New Updates

1. Transition
   Since early April I’ve been working on transitioning into the VPCE role with Kyra Fanning. She left extensive documents as part of the transition that I continue to refer to with greater context now that I’m officially in the position. We’ve also had a chance to meet with some of the UMSU departments and gain greater clarity on the work that they do.

2. UMSU Website
   The Projects & IT and Marketing Department along with myself have begun work on the umsu.ca website. The main objective is to adapt the website in anticipation of increased usage with classes being online for fall 2020. So far we’re in the process of analyzing the site structure and content organization. I’d love to hear your feedback on your experience using the website you can email me at vpce@umsu.ca

3. Students Of UMSU
   The Instagram page @studentsofumsu is alive and kicking! If you or your student groups are looking for more exposure on anything you’re working on you can fill out a form in the page’s bio to be featured!

4. Students for Black Lives Campaign
   With everything that’s been happening in the world the past couple of months, the world received a harsh reminder about police brutality and anti-black racism with the death of George Floyd. At the virtual circle, I shared stories of instances of anti-black racism and looking back at just how long this has been happening now left me very disheartened. It’s all a complex mess that doesn’t only involve black people and North America, it involves Indigenous peoples, LGBTTQ* folks, and it involves all the other people oppressed by corrupt governments and greedy organizations. It becomes very easy to drown into all of it. However, I really do believe that we’re going to do better. We’ve taken steps towards doing better at UMSU. By empowering those around us we can all be better.
   UMSU released a statement in conjunction with other Manitoban post-secondary institutions. You can find the full statement @myumsu
   We’ve also started recruiting members for the University of Manitoba Black Student’s Association. Applications to this are still open through the link in the @myumsu bio. Please let your friends know!
External Events & Meetings Attended
Note: This excludes all meetings internal to the organization.

June 1- UM Black Alliance
June 2- Virtual Care Circle
June 3- Next Generation Web Experience (NGWE) Board Meeting
June 4- COCA: Building Blocks of Marketing
June 4- COCA: 10 things I learned as a Student Leader
June 11- Meeting with UMFM
June 11- University IT Advisory Council (UITAC)
June 15- COCA: Day of the Event
June 15- Meeting with Nimbus

Questions about any of these events and meetings can be directed to vpce@umsu.ca