1. UPass

As you probably heard, on March 6th the city budget was tabled and the UPass was proposed as a cut.
We released the following statement on this:


We’ve also published a piece on how you can help:


Please share each of these on your social media, as well as signing and sharing the following petition:
https://www.change.org/p/mayor-bowman-save-the-u-pass

The biggest ways you can help are:
1. Calling your city councillor.
2. Speaking as a delegate at Public Works committee or to Executive policy committee. The details on how to do this and the registration link are in the @myumsu Instagram bio
3. Sign and share all social media materials around this issue

In addition, we have the following events coming up:

March 12: councillor phone banking session 10-2 in UC
March 12: speaking delegations to public works beginning at 1pm
March 13: Debate with Mayor Bowman. I have challenged Mayor Bowman to come debate me on the UPass in fireside lounge at 12pm. If he doesn’t show, well ask all the questions you submit anyhow, discuss the importance of the UPass and call mayor bowman and your members of city council and ask why they won’t face us directly!
March 16: delegate training and info session, 12-2
March 18: councillor phone banking session
March 19: speaking delegations at EPC
March 23: A funeral for the UPass 7-8:30: come read a eulogy for the UPass, with drink specials for a roast night at the hub. Let’s get jacked up before the final hurdle
March 25: City Council Budget Meeting. Come pack the gallery!
2. Sustainability

March 23-27 we are hosting sustainability week. Some events are now in flux due to the UPass news but the main advocacy goal of the week remains pushing the university towards net zero emissions by 2050. We will be doing this through scrap paper and digital postcards addressed to President Barnard.

We will also host interactive games to do with waste placement, host a sustainability focused film festival, bike repair workshops, have a bike blender to make you a smoothie, host a plant-based dinner in Degrees, a sustainability trivia night, and a campus cleanup. We hope to see you all there!

3. University Budget

We’ve now had two university budget advisory committee meetings. We’ve discussed a feasibility study to accomplish net zero by 2050, continued funding for the international healthcare relief fund and sexual violence resource centre, increased counselling funding, and restoration of the Indigenous scholars program as key areas we want addressed.

4. Provincial Budget

This gets released Wednesday March 11 so I’ll be commenting orally.