



# University of Manitoba **STUDENTS' UNION**

UMSU Board of Directors Meeting  
October 12, 2023, 6:30pm  
UMSU Council Chambers, 176 Helen Glass

Attendance:

Caleigh Guillou-Corimer, Accessibility Students' Representative  
Anita Ayame, Black Students' Representative  
Ishkode Catcheway, Indigenous Students' Representative  
Andrea Nguyen, International Students' Representative  
Allisther De Castro, Racialized Students' Representative  
Alex Rana, 2SLGBTQIA+ Students' Representative  
Witta Irumva, Women's Students' Representative  
Emily Katsman, Arts Student Body Council (ASBC)  
Avery Groeneveld, Commerce Students' Association (CSA)  
Tanvin Hossain, Faculty of Agriculture Students' Organization (FASO)  
Nick Brzak, Interdisciplinary Health Program Students' Association (IHPSA)  
Bryan Kwak, Manitoba Dental Students' Association (MDSA)  
Nathan Dueck, Manitoba Law Students' Association (MLSA)  
Max Fidel, Manitoba Medical Students' Association (MMSA)  
Parneet Kaur, Nursing Students' Association (NSA)  
Krupa Mashru, Physical Education Recreational Kinesiology Student Council (PERKS)  
Paul Houston, Science Students' Association (SSA)  
Macarena Izurieta, Society of Earth Sciences and Environmental Studies (SESES)  
Andrea Tabing, Students' Architectural Society (SAS)  
Charli Feener, Students of Fine Arts Student Association (SOFASA)  
Tristan Dobrowney, University of Manitoba Engineering Society (UMES)  
Sam Rubin, University of Manitoba Pharmacy Students' Association (UMPhSA)  
Michael Prokipchuk, University 1 Student Council (U1SC), UMSU Governance Committee Chair  
Tracy Karuhogo, UMSU President  
Liam Pittman, UMSU Vice-President Advocacy  
Divya Sharma, UMSU Vice-President Community Engagement  
Vaibhav Varma, UMSU Vice-President Finance and Operations  
Christine Yasay, UMSU Vice-President Student Life  
Thomas Blumer, UMSU General Manager  
Lauren Slegers, UMSU Governance Administrative Coordinator  
Elbethel Masresha, UMSU Board of Directors Chairperson

Christopher Yendt, University of Manitoba Graduate Students' Association (UMGSA)  
Sharif McCurdy, St. Paul's College Students' Association  
Sarah Cohen, The Manitoban  
Rose Gumber, ASBC  
Alexis Ross, Student-at-Large  
Brad Albert, Student-at-Large  
Victoria Romero, Student-at-Large  
Noah Banmann, SSA  
Elinam Okae-Yeboah, ASBC, ICC  
Ernestho De Souza, Student-at-Large  
Sarah Pittman, Student-at-Large  
Eseosa Ataga, Black Students' Community

### **Business**

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

Meeting called to order at 6:41pm.

#### **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 *Ishkode Catcheway*, seconded by *Alex Rana*.

Motion Carried.

#### 4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- a. September 28, 2023

**MOTION** – BE IT RESOLVED THAT the draft minutes from the Board of Directors meeting on September 28, 2023 are approved as presented.

Moved by *Max Fidel*, seconded by *Michael Prokipchuk*.

**MOTION** – To amend the minutes to replace:

“The Chairperson rules that Matthew (Matt) Lock and Victoria Romero be excluded from the remainder of the meeting following article 61:7 of Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised, for attempting to violate the confidentiality of closed session by leaving a recording device in the room, and refusing to move far enough away from the room to not overhear Board discussion.”

with:

“The Chairperson rules that Matthew (Matt) Lock be excluded from the remainder of the meeting following article 61:7 of Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised, for attempting to violate the confidentiality of closed session by leaving a recording device in the room and refusing to move to UMSU University Centre when asked by the Chair.

The Chairperson rules that Victoria Romero be excluded from the remainder of the meeting following article 61:7 of Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised, for refusing to move to UMSU University Centre when asked by the Chair.”

Moved by *Victoria Romero*, seconded by *Charli Feener*.

Motion Carried.

Motion Carried.

#### 5. Presentations

- a. Governance Committee

The Governance Committee presents their initial findings regarding the UMSU Elections Manual. A copy of the presentation is attached.

b. Statement

**MOTION** – To enter closed session of UMSU Board Members and Staff.

Moved by *Tracy Karuhogo*, seconded by *Michael Prokipchuk*.

Motion Carried.

**MOTION** – To amend the agenda to add a presentation for Motion 0579.

Moved by *Vaibhav Varma*, seconded by *Charli Feener*.

