



UMSU Board of Directors Meeting  
August 31, 2023, 6:30pm  
UMSU Council Chambers, 176 Helen Glass

Attendance:

Caleigh Guillou-Corimer, Accessibility Students' Representative  
Andrea Nguyen, International Students' Representative  
Allisther De Castro, Racialized Students' Representative  
Ashleigh Laubstedt (proxy), 2SLGBTQIA+ Students' Representative  
Witta Irumva, Women's Students' Representative  
Rose Gumber (proxy), Arts Student Body Council (ASBC)  
Avery Groeneveld, Commerce Students' Association (CSA)  
Nick Brzak, Interdisciplinary Health Program Students' Association (IHPSA)  
Nathan Dueck, Manitoba Law Students' Association (MLSA)  
Max Fidel, Manitoba Medical Students' Association (MMSA)  
Parneet Kaur, Nursing Students' Association (NSA)  
Sam Rubin, Pharmacy Students' Association (PSA)  
Paul Houston, Science Students' Association (SSA)  
Ian Campbell, Social Work Students' Association (SWSA)  
Charli Feener, Students of Fine Arts Student Association (SOFASA)  
Simran Gill (proxy), University of Manitoba Engineering Society (UMES)  
Tracy Karuhogo, UMSU President  
Liam Pittman, UMSU VP Advocacy  
Divya Sharma, UMSU VP Community Engagement  
Christine Yasay, UMSU VP Student Life  
Thomas Blumer, General Manager  
Lauren Slegers, Governance Administrative Coordinator  
Elbethel Masresha, Chairperson  
Brendan Scott, Director of Bannatyne Operations  
Victoria Romero, Student-at-large  
Brook Rivard, Student-at-large  
Isham Behl, Student-at-large, ICC, CSSA  
Matt Lock, Student-at-large  
Minh Phan, Student-at-large, CrewSEC  
Sarah Cohen, Student-at-large  
Kyra Campbell, Student-at-large  
Sharif McCurdy, St. Paul's College Students' Association

## **Business**

### **1. Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm.

### **2. Land Acknowledgement**

The University of Manitoba campuses and the UMSU offices are located on the original lands of the Anishinaabeg, Cree, Oji-Cree, Dakota, and Dene peoples, and on the homeland of the Métis Nation, and on the original lands of the Inuit. We want to acknowledge our part in the systemic oppression and colonization of the lands of these peoples, the harms that colonization has had on these lands, and the dangers of forgetting our part in colonization. We acknowledge that our water comes from Shoal Lake 40 First Nation, and our hydro from the hydro dams located in Treaty 5. UMSU would not be here without the Indigenous peoples who kept our lands safe and cared for. We dedicate ourselves to working harder every day to strengthen the relationship between ourselves and Indigenous communities. We acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past, and those still occurring, and vow to move forward in partnership with indigenous leaders and communities in a spirit of reconciliation and collaboration.

### **3. Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION** – BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

Moved by *Max Fidel*, seconded by *Avery Groeneveld*.

Motion carried.

### **4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

a. July 27, 2023

**MOTION** – BE IT RESOLVED THAT the draft minutes from the Board of Directors meeting on July 27, 2023 are approved as presented.

Moved by *Nick Brzak*, seconded by *Sam Rubin*.

Motion carried.

## 5. Presentations

- a. Executive Update

**MOTION** – To move into closed session of Board members.

Moved by Tracy Karuhogo, seconded by Max Fidel.

Motion carried.

- b. UMSU Engagement and Events Brief

UMSU VP Community Engagement, Divya Sharma, provides a presentation to the Board. A copy of the presentation is attached to the minutes for reference.

## 6. Current Business

## 7. New Business

- a. Motion 0572

WHEREAS the University of Manitoba Students' Union (UMSU) recognizes the imperative need to maintain the trust of its' members and stakeholders by providing clear insights into the allocation and utilization of funds.

