TO: UMSU Board of Directors  
FROM: VP Advocacy, Sarah Bonner-Proulx  
DATE: November 7th, 2019  
RE: Report to the Board, November 2019

New Updates:

1) UPASS Advocacy

In light of the recent recommendation from Winnipeg Transit to increase the cost of the UPASS by $24.50 per term, myself, alongside President, Jakob Sanderson and VPFO, Mbuli Matshe, have been working to develop a counter proposal which recommends an elongated winter UPASS as an alternate model. Recently we attended the City of Winnipeg Public Works Committee, to speak on behalf of UMSU and to critique the current proposal put forward by transit.

2) Post-Secondary Educational Partnership on Alcohol Harms (PEP-AH) Symposium Planning

Currently working with PEP-AH team to survey our stakeholders and develop programming and theme for upcoming annual symposium on substance and alcohol use. So far, key areas that have been identified are sexual violence and mental health as it relates to alcohol and substance use. The purpose of this symposium is to educate and raise awareness around this topic and to focus on harm reduction strategies that institutions across the country can undertake to help reduce risks associated with alcohol and other substances. Currently the plan is to host early 2020. Venue and location TBD.

3) Respectful Work & Learning Environment/ Sexual Violence Policy Consultation

RWLE/SV Policy Committee: After the President Barnard’s release of the University’s 43 recommendations to address sexual violence, discrimination and harassment on campus, the university is starting to work on implementation specifically with respect to recommendations related to the RWLE/SV policy and procedure. Moving forward, UMSU will be hosting a special consultation meeting for UMSU members, BOD members, community groups, and student groups included, in late November to discuss the proposed policy changes and get feedback/input from the student body on these key issues. Tentative date: November 28th at 5:30 PM.
Meeting and Events (external only):

- Oct 26th – Malpractice
- Oct 27th – Academic Integrity Advisory
- Oct 28th – PSS Mental Health Strategy Review
- Oct 29th – Governance & Nominating BOG Committee
- Oct. 29th – Mtg with VP Students
- Oct 30th – SVRC Interviews pt.2
- Nov.1st – ATU 1505 Mtg
- Nov 4th – Public Works UPASS Mtg
- Nov 5th – JFW & UMSU mtg
- Nov 6th – UMSU AGM
- Nov 6th – UCRU Mtg
- Nov 6th – Senate
- Nov 7th – Mtg with UMGSA VPA
- Nov 7th – Honorary Degree Luncheon
- Nov 7th – PEP-AH Call
- Nov 7th – BOD Mtg
- Nov. 8th – Business Banquet Q&A
- Nov.8th – Laverne Cox
- Nov 8th – Academic Integrity Systemic Issues Mtg
- Nov 8th – Business Banquet
- Nov.12th – 21st OUT OF OFFICE