

UMSU BOD Report

September 14, 2023

2SLGBTQIA+ Representative

Admin:

- Met with Laurie Schnarr to discuss community issues on campus
- Follow-up meeting with Laurie and the Registrar's office to discuss students' legal names being used when they have entered a preferred name in Aurora. The different Faculties need to select the option to generate their lists using preferred names, and they will bring this up at the meeting in September with all of the Faculties.
- Talked to Raman Dhaliwal (Associate VP Admin) about the University's plans to include more gender-inclusive washrooms on campus, as this was a main concern students brought up in the UMSU survey last year. The current list is attached here: [website list 20230601.pdf](#)
They also said only a few washrooms per year get renovated under the funding received from the U of M and the Province.
- Will be setting up a meeting with Tina Chen to discuss the U of M's policies surrounding community safety. She has also started a group of faculty, admin, and students working on 2SLGBTQIA+ support to build community and develop initiatives. One of these includes restarting the UM Queer group.

External:

- Attended monthly Queer Student Support Network Meetings. These have been a chance to connect with others who are running queer centres on campuses across Canada and discuss overarching issues.
- Student Wellness Centre Advisory Committee - One of the RPC execs attended this, as I was unable to, and gave feedback.
- Student Counselling Centre - Met with Danna McDonald for a consultation on making their office more inclusive for the community. We also discussed hosting a session for queer students on going home for the holidays, to take place later in the fall term. I have also been emailing with another counsellor, Karla Penner, to discuss the SCC's plans to create a support group for queer students from religious backgrounds who have dealt with discrimination, to be set up in the winter term.
- Nine Circles - Have met with them and will be attending biweekly meetings to go over the Community Event-Based Testing grant. RPC applied for and received a \$3000 grant, facilitated by Nine Circles, to host an event that incorporates STBBI Testing.

Internal:

- Have been emailing a couple of students dealing with homophobic and transphobic encounters on campus, and also those who have general concerns and suggestions.

- I have put together a list of faculty 2SLGBTQIA+ reps and interest groups for this upcoming year. I'm planning to have our first Board of Faculty Queer Reps meeting in late September.
- Met with Tracy last week to go over advocacy concerns, and Christine a few times to discuss the STI testing event during Healthy Sexuality Week.

RPC:

- Have had our first full exec meeting, and all execs have completed their Disclosures workshop.
- We will be interviewing Keyholders this week, and plan to open the RPC Lounge on September 25th. We are currently deep cleaning and reorganizing it.
- Tabling this Wednesday for Bison Bash, next Wednesday night at the Residence Fair, and next Thursday for Get Involved Week.
- Queer Social at Club Happenings - Sept 22nd 9pm-2am. Drag performers will be Orion Sbelt, Zova, and Special K, with DJ The Kaptian and DJ Dov. Tickets are \$10, currently available in our Instagram bio, the QR code on the poster, as well as at the door.