WHEREAS the Governance and Operations Manual of the University of Manitoba Students' Union Section IV, 6.H states that "The [UMSU] President shall be responsible for... providing long term strategic direction for the Union, in conjunction with the Vice President Finance and Operations and the General Manager. "

WHEREAS the Governance and Operations Manual of the University of Manitoba Students' Union Section IV, 9. G states that "The [UMSU] Vice President Finance and Operations shall be responsible for... providing long term strategic direction for the Union, in conjunction with the President and General Manager."

WHEREAS the Bylaws of the University of Manitoba Students' Union Section VII (7) line 37, "The board shall be presented with quarterly financial reports including: financial statements, year-to-date budget expenditures, and year-end budget expenditure projections."

WHEREAS the Governance and Operations Manual of the University of Manitoba Students' Union Section V11 line 59 states that "the mandate of the Finance Committee is to review the financial affairs of the Union".

BE IT RESOLVED that in maintaining efforts of financial transparency, all members of the Union be provided with a breakdown of the year-to-date budget expenditures by account as approved in Motion 0560 on March 30, 2023 each month via the UMSU email newsletter.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Vice-President Finance & Operations prepares a quarterly report as required by the Bylaws of the University of Manitoba Students' Union that presents quarterly draft financial statements, year-to-date budget expenditures, and year-end budget expenditure predictions to be presented to the UMSU Board of Directors at the end of Q2 and Q3 (October 2023 and January 2024) and in future years (in accordance with the bylaws) going forward in [financial] Q1, Q2, and Q3.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the quarterly draft financial statements, year-to-date budget expenditures, and year-end budget expenditure predictions prepared and presented to the UMSU Board of Directors by the UMSU Vice-President Finance and Operations, are also presented to the UMSU Finance Committee.

Moved by Victoria Romero, Seconded by Charli Feener

Motion referred to Finance Committee

## **8. Reports of the Executive**

### **a. President**

UMSU President, Tracy Karuhogo, provides a summation of her written report, submitted to the Board of Directors as part of the August 31, 2023 board package.

### **b. VP Advocacy**

UMSU VP Advocacy, Liam Pittman, provides a summation of his written report, submitted to the Board of Directors as part of the August 31, 2023 board package.

### **c. VP Community Engagement**

UMSU VP Community Engagement, Divya Sharma, provides a summation of her written report, submitted to the Board of Directors as part of the August 31, 2023 board package.

### **d. VP Finance & Operations**

No Report

### **e. VP Student Life**

UMSU VP Student Life, Christine Yasay, provides a summation of her written report, submitted to the Board of Directors as part of the August 31, 2023 board package.

## **9. Reports of the Community Representatives**

### **a. Accessibility Students' Representative**

Accessibility Students' Representative, Caleigh Guillou-Corimer, provides a verbal report.

### **b. Black Students' Representative**

Black Students' Representative, Anita Ayame, provided a written report (attached to these minutes).

### **c. Indigenous Students' Representative**

Indigenous Students' Representative, Ishkode Catcheway, provided a written report (attached to these minutes).

### **d. International Students' Representative**

International Students' Representative, Andrea Nguyen, provides a verbal report.

### **e. Racialized Students' Representative**

Racialized Students' Representative, Allisther De Castro, provides a summation of her written report (attached to these minutes).

- f. Women's Students' Representative

Women's Students' Representative, Witta Irumva, provides a verbal report.

- g. 2SLGBTQIA+ Students' Representative

Ashleigh Laubstedt provides a verbal report on behalf of 2SLGBTQIA+ Students' Representative, Alex Rana.

## **10. Reports of the Committees**

- a. Executive

No report

- b. Selections

No report

- c. Finance

No report

- d. Governance

Governance Committee reports that the committee met for the first time and discussed projects for the year such as the elections manual, and scheduled their bi-weekly meetings.

## **11. Reports of Board Members**

- a. Avery Groeneveld reports that Commerce on the quad is coming up, as well as The Commerce Week. Follow @aspertcw or @aspercsa on Instagram for information and to get your tickets!

