Ongoing / Continuing Work

1. **Board of Governors**

BOG has not met since last meeting.

2. **Sustainability**

We had our last Sustainability Working Group meeting on Jan 15th where we discussed updates on the strategic planning process and began brainstorming for the campaign week. The key advocacy goal of our campaign week will be calling on the university to commit to net zero emissions by 2050. This is in keeping with UMSU’s stance taken in September and with the sustainability committee’s letter to the university administration.

3. **U-PASS Update**

The confirmed schedule for the U-Pass is as follows:

FEB 3-7: NOMINATIONS FOR SIDE REGISTRATION

FEB 10-11: CAMPAIGN PERIOD

FEB 12-14: VOTING (social media campaigning only)

Our plan is to begin broadcasting information on the U-Pass program within the next few weeks to help inform the voters on the issues ahead of this crucial vote. You can find our FAQ page here: [https://umsu.ca/news/upcoming-u-pass-referendum-what-you-need-to-know/](https://umsu.ca/news/upcoming-u-pass-referendum-what-you-need-to-know/)

We will roll out our campaign in support of the U-Pass beginning Feb 10.

VPFO Mbuli Matshe and VPSL Jelynn Dela Cruz will be presenting to City Council’s Public Works committee

4. **Federal Advocacy**

UCRU’s lobby week is coming next week from February 3-7. We are excited to be hitting the hill and already have 30 meetings scheduled with MPs. As mentioned previously, VPA Sarah Bonner-Proulx sits on the advocacy committee for UCRU and has been working hard on the
international student brief. We should be able to give a full update on that brief, along with the financial aid brief and the Indigenous student brief at the board meeting and will give a conference report upon return.

5. Student Research Assistant Program

We conducted interviews for this semester’s student research assistant program this past week and made hires this week. We had over 20 applicants this term and chose three outstanding projects, one focusing on student tenant rights, one on Indigenous course content and services, and one on ethical purchasing. We can’t wait to see what these students accomplish this term.

6. Provincial Advocacy

In the past two weeks VPA Sarah Bonner-Proulx and I met with MLA Jamie Moses – critic for Economic Development and Training – and the Minister of Economic Development and Training, Ralph Eichler. We discussed our lobbying asks to reduce the cost of international healthcare through a public buy-in plan, expanding funding for open education, and amending FIPPA legislation to allow for survivors and prospective hiring institutions to know the result of a sexual violence investigation against an alleged perpetrator.