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**TO:** UMSU Board of Directors  
**FROM:** VP Advocacy, Victoria Romero  
**DATE:** February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
**RE:** **Report to the Board, February 2023**

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## **Continuing Updates**

### **International student healthcare**

Since the last BOD meeting, there has been a provincial cabinet shuffle. Hon. Jon Reyes is now the Minister of Immigration and Labour, while Hon. Sarah Guillemard (MLA for Fort Richmond) is the new Minister of Advanced Education and Training. Hon. Audrey Gordon remains the Minister of Health. Our advocacy will continue to the offices of the Minister of Advanced Education, Minister of Health, and now we will also extend our efforts to Hon. Jon Reyes portfolio of Immigration. We are hoping to meet with Minister Guillemard soon to discuss student issues, international student healthcare being one of them.

On February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Jaron and I will be meeting with the CEO of Shared Health to discuss international student healthcare coverage.

### **Harm Reduction**

Currently in the process of organizing various naloxone training dates for BOD members and associations/clubs. If you, or your Association/Club would like to receive naloxone training + free kits, please send me an email [vpa@umsu.ca](mailto:vpa@umsu.ca) and we can work to arrange a date that best fits your schedule.

### **Manitoba Alliance of Post-Secondary Students (MAPSS)**

Please join MAPSS in calling on the Manitoba provincial government to appropriately & adequately fund the operating grants (of public post-secondary institutions), in order to stop tuition increases, at our FUND OUR FUTURES Rally for Accessible Education on February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 2pm!

Over the past two weeks, MAPSS has been tabling at all of our member campuses. We will be onsite at Brandon University on Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **MMIWG2S & working to address systemic racism and oppression:**

On February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023, UMISA Co-President Raven Morrisseau and I will be meeting with Deputy-Mayor & Chair of the Winnipeg Police Service Board Markus Chambers. Deputy-Mayor Chambers has stated that he wishes to continue to listen to the community and support community led efforts that improve safety for Indigenous people in Winnipeg. We will present recommendations to Deputy-Mayor Chambers for him to bring back to not only the city council but also the WPS. They will be based on the 231 Calls for Justice outlined in "Reclaiming Power and Place: The Final Report of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls". These recommendations will hopefully help



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to inform these systems on how meaningful reconciliation that is truly anti-colonial & community-led can be achieved in the future.

**External Events & Meetings Attended**

- January 31<sup>st</sup> 2023: CASA EDI Strategic Planning
- February 1<sup>st</sup> 2023: UM Senate
- February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2023: Meeting with President Michael Benarroch & Laurie Schnarr (Vice-Provost Students)
- February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2023: Tabling at University of Winnipeg (MAPSS)
- February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2023: Meeting with University College of The North student executive
- February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2023: Academic Integrity Advisory Committee
- February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2023: Asper Celebrating Co-Op
- February 3<sup>rd</sup> 2023: Working In Support of Equality (WISE) breakfast with Justice Sheilah Martin
- February 3<sup>rd</sup> 2023: Meeting with Chancellor Mahon
- February 3<sup>rd</sup> 2023: Bison tabling
- February 3<sup>rd</sup> 2023: UMSU Black History Month social
- February 7<sup>th</sup> 2023: UMSU Election information session with VPA
- February 8<sup>th</sup> 2023: Meeting with Deputy Mayor Markus Chambers
- February 9<sup>th</sup> 2023: UMSU BOD meeting
- February 10<sup>th</sup> 2023: Meeting with Shared Health CEO
- February 10<sup>th</sup> 2023: Meeting with UMISA