



**TO:** UMSU Board of Directors  
**FROM:** VP Finance and Operations, Brook Rivard  
**DATE:** May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
**RE:** **Report to the Board, May 2022**

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## **New Updates**

### **Gryd Park**

Noting the results of Participatory budgeting last year, and the incoming team's platforms, UMSU has begun looking into possibilities to reduce parking fees for students or offer alternative parking options. Gryd Park is a company which bulk purchases, and rents out parking stalls. This renting out comes at a rather large discount to students (advertised at ~30%), and allows for options that currently parking services may not provide. Meetings will continue with Gryd Park, and Parking Services will also be looped in to see what type of institutional support can be drawn on.

### **Compass**

With mental health continuing to be a focus this year, UMSU is looking into possible additions to the current offerings through our Health and Dental plan. Compass is a site "created by students for students", and aims to provide an indexed search for mental health related services and topics both locally and nationally.

## **Continuing Updates**

### **Businesses**

Much work is happening behind the scenes for VW's and IQ's, continued planning for reopening, ongoing changes to the inside look of VW's, hiring to ensure we're ready to go, and more. IQ's is expected to open in the coming months with a soft launch to invite students back into the space, keep your eyes open for more info regarding the opening and events. VW's will be opening a little later than IQ's as we wait the new furniture and final changes to complete, we expect an August opening, again with soft launch activities, followed by a full launch come September.

### **Studentcare**

The team has met with our Studentcare representative and heard more on the possible mental health additions to our plan. Console, prepaid psychology, and an expanded Empower me were touched on. With these, and the other external options presented, the team and I will now be able to weigh our options and see which is most valuable to the students of the Union.

## **External Events & Meetings Attended**

- May 7<sup>th</sup> – Graduation Pow wow/ Grand entry
- May 9<sup>th</sup> – Spring orientation tabling
- May 10<sup>th</sup> - Discussion regarding UMSU Bannatyne spaces
- May 11<sup>th</sup> – My Student Wellbeing
- May 12<sup>th</sup> – Gryd Park
- May 14<sup>th</sup> – UMISO Mixer
- May 14<sup>th</sup> – WESST Gala
- May 16<sup>th</sup> – Compass Mental health