Motion Carried.

c. Motion 0579

UMSU Vice President Finance and Operations, Vaibhav Varma, presents the space that is being referenced in Motion 0579. A copy of the presentation is attached.

**6. Current Business**

a. Motion 0579

WHEREAS the only permanent UMSU space on the Bannatyne Campus is the Answers kiosk.

WHEREAS UMSU has the opportunity to expand its presence and operational activity to meet the needs of Bannatyne students through the potential acquisition of highly valuable space on the Bannatyne Campus.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT UMSU be permitted to enter formal negotiations with the University of Manitoba Administration to acquire space on the Bannatyne Campus.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT UMSU provide regular updates on the negotiations to the Board of Directors, and approve any further action through the Board of Directors.

Moved by *Executive Committee*.

Vaibhav Varma motivates the motion on behalf of Executive Committee.

Motion Carried.

## **7. New Business**

## **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 October 12, 2023 Board meeting 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 October 12, 2023 Board meeting package.

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

UMSU VP Community Engagement, Divya Sharma, provided a written report, submitted to the Board of Directors as part of the October 12, 2023 Board meeting package.

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

UMSU VP Finance & Operations, Vaibhav Varma, provides a summation of his written report, submitted to the Board of Directors as part of the October 12, 2023 Board meeting package.

### **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 October 12, 2023 Board meeting 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, provides a summation of her written report, submitted to the Board of Directors as part of the October 12, 2023 Board meeting package.

d. International Students' Representative

International Students' Representative, Andrea Nguyen, provides a summation of her written report (attached to these minutes).

e. Racialized Students' Representative

Racialized Students' Representative, Allisther De Castro, provides a summation of her written report, submitted to the Board of Directors as part of the October 12, 2023 Board meeting package.

f. 2SLGBTQIA+ Students' Representative

2SLGBTQIA+ Students' Representative, Alex Rana, provides a summation of his written report, submitted to the Board of Directors as part of the October 12, 2023 Board meeting package.

g. Women-Identifying Students' Representative

Women-Identifying Students' Representative, Witta Irumva, provides a summation of her written report (attached to these minutes).

## 10. Reports of the Committees

a. Executive

No report

b. Finance

Finance Committee reports that they met on October 3 to review credit card statements, and approve funding for a one-year membership for QPay. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 17.

c. Governance

No report.

d. Judicial Board

Judicial Board reports that they have chosen a Chairperson who will introduce themselves at the next BOD meeting.

e. Member Services

No report.

f. Selections

No report.

## 11. Reports of Board Members

a. Avery Groeneveld reports that CSA Halloween Shocker tickets go on sale tomorrow (October 13) and will likely sell out fast so get your tickets soon if you want them.

b. Sam Rubin reports that the pharmacy graduating students of 2025 are hosting a Halloween social called Pills and Potions at Obsidian Lounge. Tickets are \$10 each for early tickets and \$15 for regular tickets, and everyone is welcome.

c. Tanvin Hossain reports that FASO is having a Halloween social in the university MPR and tickets are on sale tomorrow (October 13). FASO is also working on their fundraising efforts and hoping to find more organizations to fundraise for.

d. Krupa Mashru reports that PERKS is collaborating with Rec services to host Halloween Howl at the Frank Kennedy Centre in the Gold room on October 27 from 4:30-6:30pm and the event is free to participate.

e. Charli Feener reports that the SOFASA Nuit Blanche exhibit can now be found in the student Gallery from 9:30am-4:30pm.

f. Tanvin Hossain reports that FASO is trying to plan their AGM for this year and if anyone has tips or could help provide advice, they would appreciate it.

g. Ishkode Catcheway reports that UMISA is collecting socks for Main Street Project's Socktober campaign and Halloween candy for Ma Mawi's Safe Halloween event. Donations can be dropped off to the UMISA lounge.

- h. Bryan Kwak reports that MDSA is hosting their Oral Fxtn social. Information is available on the MDSA Instagram.
- i. Michael Prokipchuk reports that if anyone is trying to get in touch with the U1SC, please reach out to him.

## **12. Announcements**

- a. Lauren Slegers announces that she will be sending out an allergy survey to Board members, and thanks the Board for having excellent attendance this year.

