TO: UMSU Board of Directors
FROM: VP Advocacy, Sarah Bonner-Proulx
DATE: September 12th, 2019
RE: Report to the Board, September 2019

Updates:

1) Mental Health Working Group 2019/20

Mental Health working group has been re-struck for the upcoming year! VPSL, Jelynn, and I will be co-chairing this committee and are so excited to get things rolling! The purpose of this working group is to examine current mental health services and resources on campus, compare them with those of other universities, and explore ways to improve campaigns and programming. As well as to increase outreach to various communities across campus and identify strategic priorities for UMSU in upcoming years.

At our first meeting on September 17th, we will be discussing plans for Mental Health Week Campaign and start to develop a list of areas for improvement and identify strategic priorities to work towards in 2019/20 and onwards.

Note: This year we had over 100 applications which is incredibly exciting! If you’re interested in getting involved, this group is open to all UG students and we’d love to have you on board! For more info email vpa@umsu.ca or vpsl@umsu.ca.

2) GOTV Campaign

With the Provincial election wrapping up and the federal election on the horizon, myself alongside Jakob and the team have been working hard to Get Out The Vote and mobilize students to exercise their right to vote and inform students on party policy! This past week we have been tabling and collecting pledges to vote from students as a part of a CASA’s nationwide GOTV campaign! So why is pledging important? Well, firstly you’ll be entered to win a sweet $100 gift card to Amazon or Indigo, but more importantly, later this year when UMSU goes to advocate for important student issues, we can point to the number of students that pledge to vote as a way to show elected officials that students are using their voice and that we’re invested and CARE about the democratic process! 😊

3) Healthy Sexuality Campaign Week

UMSU’s upcoming Healthy Sexuality Week is just around the corner! From September 23rd-27th programing focused on anti-sexual violence education and awareness as well as healthy relationships and safe sex will take place. I will be sending out graphics shortly to Senior Sticks and BOD members to help advertise in your respective faculties/associations.
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Meetings & Events -- (External Meeting Only)

- Sept 1st – Residence Move-In
- Sept 1st – RSAC Welcome Back Social
- Sept 3rd – Welcome Day
- Sept 3rd – PEP-AH Call
- Sept 3rd – Board of Governors Special Meeting
- Sept 3rd – RSAC Laid Back Social HUB
- Sept 4th – International Student Healthcare Rally
- Sept 5th – Beverage Gardens Tabling FROSH/GOTV
- Sept 5th – MB Post-Secondary Elections Forum
- Sept 6th – Beverage Gardens Tabling FROSH/GOTV
- Sept 9-13th – FG Free Breakfast
- Sept 9th – GOTV Tabling
- Sept 11th – Mtg With UM VP Students
- Sept 12th – BOD mtg
- Sept 13th – Adv/ Research Mtg
- Sept 13th – Western Region PEP-AH call