



**TO:** UMSU Board of Directors  
**FROM:** VP Community Engagement, Elishia Ratel  
**DATE:** January 12, 2023  
**RE:** **Report to the Board, January 2023**

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### New Updates

#### Festival du Voyageur

- Festival du Voyageur is looking for volunteers for this year's largest francophone festival in Western Canada from February 17-26, 2023. Volunteer positions include: parking attendant, welcoming host, cashier, bartender, ticket scanner, fire attendant, slides attendant, school program, eco-voyageur, and more. There are opportunities for anyone who wants to help; speaking French is not a requirement. There are great benefits to volunteering with Festival, including an incredible intercultural experience and tickets to events. If you would like to learn more or fill in an application, visit [heho.ca/en/get-involved](http://heho.ca/en/get-involved).

#### Sponsorship for Student Association Events

- We currently have a large portion of our Sponsorship budget available to support student events across campus. If your student association is putting on a large event or would like funding for an initiative, please contact me and we would be happy to help!

### Continuing Updates

#### Winter Orientation

- Winter Orientation will be taking place from **January 9-20, 2022**. Below is the timeline for the series of events we have planned.
  - o **January 9-13:** We will be serving free hot breakfast on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of UC courtesy of Degrees. Breakfast will begin at 9:30am and will continue until supplies last.
  - o **January 9-13:** We will be hosting Snow Sculpting Competition on Buller Lawn. Students will have the opportunity to build anything they want out of snow, take a picture of it, and send it to @studentsofumsu, where it will go to student voting at the end of the week. The best snowman chosen by students will win an iPad and Apple Pencil!
  - o **January 17:** Join us for our first fun, themed karaoke night of the year on January 17<sup>th</sup> at 8pm at VW Social Club!
  - o **January 20:** Back by popular demand, we will be hosting a Silent Headphone Disco on January 20<sup>th</sup> from 9pm-1am in the MPR. We will be featuring 3 DJs playing a variety of music with free pizza, drinks for purchase, and a pair of Sony Headphones as the door prize for entry before 10:30pm. Tickets are now on sale online through Eventbrite for \$15. This event is 18+ and we will not be accepting intoxicated entry. Please share the poster amongst your faculties!

#### Skating Rink

- In collaboration with UMSU and departments in the UM Administration, the Quad is being turned into an ice rink for the remainder of the winter season. There is a path carved out around the rink and lights will be strung up in the trees. The official opening of the rink is this Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned for more details.

### External Events & Meetings Attended



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December 9 – Shopping for Holiday Hampers  
December 9 – Assembling Holiday Hamper Packages  
December 9 – UMSU Part-Time Staff Holiday Party  
December 12 – Holiday Hampers Pick Ups  
December 12 – Mental Health Working Group  
December 13 – Holiday Hampers Pick Ups  
December 13 – Dropped off Hampers to Inner City Campus  
December 14 – Meeting with SOFASA  
December 14 – Meeting with Student Engagement and Success  
December 15 – Meeting with UMISA  
December 15 – Study Snack Cart  
January 6 – New Student Welcome Presentation  
January 9 – Orientation Breakfast  
January 11 – Meeting with Office of Sustainability  
January 12 – Meeting with Justice for Women