



New Updates

Sustainability Hub

Work has started to realise a new department of UMSU, an area dedicated to improving sustainability within UMSU, offering an area for different sustainability focused student groups to connect, and act as an oversight body for the Universities sustainability goals. This sustainability hub will act to ensure the continuity of sustainable thoughts within the Union, should a new Executive team not have a member passionate about sustainability. With this being a larger project, we are aiming to have this complete by the summer so connections between student groups can begin, and the hub will be able to begin “normal operations” starting in the fall.

Third Floor UC Washroom

Work is starting on the third floor UC washrooms. This renovation will see a change to the general layout of the washrooms, and further work to the custodial space between the men’s and women’s washrooms. While this construction will mean that the only available washrooms in UC will be those on the west end, by the cashier’s office (increased signage going up soon).

Electronic Fund Transfers

UMSU is now reaching the final stages of being able to offer EFT’s instead of the currently used cheques. More work is in the way to ensure flexibility of signing authorities (between the 4 authorised to do so). This change will drastically reduce UMSU’s paper usage, and should be more convenient for students and student councils.

Continuing Updates

Businesses

With announcements coming in from each faculty stating how many of their classes will be returning in person, the numbers are just not quite what we would have hoped to pursue the opening of more of our businesses. As such, Degrees, GPA’s, and the Service centre are the only UMSU businesses currently open, and will remain so until numbers justify the opening of other spaces. If councils are looking to host a social, you can certainly still reach out and see the availability of the HUB as a venue, if there is enough interest we can look at opening the HUB occasionally to host these events.

Dental Space

The RFP process is nearing its end, with the Universities legal team drafting the proposal that will be put to market soon. With current timelines, we expect a dental professional in the space for the fall term, in which they will be able to begin offering services to students in UC.



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TO: UMSU Board of Directors

FROM: VPFO, Brook Rivard

DATE: February 17, 2022

RE: Report to the Board, February 2022

External Events & Meetings Attended

- Feb 8th – Fire redevelopment
- Feb 8th – Covid Health and Safety
- Feb 8th – Covid Operations
- Feb 9th – Residence development
- Feb 10th – Community Scholarships
- Feb 11th – Office of Sustainability
- Feb 15th – Covid Health and Safety
- Feb 16th – Breaking Down Barriers
- Feb 16th – Sustainability Committee