



### New Updates

- International student healthcare
  - o Released an open letter to Premier Stefanson – asking for help with providing international students healthcare
    - Find it here:  
[https://www.instagram.com/reel/CpDmMYmJVdF/?utm\\_source=ig\\_web\\_copy\\_link](https://www.instagram.com/reel/CpDmMYmJVdF/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link)
  - o Had a meeting with Adam Topp, CEO of Shared Health MB
    - He seemed to be in support of healthcare for international students, mainly because providing it will keep more international students in the med programs in the province!
    - Waiting for a response and follow up.
- Meeting with The Manitoban and the Office of Sustainability
  - o Goal was to discuss overprinting and potentially evaluate ways in which we can reduce the waste on campus
  - o Waiting on responses from the Manitoban regarding costs and some pathways forward. Happy to have made the connection and I am hoping that we can ensure that the community is printing the paper sustainably and properly!
  - o Hoping to have a follow-up meeting next month to see the progress.
- CASA NAC
  - o In the CASA National Advocacy Committee, we created a campaign called #HalfYourCSG in which we discuss the potential slashing of CSGs that students will face if the federal government does not change their current path.
  - o More information is available here:
    - [https://www.casa-acae.com/casa\\_launches\\_halfyourcsg\\_campaign](https://www.casa-acae.com/casa_launches_halfyourcsg_campaign)
- Land Acknowledgement Plaque
  - o I had a meeting with Elder Norman Meade to ask for some guidance on creating a plaque for UC with the UMSU Land Acknowledgement on it
  - o I passed him tobacco, and he accepted the offering, letting me know that he is more than happy to help out!
  - o I am working on this with Amanda and Thomas and getting some perspective from Ishkode and Raven from UMISA!
- Earthquake statement and relief – MSA
  - o I had a meeting with Tracy and MSA, in which we discussed some steps that UMSU could take to support students in the wake of the earthquakes earlier this month.
  - o We put out a statement and drafted a pre-written letter that students can provide their instructors regarding taking some time off because of the stress of the situation
  - o It is all available here:
    - <https://umsu.ca/news/earthquake-statement/>
- Student Wellness Center Consultation
  - o I attended a consultation meeting with the team working on the new Student Wellness Center
  - o At this meeting, we discussed the goals and objectives of the new space, and some concerns that folks have
  - o It is funded by Bell Let's Talk, and the \$100,000 that they have provided will be used for upkeep of the program for a couple of years.



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- They have not found a space just yet
- I noted that the space needs to not just be an index, it needs to have internal resources
  - Ex. Don't just say "go to the SCC"
- We also noted that the space should be holistic! Not just for Mental health. We should be bringing in nutritionists, people from community health, kin-rec, and more!
  - Make sure students are supported from all angles
- Even the idea of tackling lack of sleep by evaluating Nap Pods!

### Continuing Updates

- ISAP
  - We got a submission
  - Evaluating where to hang it and going forward!
  - Huge thanks to Ishkode and everyone at UMISA who helped the program!!
  - I can't wait to see this continue to grow in future years.
- Student Advocacy work
  - The past two weeks I had been communicating with several students and supporting them through their advocacy needs
- Meeting with UMFA
  - Discussed continuation of the mask mandate
    - While there was no majority of students who preferred the mandate from our annual survey, it seems that more students prefer the mandate to not having it. However, it was inconclusive
  - Discussed the self-declaration policy around absences
    - They support it!
  - They're hosting some science-based events regarding safety on campus soon
- Meeting with UMISA
  - Discussed process of providing more autonomy whilst still being under the umbrella of UMSU
  - We looked at some options for adjusting our bylaws, and we are continuing to evaluate this process.
- Meetings with student associations
  - Met with ASBC, UMISA, and others.
  - IF YOU HAVE NOT SCHEDULED A MEETING WITH ME, PLEASE DO!!!! I WANT TO HEAR WHAT YOUR COUNCIL NEEDS SUPPORT WITH
  - I sent another email, please respond to schedule a meeting with me!
- MHWG
  - Creating a survey for the end of the year to be included in transition to help the next executive prioritize mental health of students
  - Talking about potential ways to implement mental health leaders in student associations. Not sure how to properly implement it just yet.

### External Events & Meetings Attended



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- Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> – UMISA Meeting
- Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> – Call with CBC
- Feb 10<sup>th</sup> – Meeting with Adam Topp – CEO of Shared Health
- Feb 13<sup>th</sup> – Meeting with Laurie Schnarr
- Feb 13<sup>th</sup> – Substance Awareness Advisory committee
- Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> – Meeting with Student (advo)
- Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> – Meeting with UMFA
- Feb 15<sup>th</sup> – CASA NAC meeting
- Feb 15h – ANEW Panel Event
- Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> – Meeting with Elder Meade
- Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> – Meeting with MSA
- Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> – Meeting with ASBC
- Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> – Meeting with OoS and the Manitoban
- Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> – Finance Committee
- Feb. 17th – BOG Budget Meeting
- Feb. 17th – Strategic Planning Consultation
- Feb. 17th – Interview with CBC – Re: Academic dishonesty
- Feb 17th – Video recording for Open Letter to Premier Stefanson
- Feb. 21-24th – Reading week
- Feb. 27th – Student Wellness Center Consultation
- Feb. 27th – Mental Health Working group
- Feb 28th – Meeting with Laurie Schnarr and Greg Smith
- March 1st – Hire a Bison meeting
- March 1st – CASA NAC meeting
- March 2nd – BOG Meeting
- March 2nd – BOD Meeting