## **13. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 9:59pm.



# Elections Manual Review

UMSU Governance  
Committee

October 12, 2023



# About

- The UMSU Governance Committee is comprised of seven (7) members
  - Michael Prokipchuk, Chair (non-voting, unless to break a tie)
  - Alex Rana, member (voting)
  - Cole Hutchinson, member (voting)
  - Nathan Dueck, member (voting)
  - Sarah Pittman, member (voting)
  - Tracy Karuhogo, UMSU President (non-voting)
  - Vaibhav Varma, UMSU VPFO (non-voting)



# Preamble

- The UMSU Governance Committee has begun the process of reviewing the UMSU Elections Manual
- We are providing this presentation to solicit feedback and consultation from the Board of Directors based on our findings
- We will take your feedback into consideration at our next two (2) Governance Committee meetings
- At the next Board Meeting on October 26th, we will provide our finalized findings, and a Notice of Motion...



# Notice of Motion

- A Notice of Motion is provided to the Board of Directors to notify you that a motion is to be voted on, two meetings from the notice
- The motion(s) moved by Governance Committee will be voted on at the November 9th meeting

# Findings

# Executive Credit Hour Maximum

## Finding

- International Students
- Band Funded Students
- Scholarship Students
- Full Time on Student Aid

## Outcome

- Allow all student executives to be enrolled in a maximum of 9 credit hours per term



# Ranked Ballot Voting

# Appeals Committee





## APPEALS COMMITTEE

### Mandate

The Appeals Committee's responsibilities are reviewing and adjudicating complaints arising from the UMSU elections.

### Membership

The Appeals Committee shall be comprised of:

- a. Five students-at-large (voting)
- b. Two Graduate Students Association Members (voting)
- c. Two Community members who are alumni of the University of Manitoba (voting)
- d. One Governance Committee Member who will be Chair and non-voting

The Graduate Student Association and Community Members positions are flexible and can be occupied by students-at-large if not filled.

### Selection Process

Applications for the Appeals Committee open on Friday at 17:00 after the close of nominations and close Thursday at 17:00 during the Week 3, pre-campaigning period.

The Appointees shall be selected by an ad hoc committee.

The Ad hoc committee shall consist of:

- a. The President, as Chairperson non-voting or Governance Chair, as Chairperson non-voting
- b. Four Board members selected at random.
  - I. The draw to select the four Board members shall occur prior two weeks prior to when nominations close to ensure proper planning for a selections meetings during weeks 3

### Duration of Committee

The Appeals Committee shall be in effect from 9:00 am on Monday during Week 4 at the start of Campaigning period until 5:00 pm on the last voting day.

### Meetings of the Appeals Committee

The Appeals Committee shall meet daily (should the exact time be added in) on business days Monday- Friday during the campaigning period.

The meetings will be pre-decided and included in the Committee application posting.

All applicants **must** be available to attend the meetings and failure to do so will lead to disqualification from the committee.

### Decisions of the Appeal Committee

No appeal exists from a ruling of the Appeals Committee, and a ruling of the Appeals Committee shall be final and binding on the parties to the Appeal.

### Remuneration of Appointees

The Appointees to the Appeals Committee shall be awarded an honorarium at the end of the position's term in an amount determined by resolution of the Finance Committee (as defined in the Governance and Operations Manual) and approved by resolution of the Governance Committee.

The remuneration amount must be selected prior to call out for applications and included in the posting.

### Appeal Procedure

1. Any Member of the Union may file an Appeal alleging a breach of the Election Rules by the CRO.
2. Only Members of the Union who were party to an original Complaint are entitled to Appeal the ruling of the CRO to the Appeals Committee.
3. The following shall be the process by which Appeals are filed, received, and ruled upon:
  - a. The Appellant must submit an Appeal to the Chair of the Appeals Committee using the proscribed form within 48 hours of either the alleged breach of the Election Rules or the CRO's ruling on a Complaint.
  - b. If the Appeal is found to be validly submitted, the Chair of the Appeals Committee shall send a copy to any other party named in the Appeal, including the CRO, and continue this procedure.
  - c. ~~The Chair of the Appeals Committee shall schedule a hearing of the Appeals Committee to take place within:~~
    - i. ~~12 hours of receiving the Appeal form if the alleged violations could result in the voiding of the Election;~~
    - ii. ~~24 hours of receiving the Appeal form for all other alleged violations of the Election Rules.~~
  - d. The Chair of the Appeals Committee shall communicate the time and place of this hearing to all parties named in the Appeal, including the CRO.
4. Prior to the appeal hearing, the Appeals Committee shall first convene in camera and determine if a prima facie case has been made in the appeal. If a prima facie case has not been made, the Appeals Committee shall dismiss the Appeal or the affected parts thereof.
5. If the Appeal hearing shall occur, it shall use the following process:
  - a. The Chair shall ask:
    - i. the members of the Appeals Committee if any perceived conflict of interest exists between them and any party to the Appeal.
    - ii. the parties to the Appeal if they wish to challenge any Board member based on a conflict of interest.
  - b. The Board may call a recess to consider any Conflicts of Interest raised at the beginning of the hearing.
  - c. The Chair shall then explain any procedures to be followed to the parties present, including any time limits on presentations or examinations.
  - d. The Chair shall invite the Appellant to present their case.

