Ongoing Business

1. BOARD OF GOVERNORS

BOG Met on Tuesday the 24th. Any notable notions from open session will be reported on orally.

However, at a special meeting of the BOG on the 10th, and later at a public press conference, the university committed to upholding 43 recommendations of the independent review on its sexual violence policies. This includes the recommendation for a standalone sexual violence centre which is already underway, a ban on faculty-student relationships wherein a power imbalance exists, and an elimination of a capped time period for reporting. All of these were major UMSU priorities over the past year, and we want to take this moment to celebrate the achievements UMSU and countless unpaid student activists across campus have made. All in all, 14 of 15 UMSU recommendations were included and this campus is finally taking the right steps to address sexual violence by listening to student and survivor voices.

2. SUSTAINABILITY

This Friday, September 27th, marks the culmination of the global climate strike. We hope you will join UMSU, student activists across the campus, and people around the world, in striking for our planet and our future.

This week we will host a sign making session from 11-1 on Thursday in preparation of the rally at 12pm on Friday at the legislature. Prior to the rally, we will be meeting at the steps of the administration building at 11am before embarking to the legislature. We hope you will join in on both of these events!

As well, in solidarity with the climate strike, all UMSU businesses will be closed during the daytime on the 27th. We are sorry for the inconvenience this may cause but we ask you to be understanding of this closure and plan accordingly.

While central academic amnesty will not be granted professors have been encouraged to be lenient. Please contact your instructor if you want to attend the strike and try to get the absence excused, or better yet for them to cancel their class.

In 1919, the Winnipeg general strike was one of the most monumental and courageous demonstrations of solidarity across the labour movement and spearheaded reforms to workers rights across the country, as well as being an inciting incident for the creation of UMSU.

100 years later we ask Winnipeggers and students to come together once more to protect our planet and spearhead the type of systemic change we desperately need in order to preserve our future.

Beyond the climate strike action, the SWG met on Monday the 23rd and I will report on additional business from this orally.
3. UMSU CENTENNIAL

This past Sunday UMSU hosted its centennial alumni brunch. It was a lovely event that brought back UMSU executives from as far back as 1950 and celebrated our rich history. I look forward to seeing what this union will become in the next 100 years!

4. STUDENT RESEARCH OBS

We have begun appointments for student research assistants and I am beyond excited to begin this trial program this fall! Thank you to all who applied.

5. STUDENT FINANCIAL AWARENESS WEEK

I hosted the SFAW event in Inner City campus and we had a really beneficial experience for many students. Thank you to SEED, Futures Forward, the MMF, StudentCare and the Indigenous Student Centre for their help in making this a success! As well, thank you to the ICSC for hosting us all so generously!

6. TRANSIT UPDATE

The ATU and City of Winnipeg have reached a tentative deal! I truly believe our media push following our September 12th resolution made a significant impact. When the deal is finalized I should have more information for you on the details, but the good news is there is likely to be no service stoppage this year. As well, we should not forget the fruitful discussions we’ve recently had and commit ourselves to continuing to fight for improved transit service!