New Updates

1. **Orientation 2019**

New Student Orientation this year will consist of an online orientation module, three key events (What's Next, Making the Grade, and Welcome Day) and workshops that will available through sign-up. UMSU will be playing a larger role this year, in hopes of supporting and connecting with the incoming first-year students. The goal is to ensure that they are fully equipped to engage with their new environment and that they feel prepared to take on their post-secondary experience.

UMSU will be collaborating with the First Year Centre for the following:

- **Making the Grade July 17**: We will have a booth at the evening event where students can ask any questions that they may have and pick up some UMSU swag in passing. The Executives are also planning a session called “UMSU presents: Ask an Upper Year” of which students will have the opportunity to hear about the resources and opportunities offered to them by the Union, as well as participate in an open Q&A featuring a couple of students from various faculties. If there is anyone particularly interested in being a part of the panel, please contact vpsl@umsu.ca.

- **Welcome Day September 3**: We will be connecting and collaborating with many of the largest direct-entry faculties on our campus to create cohesive and inclusive programming for the entire first-year student body. This programming includes a free lunch, live music on the Quad, games, food trucks, photo booths and contests. To supplement the general tours that will be facilitated by the First Year Centre, UMSU will also be providing personalized tours hosted by student leaders and volunteers during this afternoon.

2. **Conscious Kindness x UMSU**

On May 15, the United Way of Winnipeg launched this year’s Conscious Kindness day-long campaign, of which they call the entire city to action to spread kind acts and positivity in any way, whether that be big or small. Given that their youth leadership branch, Youth United, has tabled in UMSU University Centre for this campaign over the past few years, we took it into our hands to partner with them for the first time. The result of this is a day-long campaign where we gather non-perishable food donations to the UMSU food bank, open all year round on the 5th floor of University Centre. By collaborating with this campaign, we are raising up conversations concerning food insecurity on our campus, encouraging students to give back to their peers and hopefully motivating them to continue these acts of kindness long after this project is complete.

3. **International Student Reading Week Canadian Tours**

I’ve been in contact with a couple of UMSU student groups to learn about how they’ve done large group trips in the past and talk about possibilities for collaboration. I have also been
working with our research assistant to discover other options and whether or not things like this have been done in the past at other universities. I have also been in talks with the current UMSU International Students’ Representative regarding concerns about affordability, group size and locations for the tours.

4. **Professional Development Training for Student Leaders**

Working closely with Vice President Community Engagement, Kyra, we will be offering professional development training for UMSU recognized student group leaders.

The training structure looks like the following:
- **Board of Senior Sticks (BOSS) August**: For the first time, we will be hosting a retreat for student association Senior Sticks that will feature a consent culture workshop, mental health peer support presentation, cross-cultural training, and various professional development workshops – like conflict management.
- **Assembly of Club Executives (ACE) tentatively beginning September**: We’re currently looking into giving leaders of UMSU student clubs the opportunity to participate in free training at each ACE meeting relating to professionalism and project planning (ex. Marketing on social media, personal branding, and similar exercises to the BOSS training)

5. **Student Clubs Policy Revisions**

The services team and I have begun the process of reviewing the student club policies to ensure that they are representative of the relationship between UMSU and recognized student clubs.

**Ongoing/Continuing Work**

6. **Peer Tutoring**

Working with our services manager, we’re looking into re-negotiating terms with Nimbus to offer the peer tutoring service once again in Fall 2019. Last year our team saw a successful launch of the service and we hope to continue along that path, making peer tutoring even more accessible to students.

7. **Student Club Recognition**

This summer, I’m hoping to focus on the launch of our student club recognition program, adding on to the criteria that my predecessor, Carly Mastromonaco, left for the Member Services committee. So far, I have been working with Kyra and the marketing department to create a new Instagram account for this reason. The Instagram account will feature student group take-overs, event advertisements by request, and the student group monthly spotlights that will also be on the UMSU monitors.
8. **Transition**

Our transition meetings have nearly come to an end and I’d like to extend a warm thank you to everyone who has helped both myself and Kyra ease into our new roles. All of the words of encouragement from staff and students around us have helped a lot. I truly appreciate the work and thought that went into the transition process. I couldn’t have imagined a better team supporting us all the way through and I look forward to working with all of you to better the U of M’s student experience over the incoming year.

**Events & Meetings Attended**

- May 1st – UFM Board Meeting
- May 2nd – Student Meeting re: MSA and Students’ International Champions’ Cup
- May 3rd – Meeting re: Parks Canada student group & International Student Tours
- May 3rd – ASBC’s Final Affair Year End Gala
- May 4th – Graduation Pow Wow
- May 6th – New Executive Training Part One
- May 8th – BOSS Retreat & Student Leader Training Brainstorm
- May 8th – Student Group Meeting: Segue
- May 8th – University 1 Student Council Transition Meeting
- May 8th – Distinguished Alumni Awards
- May 9th – Student Club and Instagram Strategy Brainstorm
- May 9th – New Executive Training Part Two
- May 10th – Orientation Update & Collaboration Meeting
- May 13th – Champions For Mental Health Group Meeting
- May 13th – Campaigns & Consent Culture Transition Meeting
- May 13th – Orientation Consultation w/ ASBC Senior Sticks
- May 15th – ASES & UMFA Worker Rally
- May 15th – Welcome Day Social Programming Brainstorm
- May 16th – Meeting w/ UMISA Co-Presidents
- May 16th – Standing Student Life Meeting w/ Services Manager
- May 16th – BOD Meeting