New Updates

1. Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion (EDI)
   Since the last BOD meeting, I’ve had a handful of meetings with sub-committees of the President’s EDI Task Force. We’re currently in the process of finalizing details for community and student consultations.

2. Nimbus Peer Tutoring / Exam Cram Winter 2020
   There are two e-blasts scheduled to go out a few weeks prior to midterms and finals to raise awareness of the tutoring program. Patrick and I have been regularly in contact with William and Ben from Nimbus discussing bugs and specs, making adjustments as necessary for the U of M. We’re currently working on compiling statistics for Fall 2019 and the beginning of Winter term that will be presented to the Member Services Committee and any BOD members after reading week upon request.
   In partnering with Bumble, the Science Students’ Association, and the Faculty of Science for their 50th anniversary, UMSU will be hosting Exam Cram events throughout the week of February 10 to 14, 2020. The snack cart will also be making rounds once again. We have two spots left to reserve for rounds to your student lounges. Please e-mail vpsl@umsu.ca to request a visit and I’ll notify you when we have a confirmed time and day.

3. UMSU x Architecture: Wellness Space Competition
   Over the past month or so, I’ve been working with the senior stick of Architecture to brainstorm a Mindful Campus grant submission that would allow Architecture & Design students to envision as space (old or new) that can be transformative to the student experience and make a subconscious impact on the students’ ability to destress.
   In the next little while, I have a handful of meetings set up with campus planning and folks who have done extensive work in restorative spaces in the past for their insight. Stay tuned for updates on this exciting project!

4. BOSS / ACE Restructuring
   After finding that a lot of the information we’ve been reporting to both ACE and BOSS are very similar in nature and content, we’ve decided to merge the two bodies for efficiency this term and to gauge whether or not this would be a more acceptable structure moving forward.

Continuing Updates

1. Mental Health Week
   Please see Kyra’s report and UMSU’s social media for an overview of events coming up. I’m very excited for everyone to finally get to see what we’ve been working on based on feedback from the previous Mental Health Week in the fall term and I can’t wait to see you at our free events! Should you have any accessibility requirements that would deter your attendance, please feel free to call or e-mail me at vpsl@umsu.ca to make arrangements.
2. Indigenous Students’ Working Group

Please refer to Alicia’s insights and report. This term, we will be beginning the formation of UMSU’s strategic plan and we’ve merged the next ISWG with the upcoming Indigenous Students’ Community Assembly on January 21, 2020 and 5:30 PM in Council Chambers.

External Events & Meetings Attended

Office Hours: Mondays @ 12:30 PM in Degree’s Diner

December 6, 2019 – Ecole Polytechnique Shooting Memorial Ceremony & Unveiling
December 6, 2019 – Holiday Hamper Donation Pick-ups
December 9, 2019 – Champions for Mental Health Working Group Meeting
December 9, 2019 – Nimbus / Tutoring Term Review
December 10, 2019 – Robin DiAngelo Prep Meeting w/ Vice-Provost Students
December 11, 2019 – CCR Review Committee
December 12, 2019 – Inner City Hamper Delivery
December 12, 2019 – UMSU x Architecture Wellness Space
December 13, 2019 – ISWG Planning Meeting
December 13, 2019 – Staff Christmas Party
December 17, 2019 – DBO & MMSA Meeting re: Bannatyne operations and Mental Health
December 18, 2019 – Meeting with Vice Provost Students & Spiritual Care re: Wellness Space development
December 18, 2019 – EDI Community Consultation Sub-Committee
December 20, 2019 – HAVEN Planning meeting
January 7, 2020 – Radio Recording re: uManitoba Open House
January 7, 2020 – Movies for Mental Health call
January 7, 2020 – UMSU x BISOCC collab meeting
January 8, 2020 – Serving Breakfasts
January 8, 2020 – Meeting w/ Phoenix re: intersectional programming
January 8, 2020 – Bumble meeting re: Exam Cram
January 8, 2020 – ACE/BOSS
January 9, 2020 – Serving Breakfasts
January 9, 2020 – Meeting w/ Azka re: Mental Health Week
January 10, 2020 – Manibtan Interview
January 10, 2020 – International Centre Orientation Tabling
January 10, 2020 – MSA Prayers for Peace
January 10, 2020 – UMISA Flight PS752 Vigil
January 10, 2020 – Eat Yer Hat
January 14, 2020 – UMGSA VPSS Meeting re: Mental Health programming
January 15, 2020 – EDI student focus group planning meeting w/ Maire
January 15, 2020 – Meeting w/ Student re: Sexual Violence, Mental Health, resources, programming, etc.
January 15, 2020 – Sustainability Working Group
January 15, 2020 – UMES Council Meeting re: Movies for Mental Health
January 16, 2020 – UMCRAFT Mental Health Event