- b. Brendan Scott, Director of Bannatyne Operations, introduces himself to the Board and announces that he is happy to be the contact person for Bannatyne students. They can reach him at [dbo@umsu.ca](mailto:dbo@umsu.ca).

- c. Max Fidel announces that the Manitoba Medical Students' Association lounge on the Bannatyne campus is in the works of being converted into a religious space.

## **12. Announcements**

Isham Behl announces that there has been prosecution and attacks on Sikh people recently, and some of that is happening in Canada. Sometimes students feel uncomfortable, so they should know that there is a new Sikh students' association on campus to support them. This Sunday (September 3), there is a free family-friendly Sikh event at the legislature.

Isham Behl also announces that the Computer Science Students' Association has started offering free website support to students who need a website for a club, student group, etc

## **13. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:41pm.

# **BLACK STUDENTS COMMUNITY**

## **UMSU REPORT**

Since the past one month, the painting of the community room has begun, volunteers and executives will be coming in within the next few weeks to set up furniture and put it together in the community room.

Two new people were brought into the executive team as the CO-VP Membership Experience and the CO-VP Students Engagement. Plans and events for the upcoming school year is being drafted. It has been made known to the community that there will be no scholarships this semester.





**TO:** UMSU Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Indigenous Representative, Ishkode Catcheway  
**DATE:** August 29, 2023  
**RE:** Report to the Board, August 31, 2023

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### **New Updates**

- Planning Orange Shirt Day with NSA is going well. Plans are still very preliminary, but it is sounding like we will be partnering up with an initiative another group is doing in the morning. Walk to NCTR after that, I will give a history and little speech about the building, then we will walk to the Quad where there will be performers and food! Reminder to wear your orange shirt, we will have some available but if you have your own please wear it!
- UMISA is holding a movie night Aug 30. Everyone is welcome and we will have watched Bones of Crows. By the time this report is given verbally, it will have already happened but letting you know anyway!
- My Community Assembly dates have been picked.
  - Sept 13, Oct 18, and Nov 22 5-6pm

### **Continuing Updates**

- ISM planning is beginning to happen!
- If your council has an Indigenous rep, PLEASE get them in contact with me! They are needed for ISM planning 😊

### **External Events & Meetings Attended**

- August 10-13— NIAC Retreat in Pine Creek, AB
- August 18 — Community Update in Pine Creek First Nation, MB regarding the excavation of unmarked graves
- August 24 — Orange Shirt Day Planning w/ NSA, NCTR, Migizii Agamik, & UMSU
- August 25 — MSC Guidelines meeting

## **UMSU RACIALIZED REPRESENTATIVE REPORT 08/31**

### **New Updates**

REIA will be having culture-themed community assemblies every month. REIA's first Community Assembly will be held on September 20th, Wednesday. We will be in collaboration with the Filipino Students' Association and will be serving Filipino delicacies.

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# Board Engagement: How to ensure student engagement!



