

TO: UMSU Board of Directors FROM: President, Tracy Karuhogo

**DATE:** September 12, 2023

**RE:** Report to the Board, September 14, 2023

# **New Updates**

# Welcome Day Sept 5th

• This was such a great day to welcome new students on campus.

- I gave a welcome speech at the Engineering Orientation, IGAC Pep Rally and Bison Student Athlete Orientation alongside the team.
- We gave out a lot of UMSU merch during these events and tabling on the Quad as well.

## Meetings with Community Reps

- I have had meetings so far with Witta and Alex to discuss how I can support the Women and 2SLGBTQIA+ students.
- The issues raised by Alex in this meeting about the treatment of queer students in ALC and by professors has been brought up in our meeting with Laurie.
- We are arranging a meeting with Laurie, Alex, Liam and I to discuss a way forward.
- Please let any students know if they are having any similar issues to reach out to either Alex, Liam or I so we can help them out.
- I will be meeting with other community representatives soon and I look forward to it.

### Meeting with Laurie

- During our meeting with Laurie, we raised concerns about the number of students on waitlists. This was because a student reached out to Andrea and to us about their frustration with not being able to get into the classes they needed and this affects their graduation dates.
- We have a heard a lot of complaints mostly from Faculty of Science especially Computer Science but please let us know if your faculty is having the same issues.
- Laurie is organizing a meeting with the Horrace the Associate Dean of Science to figure out solutions and we shall keep you updated.

#### **UM Committee Orientation**

• Liam and I attended orientation for the Senate and Board of Governors so we could better understand the procedures and how they work so we can represent students effectively

### Research and Strategy Advisor Interviews

- We had 3 interviews on Sept 8<sup>th</sup> and we are going to meet to decide the best candidate.
- We shall inform you all when the decision is made.

## **Board of Directors Retreat**

- Thank you for coming to the retreat. We really hope you had a fun time and learned a lot as well.
- It was fun getting to know some fun facts about all of you.
- I look forward to working with you this year to bring students the best year UMSU can offer.
- For those who are asking for more UMSU Jeopardy, we might have a surprise in store for you come last board meeting so keep an eye out.

# **Continuing Updates**



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# **External Events & Meetings Attended**

Sept 5 – Meeting with Witta

Sept 5- Board of Governors Executive Committee

Sept 6- Manitoban Interview

Sept 7- Senate Orientation

Sept 7- Presidential Advisory Committee

Sept 8-Meeting with Alex

Sept 10- Board Retreat

Sept 11- Meeting with Laurie

Sept 11- Board of Governors Orientation