New Updates:

1) Alcohol Harms Reduction Plan/ Partnership

I met with Red Frogs and St. Johns Ambulance to create a plan to ensure that more socials and events with alcohol on campus will have attendance of both groups in order to help mitigate concerns related to alcohol harms and student safety. Moving forward, myself and VPFO, Mbuli Matshe, intend use this as a starting point to work with University to counter the pending Police Presence Policy. Further to this, we hope to have a seat on the Alcohol and Substances Policy Revision Committee this upcoming year in order to establish better guidelines and procedures to ensure that students’ safety is prioritized while keeping on campus socials an accessible and affordable option.

2) Senate & Student Senate Caucus

The first Senate and Senate Caucus Meeting of the New Year took place this past Monday and Wednesday. Given that neither have met at time this report was created, I will be giving an update on this orally.

3) Mental Health Training Partnership

I am working with a couple different groups of students and Student Counselling Centre to develop Mental Health and Wellness training specific to the needs of the individual groups with an emphasis on peer support, stress management, how to seek help (resources and supports) and identifying signs and symptoms of mental illness. If this is something you think your faculty association or student group would value from, please email me at vpa@umsu.ca for more information.

Ongoing Work:

1) UPASS Negotiations

Continuing to meet with City Councillors along with President Jakob Sanderson, to discuss UPASS Negotiations and garner support for UMSU’s summer UPASS proposal. Overall we have received a positive response and hope to see support moving forward as we continue negotiations with Winnipeg Transit.
Meeting/ Events:

(External Meeting Only)

- April 29th - Mental Health First Aid Training
- April 29th – Senate on Planning & Priorities J
- April 29th – BOD /Appreciation Night
- April 30th – Meeting with Councillor Nason (UPASS)
- April 30th – St. John’s Ambulance mtg
- May 1st – Mental Health First Aid Training
- May 1st – Meeting with City Hall (UPASS)
- May 3rd – Arts Final Affair
- May 4th – Annual Graduation Pow Wow
- May 6th – New Exec Transition Training
- May 7th – Meeting with City Hall (UPASS)
- May 8th – Distinguished Alumni Awards
- May 9th – New Exec Transition Training
- May 10th – Rise Above Fundraiser for Single Parents
- May 13th – Champions for Mental Health Mtg
- May 13th – Student Senate Caucus
- May 13th – Interview w Global News Re: International Students
- May 15th – Senate
- May 15th – Conscious Kindness Day
- May 16th – Senate committee on Instruction & Evaluation Meeting
- May 16th BOD Mtg