



TO: UMSU Board of Directors
FROM: VP Student Life, Tracy Karuhogo
DATE: August 18th, 2022
RE: **Report to the Board, August 2022**

New Updates

Hardship_Fund

- Starting September 1st, the Hardship fund is going to be restructured in order to increase accountability for how the money is spent.
- A student is going to be able to apply for the fund only once a semester
- There will be funding only according to the following categories i.e. rent assistance, grocery assistance, medical assistance, childcare assistance, bus /transportation(only in summer and urgent bills
- Each category has documents of proof required
- Grocery assistance is going to be given in form of gift cards only and bus card reload will be done at Service Centre

Club Funding Forms

- The new funding forms were released Aug 8th, every group should take some time to review and if they have any questions to please reach out to me or Matthew the new Services Coordinator
- The forms have been redesigned to make it easier for the applicants to request for funding and increase accountability and transparency.
- They are divided into Club Travel Grant, Club Operations Grant, Club Events Grants both Approval and Pre approval forms with a form to just submit receipts if your event was already preapproved

Continuing Updates

Orientation

- Welcome day is happening Sept 6th and the University needs enthusiastic student groups to be involved in the ceremony.
- Sign up isn't open yet but when it is I will forward the link to all associations
- Save the Date: There will be training for the event on the Afternoon of Thursday Sept 1st.

External Events & Meetings Attended

July 26 – Sept 6th Pep rally meeting

July 26- UMSU and Student Engagement

Aug 3rd- Find you UM Community Event planning

August 4th – Meeting with Rees

August 4th – Campaigns meeting with Josh (Capilano University)