



TO: UMSU Board of Directors
FROM: VP Advocacy, Liam Pittman
DATE: June 8th, 2023
RE: **Report to the Board, June 2023**

New Updates

Student Senate Caucus

Working on revitalizing the Student Senate Caucus with the aid of the GSA Co-Chair. This includes creating a new handbook for student senators to familiarize themselves with the current procedures, policies, practices, and functionality of the Senate. This could not be done without the help of Sophie.

MAPSS

The function of MAPSS is to lobby and advocate on behalf of students to the provincial government. We believe that MAPSS needs updating, simplification and revision of its current practices, procedures, and governing documents. As such, we have taken on this task to bring MAPSS to its full potential and weed out any issues while it is still in its infancy. A meeting was held with all representative unions and associations including: Brandon University, Red River College, University of Winnipeg, University of Manitoba, and Assiniboine Community College. Unfortunately, the UMGSA was not able to attend due to scheduling issues. The updates to MAPSS will allow for more smooth and coherent operations which includes changes to the structure of the board as well as the structure of membership of schools. Further, updates to language, clarification on non-partisanship, and a simplification of the joining process are some of the potential recommended changes. Our goal is to be operational and have these changes in the upcoming month.

Canadian Alliance of Student Associations

This was covered by Tracy but was incredibly beneficial. Specifically it helped to get ideas and shape the future of MAPSS.

Student Advocacy Cases

Working on two student advocacy cases, finished one. The results for the completed student advocacy case were optimal and the student was incredibly happy with the outcome.

Board of Governors

Attended the Board of Governors meeting with The President. We heard a proposal on behalf of President Bennaroch regarding the request for an increase to admissions targets for, Healthcare Programs, including: Rady Faculty of Health Sciences and Faculty of Arts. This would include expansions for medicine as well as an expansion for the pharmacy program.



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Our team is excited to hear these proposals and believes that it is a good thing which will benefit students trying to apply to these programs and increase the retention of students in our institution. The board received the following for consultation & information. Further, the board approved the program proposals from the faculty of arts for micro diploma programs:

- Micro-diploma in Mythology and Folktale
- Micro-Diploma in Introduction to German Language, Life, and Culture

External Events & Meetings Attended

- Senate executive committee – 05-03
- ICM Tabling 05-05
- SSA Gala 05-06
- BOG Orientation Session 05-11
- GSA Pres. Meeting 05-11
- Student Senate Caucus 05-11
- BOD 05-11
- ASBC Gala 05-13
- CASA 05-15 / 05-19
- Senate Discussion – Laura Orsak Williams, 05-24
- MSA candidate forum 05-24
- Bison Walkathon 05-27
- BOG 05-30
- MLA Jamie Moses 05-29
- Parking & Transport Proxy 05-30
- Campus Beautification 05-31
- Safety and HR Comm. 05-31
- Manitoban Meeting 06-06
- MAPSS meeting 06-05