



### **New Updates**

Shorter report as we've just returned to the office after the winter break.

Obviously the biggest piece to touch on is the change on the university's mode of delivery. I understand that this has been another blow for that feeling that the pandemic situation is improving. I also share in the disappointment that many of us are feeling because of more virtual learning. I implore all of you Student Leaders to hold on to the hope that has allowed us to get this far. I strongly believe that now more than ever, the students we represent will be looking to our leadership as we begin this term virtually. Frankly, it does suck. But we should remember that we're in a much better position with a vaccinated campus community. It may seem like we're moving in the wrong direction but we'll be back and in the meantime, we should count our blessings and hold on to hope. For our students and most importantly, for our sanity. Stay Safe!

### **Holiday Hampers**

A huge thank you to all the groups and people that were able to donate to our annual Holiday Hampers program. In all, we received 223 applicants and we were able to provide a hamper to all of them. We did also receive a record amount of donations in response to the increased need. As you may know, the raised funds are exclusively used for this program and any retained donations are applied to the program's next iteration.

### **Celebrating Black History**

- Excited to sponsor UMBSU activities
- UM Black Alliance will have virtual things like last year

As we get closer to Black History Month, I'm excited to update the board on our plans for that month. Building off our celebrations of Black history in November, UMSU will be working to sponsor and promote the activities hosted by the University of Manitoba Black Students Union (UMBSU). The BSU has been organising spaces for black students to interact with each other and build community since its inception in 2020.

### **Virtual Winter Orientation**

We're now focusing our plan for winter orientation on the virtual activities that the university will be facilitating. UMSU will be involved with the International Student's Orientation as well as the University's Prep Days leading up to welcome day. As this pivot is fresh, I'll provide further details as they solidify at our next board meeting or through email for those of you who are interested.

### **External Events & Meetings Attended**

*Note: These dates exclude meetings internal to the organisation.*

*\*\* Office Hours: Mondays 12-1 (@ Degrees!) I'm available via email as well.*

*Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> – CSA*

*Dec 10<sup>th</sup> – UITAC (no updates)*

*Dec 13<sup>th</sup> – Meet with Residence Admin*

*Dec 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> – Marketing Interviews*