



**TO:** UMSU Board of Directors  
**FROM:** President, Tracy Karuhogo  
**DATE:** June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
**RE:** **Report to the Board, June 2023**

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## **New Updates**

### **Transition**

- All the 5 executives completed transition in different departments of UMSU i.e. Finances, Marketing, IT, Services and more.
- We shall also be receiving media and government relations training too from professionals.
- We are also scheduling monthly check ins with the VPS to make sure I am supporting them in their roles.
- We also just had our UMSU Board Retreat where all the executives spent 3 days bonding in order for us to work well together and learn to complement each other as we fulfil our roles.

### **Canadian Alliance of Student Association**

- Liam and I attended the CASA Foundations conference in Ottawa on May 15-19<sup>th</sup>.
- At the conference we talked a lot about our priorities for the year i.e. Mental Health, Housing, Research Funding, Student Jobs and more
- We also talked about the Federal Political Climate and How to get Advocacy done. We also had mock meetings to practice how we speak and lobby with the politicians.
- We received more information about the National Indigenous Advocacy Committee and how we can work with them in advocating for Indigenous students. I am already in contact with Ishkode so we have a delegate at NIAC. We received cultural competence training as well.
- Lastly, I was voted as CASA Secretary 2023-24.
- If you would like to know more about CASA and what it does please check out the website here [Canadian Alliance of Student Associations \(casa-acae.com\)](https://casa-acae.com)

### **Studentcare Conference**

- Christine, Vaibhav and I attended the Studentcare conference in Montreal on May 23-25.
- We discussed the increase in the need to pay attention to Students Mental Health and Insurance trends.
- We also got to hear from different speakers about how to have successful negotiations, Branding for Student Unions and Navigating EDI.

### **Meeting with Laurie Schnarr (VP Students)**

- I had my first meeting with Laurie and we discussed some of our priorities of the year! Luckily we both had the same priorities for students.
- I listed EDI as being one of them and we have a meeting set to discuss this more in depth with her and Tina Chen EDI Director of University. We shall be working on these initiatives in conjunction with the EDI Working group as well.
- We also discussed Mental Health and we shall be consulting with Don and Student Counselling so we can start working through the recommendations made by the Mental Health working group.
- Housing is also going to be discussed both on campus i.e. pricing and food in residences as well as off campus too.
- International Centre received funding to build an International Student Lounge so we look forward to that as well.



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#### **Meeting with MLA Jamie Moses**

- On May 29<sup>th</sup>, we had a meeting with MLA Jamie to discuss some of the student's priorities like International Student Healthcare, Housing crisis, Student Aid and Mental Healthcare.
- We also discussed sending our student asks to all parties. The student asks document will have all our priorities as students moving forward. These will also be highlighted in our Get out the Vote Campaign.

#### **Board of Governors**

- Liam and I attended our first Board of Governors meeting on May 30.
- We were consulted on an increase to the admission target from Rady Faculty of Health Sciences for Bachelor of Health Sciences from 40 to 100 seats.
- There was also a consultation for a one time increase to the admission target for the Doctor of Pharmacy program from 55 to 60 students.

#### **Meeting with the Manitoban.**

- Gillian, Executive Director of Manitoban and all the executives had a meeting on Mon June 5<sup>th</sup> to discuss how we can work together during this years.
- We discussed process and boundaries of the interviews and the different journalist practices they use during their printing process.

#### **Community Representatives.**

- I sent out emails to all Community Representatives for us to sit down and talk about how we can work together. I am looking forward to those meetings and collaborating throughout the year.

#### **Continuing Updates**

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

Bisons Walkathon for Childhood Cancer  
Meeting with MLA Jamie  
Meeting with Laurie  
Campus Beautification Day  
Meeting with Executive Director CASA  
Meeting with UMISO  
Meeting with CSA  
Selections Committee  
MAPSS Meeting