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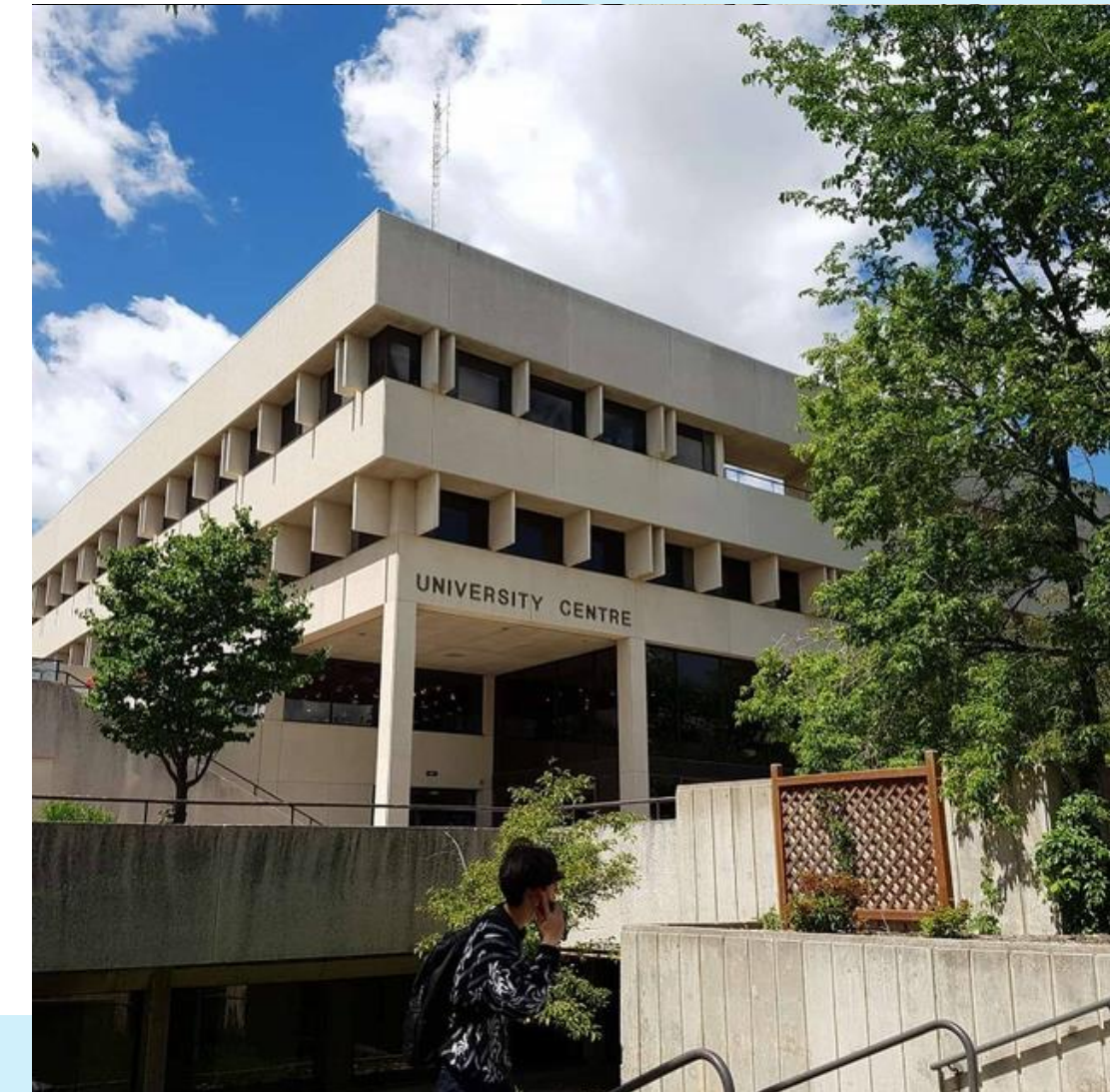


