



TO: UMSU Board of Directors
FROM: President, Tracy Karuhogo
DATE: August 31, 2023
RE: **Report to the Board, August 2023**

New Updates

UMSU Training

- All UMSU Executives and Managers attended Responding to Sexual Violence Disclosures workshops by Emily Livingstone from the Sexual Violence Resource Centre
- This is to make sure we are up to date with the training and are ready to help any student or staff.

Canadian Alliance of Student Association CASA Update

- Released a report called Living in the Red that takes about Housing and Food Affordability.
- It also examine and provides recommendations to address critical food and housing challenges that continue to affect students.
- You can read it here [Living In The Red - Canadian Alliance of Student Associations \(casa-acae.com\)](https://casa-acae.com)

Finance Manager

- Interviews were conducted the week of Aug 14-18th
- We have hired a finance manager who will be starting on September 13th

UMSU Ventures

- This is the potential timeline of having the first business in the flex space so keep an eye out!
- Week of September 18 – start taking applications / launch Instagram posts (Marketing) / put up Coming Soon wide-format print in window (large version of poster)
- Week of October 2-6 – Finance Committee reviews applications (Lauren to schedule)
- Week of October 20 – launch first venture

Aurora Student Fees

- We attended a meeting with Jeff Adams, University Registrar and Executive Director of Enrolment Services to continue discuss the breakdown of the student organisation fees on aurora
- He told us they are not able to do any modifications right now because they are upgrading the software system.
- We agreed to touch base in October/September so we can work getting the fees breakdown in the upgraded version so students can see where all there student fees go exactly.

UMSU Businesses

- All businesses are hiring and training 160+ new student staff
- VW Social Club's warm up week started this Monday. We are open Monday to Thursday 11 am to 10 pm, Friday 9 pm to 2 am, and hosting our first annual Welcome Home Social for



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students in residence this Saturday from 9 pm to 2 am. Please come join us this week to try out some new menu items and get our new staff up to speed.

- Degrees new Menu is out please go check it out
- GPA's is consistently sourcing new and exciting option to fill any graving with many international options available.
- UMCycle has opened and is serving the community and student whom opting to use this sustainable mode of transportation. The Bike coordinator is working on workshops to be available by October: Build a Bike, How to repair a bike (the Basics) just to name a few and more to come stay tuned

UPASS, IDs & SIN Numbers

- U-Pass distribution has begun and is in full swing please get yours early to avoid the line-ups
- We partner with RO and ID office to streamline this year's ID and Upass distribution and created a 'One stop option' for student. It will be done in our UMSU-MPR space across from the clinic. Started August 28th until September 8th
- We partnering with International department for sin number activation for international folks on September 7 and 8th please keep an eye on our social media and share with all you international students

Financial Updates

- Auditors coming to present to board the Audit financial statements on September 28th
- Planning financial training for Board
- Reminder: **Faculty Association Treasurers** Please send me the names and contact information for your Faculty Association/Council's Treasurer All information can be inputted into this form: <https://forms.office.com/r/iX0g3FZaMt>

Advocacy

- Liam and Mathew attended the meeting Minister Guillemard
- On Aug 29, I had an interview with Global news talking about the housing crisis that students are facing.
- I am also in talks with CBC radio host for an interview about the housing crisis as well.
- Manitoba Alliance of Post-Secondary Students
 - Formed a Governance committee that I am co-chairing with Christopher, UMGSA President
 - Our mandate is to get MAPSS incorporated and registered as a non for profit organization.

Continuing Updates



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External Events & Meetings Attended

Aug 1 – Meeting with Sikh Students Association

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Aug 14 – Meeting with Laurie

Aug 17 – Meeting with Student Support

Aug 25 – MAPSS Governance meeting