



New Updates

- Pre Budget-Submission
 - o We are currently working on our Pre-budget submission to the university to request additional funding in certain areas
 - o So far, we have started consultation with university departments such as the Student Counselling center, as well as security services and others, to ensure that we understand where funding can be properly contributed.
 - We want to make sure that we don't just ask for funding without proper understanding of where that funding goes
 - o I sat in on the Budget committee meeting and made sure to note my concern that they seem to be looking at the university as a business. Our pre-budget submission should be an accurate representation of where we need funding to go in order to ensure that this does not continue.
- UMSU general election CRO Selected
 - o *Selections* committee met, and Thomas Tran has been selected as our CRO for this upcoming UMSU general election. This will need to be ratified by the board; however, the selection has been made.
- Direct Trade certification
 - o After months of waiting for a response, we learned that the university cannot make their services fair trade, as there are complications with Aramark. However, I have connected with Aramark to ensure that they start the process of looking at direct trade certification.
- MHWG
 - o The mental health working group will be looking to create a list of recommendations for UMSU and the administration to work on for the next year. This will help with transitioning the next UMSU team and ensuring that people feel properly supported.
- Operations and maintenance - (formerly physical plant)
 - o I had a meeting with Steve Cumpsty, the head of the department, and brought up the issues that student associations have been having. He seemed extremely receptive and ready to support us.
 - o I told him that wait times need to be addressed, and that there is a lack of respect.
 - He told me that if anyone notes any issues, that they should tell him directly. If you hear anything, please let me know.
 - o We also talked about snow clearing across campus. He told me that he would look into that as well. Looking to increase the amount of clearing that is done.
- Dietetics program issue
 - o Waiting on a response from Minister Reyes and President Benarroch. We sent a letter asking for support on the issue after meeting with students from NECO, and we are looking to have the issue solved as soon as possible.
- ISAP
 - o The form to apply for ISAP, our Indigenous Students Art Program has gone out
 - o If you, or anyone you know is an Indigenous student, and wishes to be a part of the program, please apply here: <https://umsu.ca/indigenous-student-art-program/>



Continuing Updates

- Meetings with Student Associations
 - o I sent a new message to all associations asking for another meeting this semester. If you have not responded yet, please respond so that we can continue checking in!
 - o SWSA
 - Continuing to work with them on strengthening the relationship between them and their faculty administration
 - Issues with physical plant and conference and catering. I connected with all involved parties and we are looking into how to solve the issues. This is not just a SWSA issue, I have heard it from many associations
 - o UMISA
 - Met with UMISA and Elder Carl Stone to discuss the relationship between UMISA and UMSU.
 - We are looking to bolster the relationship and support UMISA properly.
 - Consultations are still on-going, and we will be looking to potentially change some of our bylaws to ensure proper support for the UM Indigenous Student community.
- CASA
 - o I had the opportunity to sit down with Senator Mary Mccallum and chat about some student issues.
 - o We were supposed to chat during CASAs advocacy week; however, we ended up not being able to, due to her being sick at the time.
 - o We talked about mental health supports, access to education for Indigenous learners, and more funding for student grants.
- Community rep room issue – Accessibility center
 - o After discussing the issue with Caleigh, we decided that the accessibility center would move in order to ensure that the room was large enough to account for the student population and that it was accessible.

External Events & Meetings Attended

- Friday Dec. 9th – SWSA Meeting
- Friday Dec. 9th – UMSU selections committee
- Monday Dec. 12th – Meeting with Senator Mccallum
- Monday Dec. 12th – Meeting with Caleigh
- Monday Dec. 12th – MHWG
- Tuesday Dec. 13th – Physical Plant Meeting
- Tuesday Dec. 13th – Meeting with NECO
- Tuesday Dec. 13th – William Norie Campus Holiday Hamper drop off
- Wednesday Dec. 14th – Meeting with UWSA
- Thursday Dec. 15th – Meeting with UMISA
- Thursday Dec. 15th – Budget Advisory Committee
- Thursday Dec. 15th – MAPSS Meeting
- Friday Dec. 16th – CASA National Advocacy Meeting
- Friday Dec. 16th – PSA Vigil



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TO: UMSU Board of Directors
FROM: President, Jaron Rykiss
DATE: January 12th, 2023
RE: **Report to the Board, January 2023**

- Monday Jan 9th – Interview with Free Press
- Monday Jan 9th – Orientation breakfast
- Monday Jan 9th – Ukraine vs Bisons Hockey game
- Tuesday Jan 10th – Class talk
- Tuesday Jan 10th – International Student Guide Meeting
- Tuesday Jan 10th – Student Senate Caucus
- Tuesday Jan 10th – Meeting with Anita
- Tuesday Jan 10th – Endowment fund meeting
- Wednesday Jan 11th – Senate
- Wednesday Jan 11th – Class talk
- Thursday Jan 12th – Class talks
- Thursday Jan 12th – ISAP Gala Planning meeting
- Thursday Jan 12th – meeting around Eternity Martis
- Thursday Jan 12th – Strategic planning committee
- Thursday Jan 12th – UMSU Community rep meeting
- Thursday Jan 12th – UMSU BOD Meeting