**WHAT IS OUR COLLECTIVE  
GOAL?**

# What is UMSU?

Team to enhance your student experience at University of Manitoba

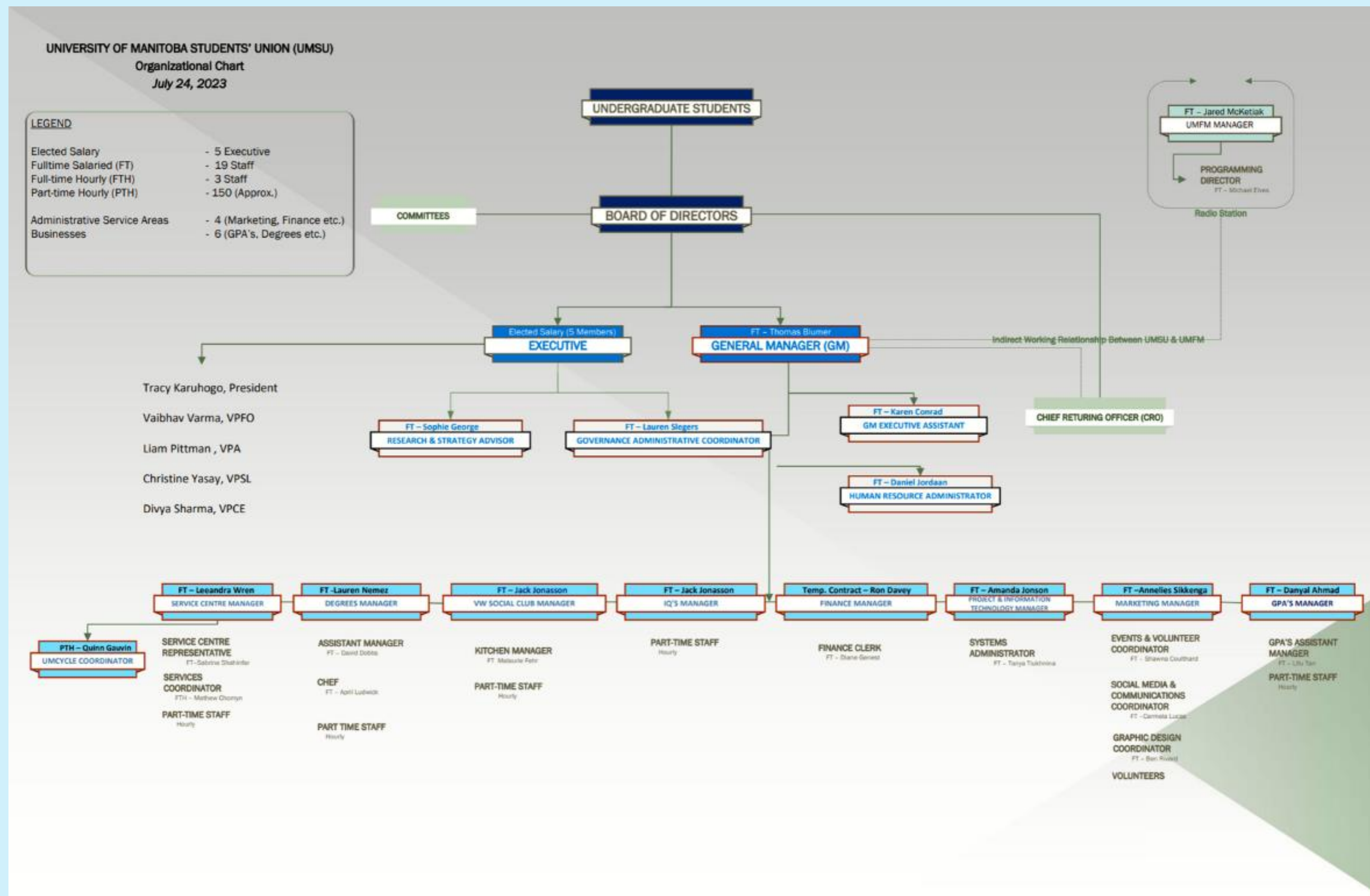
- Elected executives
- Board members
- Full-time staff



**WE REPRESENT OVER 26,000+ UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS**



# UMSU Organizational Chart



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[WHO WE ARE](#)[SERVICES](#)[SUPPORT](#)[RESOURCES](#)[GET INVOLVED](#)[EVENTS](#)[OPERATIONS](#)

The UMSU Board of Directors consists of elected students from all faculties, as well as community representatives. All undergraduate students that are members of UMSU attend meetings and have full speaking rights.

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The UMSU Board meets regularly – once per month in the summer, and bi-weekly in the regular Fall and Winter terms sessions. Meetings are open to all students, with the location noted on the meeting agenda.



# Here are some actionable steps you can take to communicate with your Associations and Councils:

## Step 1: Attend UMSU BOD Meetings

- Review the agenda ahead of time, come prepared with questions and take notes!
- If you cannot attend arrange for a proxy and schedule a meeting with them after the BOD meeting so you can receive their updates. As well, review the agenda and the minutes once posted.

