



TO: UMSU Board of Directors
FROM: VP Student Life, Christine Yasay
DATE: June 8th, 2023
RE: **Report to the Board, June 2023**

New Updates

Period Product Project

- I've reached out to several faculties about implementing dispensers and free period products in their buildings. There's been some interest and I will be meeting with Faculty Deans over the summer as well as the office of Sustainability on how we can make sure that this project is sustainable, and it does not just stop at a pilot project.

Take Back the Night

- The planning committee for Take Back the Night has started meeting. This will be Tracy and my third year on the committee.
- Take Back the Night is an event that takes place annually with the mission of ending sexual, relationship, and domestic violence in all of its forms.
- Last year, the event had speakers, drummers, and a march.
- We are hoping to do this event sometime in late September or early October.

Safety and Wellbeing Pamphlet

- Mat (the services coordinator) and I, alongside each of the community reps are in the very early stages of putting together a Safety and Wellbeing Pamphlet which will include:
 - Resources for addressing/reporting sexual violence
 - Resources for addressing/reporting racism, discrimination, bigotry, etc.
 - How to get in touch with the Office of Human Rights and Conflict Management
 - Access to therapists through the University or MyStudentWellBeing
 - Resource centres and safe spaces on campus
 - Resources off campus
 - Accessibility resources

Studentcare Conference

- I went to Montreal with Tracy and Vaibhav and learned about insurance trends in Canada and how they affect students.
- I also met other Vice Presidents of Student Life and we discussed awareness campaigns and mental health initiatives, so I brought back with me plenty of ideas for Mental Health Week later this year.

Continuing Updates

Pamana: Asian Heritage Month Movie and Market

- Was a success!
- Big thank you to Allisther, Andrea, and all the vendors and students that came out to support!



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Pride Month

- **Pride Crosswalk**
 - The crosswalk is a product of a collaboration between UMSU's marketing team and UM Operations and Maintenance.
 - The Pride crosswalk will stay throughout the summer until September.
- **Pride Kickoff Event**
 - Alex and I had the opportunity to speak on behalf of UMSU and the Rainbow Pride Centre. It was also great to hear from Admin and how they are going to increase inclusivity on campus. Alex is going to speak more on that in his report.
- **Button Making Day**
 - We also had button-making day last week where students were able to drop by, get some Pride-themed refreshments, and either pick up pre-made pins or make their own to wear to the Pride Parade.
- **Pride Parade**
 - Divya and I attended the Pride Parade last Sunday. About 10,000 people were registered to walk in the Parade, and it was so lovely to see so many UofM students, faculty, and staff there to support!
- **Drag Bingo**
 - Date change! June 29th at 6:30pm at VW Social Club
 - This is a free admission event so if you're just looking for a good show, come by! If you want to win some prizes, it's going to be \$5 per bingo card!
 - Drag queens, Lady Muse and Esla Marquesa will be hosting.
 - It's going to be lots of fun so save the date!

UM Learn Consent Culture / Sexual Violence Prevention Workshop

- Tracy, Mat, and I are continuing to write content for this workshop with help from Justice for Women and the Sexual Violence Resource Centre.
- We will have sections on sexual violence, rape culture, intersectionality, bystander intervention, responding to disclosures, and creating a culture of consent on campus.
- We are hoping to be done this by August so the preapproved clubs can be approved early in the fall term.

Community Rep Changes

- As mentioned last meeting, I am requiring the community reps and their teams to do a "Responding to Disclosures Workshop" facilitated by the Sexual Violence Centre. I am hoping that all the teams for the reps will be selected by next month so we can have the workshop in July. If you are interested in attending, please let me know and I can send you the registration link!

As always, if clubs and associations would like to meet with me over the summer, I am happy to meet! ☺



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External Events & Meetings Attended

May 12th – Meeting with Anita
May 13th – ASBC Final Affair
May 15th – Meeting with Ishkode
May 15th – Public Forum – Five-Year Review of the Accessibility for Manitobans Act
May 16th – Learning, Teaching, & Student Support Sub-Committee
May 17th – Meeting with UM Sustainability
May 17th – Meeting with CSA
May 17th – Take Back the Night Meeting
May 18th – Meeting with Ishkode
May 18th – Meeting with Kaylin
May 18th – Meeting with Allisther
May 18th – Arts Collections Committee Meeting
May 23rd-25th – Studentcare conference in Montreal
May 25th – Pamana: Asian Heritage Month Movie and Market
May 26th – UM Pride Kickoff event
May 27th – Bisons Walkathon
May 29th – Meeting with UMISO
May 31st – Campus Beautification Day
May 31st – Pride Month Button Making Day
May 31st – Meeting with Student Engagement and Success
June 4th – Pride Parade
June 5th – Bike to Work Day
June 6th – Convocation
June 7th – Convocation
June 7th – Meeting with Caleigh
June 7th – Women Leading Change Event