- e. The Chair shall invite the Respondent to present their case.
- f. The Appeals Committee shall investigate the case as they deem appropriate and may call a recess of no more than ~~twelve~~ twenty-four hours in duration.
- g. The Chair shall offer first the Respondent then the Appellant the opportunity to make a closing statement.
- h. The Appeals Committee shall retire for deliberations in camera.
- i. The Appeals Committee shall tell the parties to the Appeal who are present at the hearing of their ruling immediately after coming out of deliberations.
- j. The Chair shall issue the written ruling of the Appeals Committee within 12 hours of the end of the meeting, and shall:
  - i. send the ruling to all parties to the Appeal via e-mail.
  - ii. post the ruling as soon as possible at both the office of the CRO, the election website, and the UMSU offices.

# Feedback and Consultation

- Please email any feedback by Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>

[governance@umsu.ca](mailto:governance@umsu.ca)



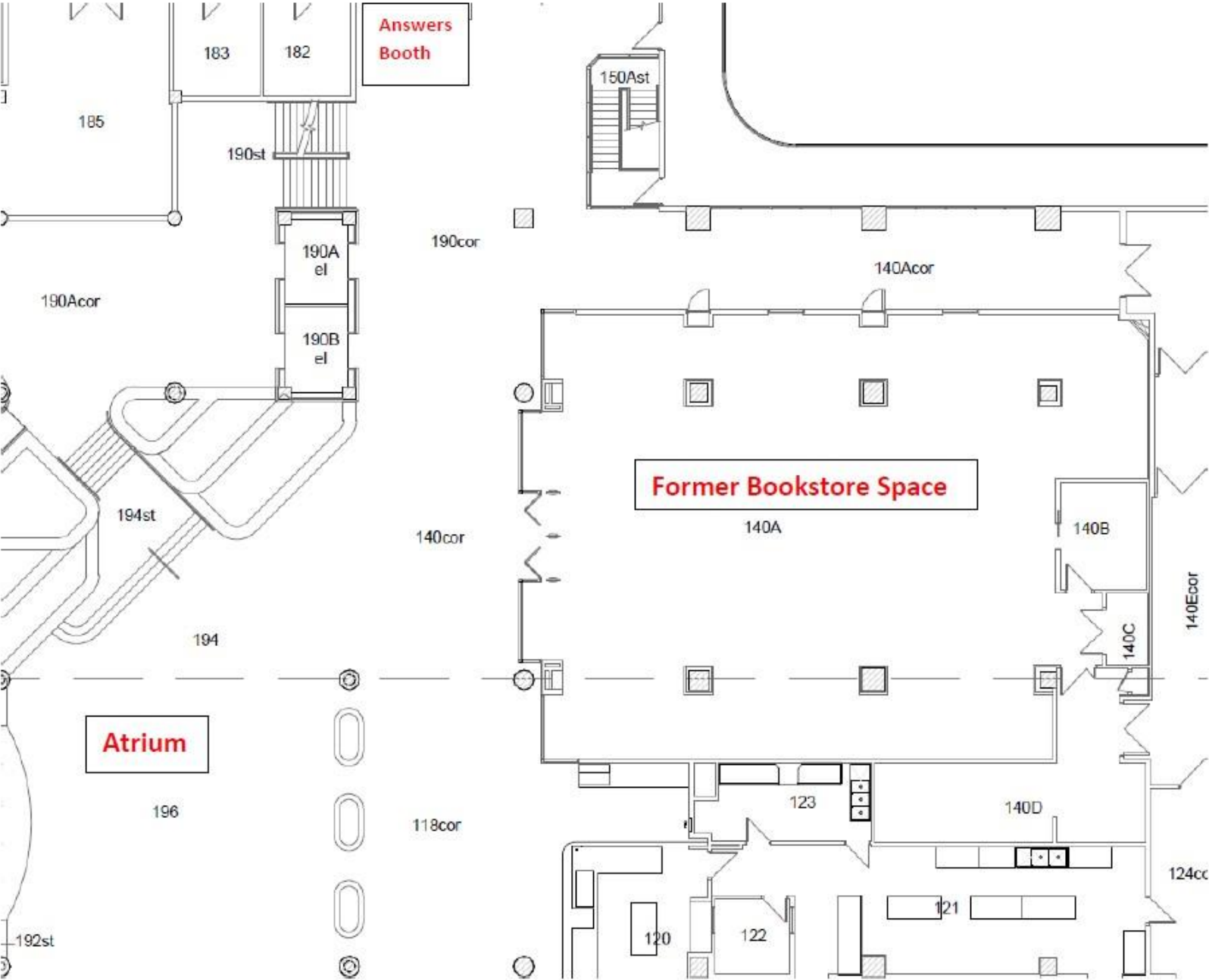
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## Motion 0579