## Step 2: Attend Association/Council Meetings

- Come prepared to every meeting with the latest UMSU news and be ready to answer questions from your groups
- If you cannot attend your meetings arrange for someone else to give an update to your team on your behalf

## Step 3: Communicate with your Association/Councils Sub-Groups

- If applicable, send reports or updates to your sub committees and groups so they can stay up to date with the latest UMSU information

## Step 4: Post UMSU Updates on your Association/Councils Pages

- Every group has their own guidelines, set up a meeting with the relevant parties to discuss the best way to communicate UMSU updates to all students. Utilize all the tools in your toolboxes such as e-newsletters, Instagram, Facebook, newspaper and publications or word of mouth.



# TYPES OF POSTS FROM @MY.UMSU

- **Campaigns**
- **Events**
- **Advocacy**
- **General Information**
- **Advertisements from External Parties**
- **News Releases**
- **Job Opportunities**
- **Holidays and Days of Remembrance**
- **Posts from the Executives**





# Divya Sharma

Vice President Community Engagement

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# Responsibilities:

- Oversee UMSU marketing and communications
- Coordinate partnerships, sponsorships, and collaborations with internal and external stakeholders
- Plan and coordinate events and philanthropic initiatives across campus for students

**Divya Sharma**  
**Vice President**  
**Community Engagement**  
**(she/her)**

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**EXECUTIVE  
OVERVIEW**

# EXAMPLES:



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- **UMSU & CSA - THE COMMERCE WEEK**
- **UMSU & ASBC - BISONS ON THE QUAD**
- **UMSU & NSA - Truth and Reconciliation Day**
- **UMUS & UPSSA - Get out the Vote Campaign**
- **UMSU & UM BISONS - BISONS ON THE QUAD/GAMES/ THE HERD TSHIRTS**
- **UMSU & SORORITIES/FATERNITIES - Holiday Hampers**
- **UMSU & MED/LAW Students Association - Halloween Social**



# IMMEDIATE ITEMS TO PROMOTE:

**Presenting Sponsor**



## UMSU BISON BASH

September 11-15



MONDAY 11	TUESDAY 12	WEDNESDAY 13	THURSDAY 14	FRIDAY 15
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>FREE BREAKFAST</b> 9AM While supplies last</li><li><b>MARKET</b> 9AM - 4PM Explore student and local businesses, UMSU Clubs &amp; more!</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>FREE BREAKFAST</b> 9AM While supplies last</li><li><b>MARKET</b> 9AM - 4PM Explore student and local businesses, UMSU Clubs &amp; more!</li><li><b>BISONS ON THE QUAD</b> 11AM - 2PM Obstacle course, dunk tank, lawn games, pizza &amp; more!</li><li><b>KARAOKE NIGHT</b> 8PM - 12AM VW Social Club</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>FREE BREAKFAST</b> 9AM While supplies last</li><li><b>MARKET</b> 9AM - 4PM Explore student and local businesses, UMSU Clubs &amp; more!</li><li><b>POOL TOURNAMENT</b> 6PM - 12AM IQs Café &amp; Billiards</li><li><b>DUB NIGHT</b> 9PM - 2AM VW Social Club</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>FREE BREAKFAST</b> 9AM While supplies last</li><li><b>IMPROV BAND MUNDANE PROBLEMS</b> 7PM - 9PM VW Social Club</li><li><b>MARKET</b> 9AM - 4PM Explore student and local businesses, UMSU Clubs &amp; more!</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>FREE BREAKFAST</b> 9AM While supplies last</li><li><b>MARKET</b> 9AM - 4PM Explore student and local businesses, UMSU Clubs &amp; more!</li><li><b>UMSU STREET PARTY</b> 9PM - 2AM 3rd floor UMSU University Centre featuring a variety of entertainment and activities in each location</li></ul>





# GET IN TOUCH:

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