and is currently figuring out how to fit itself within Student Affairs and the larger University community as a whole.

2. Student Club Awards of Excellence

I have begun creating the criteria and process for awarding student groups in seven different categories. Student clubs must be nominated by either themselves or a student at large, and applications will be reviewed by the Member Services Committee. The purpose of these awards is to recognize the work that UMSU recognized student clubs put in throughout the year, and the impact that that work has on the university community as a whole. Clubs will be awarded with monetary donation to their operations funding, and this number will be determined by the Member Services Committee.

Ongoing/Continuing Work

3. End-of-year Student Club event/Centennial celebration

I have been meeting with marketing to discuss an end-of-year event that will celebrate UMSU's centennial as well as student club recognition/recruitment. The idea is to have an afternoon block party on the third floor of UMSU University Centre. We are currently meeting with all stakeholders to work out the logistics for the event.

4. Peer tutoring

A dedicated email was sent to students regarding Peer Tutoring, which in turn created an immediate increase in number of appointments made. We are expecting (and seeing) an increase in usage as midterms continue.

5. Bison Sports Incentives

Earlier in the year I met with UMAC (Athletic Council) to discuss ways to incentivize students to attend more sporting events. I met with our marketing team to discuss the



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feasibility of these different initiatives, and we are hoping to get started on at least one to implement for the next season (starting August).

Events & Meetings Attended

- Executive Committee meetings occur every Monday and Thursday
- Standing meetings every Thursday with Services Manager Gordon Chandler
- February 26th – Meeting with marketing re: Bison Sports incentives
- February 28th – UMSU Election forum – Community Reps
- March 1st – CFS Decertification campaign meeting
- March 5th – UMSU Election forum – Executive candidates
- March 6th – Presidential Search Committee Consultation
- March 7th – End of year student club event meeting
- March 7th – Student Life Coordinator interviews
- March 8th – Student Life Coordinator interviews
- March 8th – Student Life Coordinator wrap-up
- March 12th – End of year event meeting with marketing
- March 12th – Sexual Violence Policy Review meeting
- March 13th – Monthly meeting (UMSU & UofM)
- March 13th – UMFO Banquet
- March 14th – Ian Campeau Speaker Series
- March 14th – Co-curricular review committee meeting
- March 14th – BOD meeting
- March 14th – 5 Acts (Fundraiser for 5 Days)