



**TO:** UMSU Board of Directors  
**FROM:** President, Jaron Rykiss  
**DATE:** March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
**RE:** **Report to the Board, March 2023**

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*Note\*\* due to CASA AGM, I was out of office and therefore my BOD report is shorter than usual.*

### **New Updates**

- CASA AGM 2023
  - o Victoria and I attended the CASA AGM 2024 conference in Halifax this past week
  - o At this conference, we spent roughly 5-8 hours a day discussing CASAs operating procedures, policy plans, requests for the federal government, and internal structures.
  - o This marks the end of Victoria and Is time in CASA as delegates this year. I truly believe that we have received an enormous amount of benefit for the low cost that our union takes on to pay for this membership.
- UMSU student guide
  - o We are working on the final touches for the first official draft of the UMSU student guide!
  - o As soon as the first draft is completed, we are going to share it with key stakeholders at the university for feedback.
    - Some key groups are:
      - UM International center
      - UM First year center
      - UMISO – UMSU Club
      - And more!
  - o The good news is that because it is a living document, we are able to post the draft, and update it as we go!
- UMSU AGM
  - o We held our UMSU AGM – right before this meeting.
  - o The meeting marks the last AGM that I will be president for, unfortunately! But I am so proud of all of the wins we have had this year.
- Meeting with VP Laurie Schnarr
  - o Discussed how we can better work together to advocate for student supports at the university
  - o Discussed what steps UMSU can take to prevent harassment between students at UM
    - Figuring out which Bylaws UMSU needs to change in order to properly support students.



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- Also discussed the tentative expansion of the Period product pilot program to the Arts faculty. As well as some other faculties who are also considering joining the list.

### **Continuing Updates**

- ISAP
  - We have received the painting from one of the people who submitted it to ISAP!
  - We are going to hang it soon, and then auction it off and donate the proceeds to the charity of the artist's choice!
  - The painting will be hung in the next couple of weeks.
- Bannatyne lunches
  - We hosted lunch this afternoon on Bannatyne campus to connect with students out here!
  - Thank you to everyone who came by and chatted! We are so happy to be able to connect with everyone.

### **External Events & Meetings Attended**

- March 21<sup>st</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>
  - CASA AGM
- March 27<sup>th</sup>
  - UMSU Student Guide meeting
  - Meeting with Laurie Schnarr
  - Office hours (Held in fireside lounge)
- March 28<sup>th</sup>
  - Meeting with Richard Buchwald
  - Meeting with ACCESS Program
  - Discussion on Jack Habbit
  - UM Board of Governors Meeting
- March 29<sup>th</sup>
  - UMSU Marketing Committee
  - GM + President check in
- March 30<sup>th</sup>
  - Bannatyne Lunch
  - UMSU Winter AGM
  - UMSU BOD meeting