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TO: UMSU Board of Directors
FROM: VP Community Engagement, Tino Dogo
DATE: February 3rd, 2022
RE: **Report to the Board, February 2022**

New Updates

I'm supposed to sit here and believe it's been a whole January? Lol.

Celebrating Black History

This February we're celebrating black history by promoting the work of UM community groups and organisation. Through the month, the Black Students Union will host a series of events. Their events will explore Black History at the UM. They plan to host a virtual bake sale like last year – 10/10 would recommend. A selfcare giveaway and trivia on Black history are also in store.

The UM Black Alliance will be hosting a Keynote and Townhall on Feb 16th Details are available in our newsletter.

UMFM is going to be creating a playlist composed of Black artists throughout the month. If you know Jared and Michael from UMFM, you know it'll be good!

Green Team/Sustainability

After meeting with UM VP Administration Naomi Andrew and the Office of Sustainability, we're now going to present some feedback gathered from student sustainability groups. During the meeting, we touched on the proceedings of the UM Climate Action Plan and the resurgence of a melting pot sustainability hub through UMSU.

The UM Sustainability Committee met to review the North Campus Lands (NCL) development policy. The *Community Wellbeing Policy: Guide for Development of Southwood Lands* was developed for UM Properties (The Development company established by the UM). North Campus Lands and Southwood Lands are used interchangeably. This wellbeing policy is being developed as a guide to governing the urban development of the NCL. Of note is the apparent separation of the development of the land with the University of Manitoba organisation. As an example, the UM Sustainability Strategy does not seem to apply on these university lands. In all, this is a very early draft. Indeed, the first draft. At this stage, questions and improvements are necessary and we'll be tying this policy into our Sustainability work.

On a completely unrelated note, our theme for Sustainability this year is Greenwashing.

Elections Forum

The CRO will be planning and moderating info sessions for the upcoming UMSU General Election. Details will be release via the newsletter and on social media, @MyUMSU.

Journal That Talks Back

Brook touched on this in his previous report but I thought I'd touch on it too. The Executives have been trialing this service that connects individuals with professional development coaches through an online journal. The online platform has a range of features and resources that guide the participant through the service.



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Continuing Updates

Mental Health Week

To end off this programming, we're hosting the Wellness Panel this Thursday at noon. Our UMSU womyn's rep will be moderating the conversation. A recording will be made available in case you're not able to make it for the live conversation.

JDC West/ Team Toba

The JDC have now concluded for this year. It was a pleasure being a newbie coach to the not-for-profit team. Huge shoutout to Team Toba, the organisers and everyone who helped the competition shift its delivery. NFP!

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.*

Jan 21st – CSA

Jan 24th – Project Board Meeting

Feb 2nd – UMSU and Student Affairs