Moved by Executive Committee

Presented by Vaibhav Varma, Vice President Finance and Operations

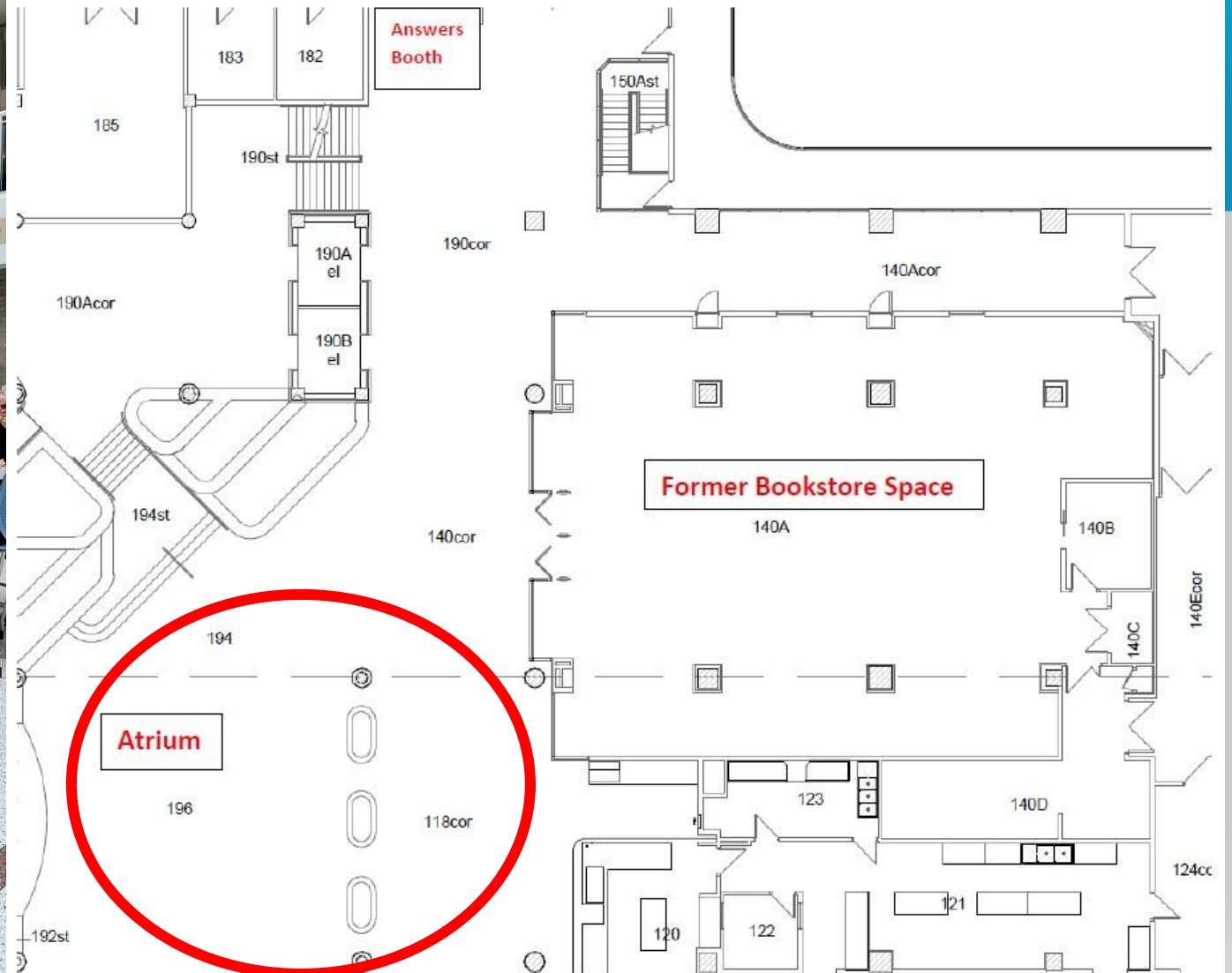
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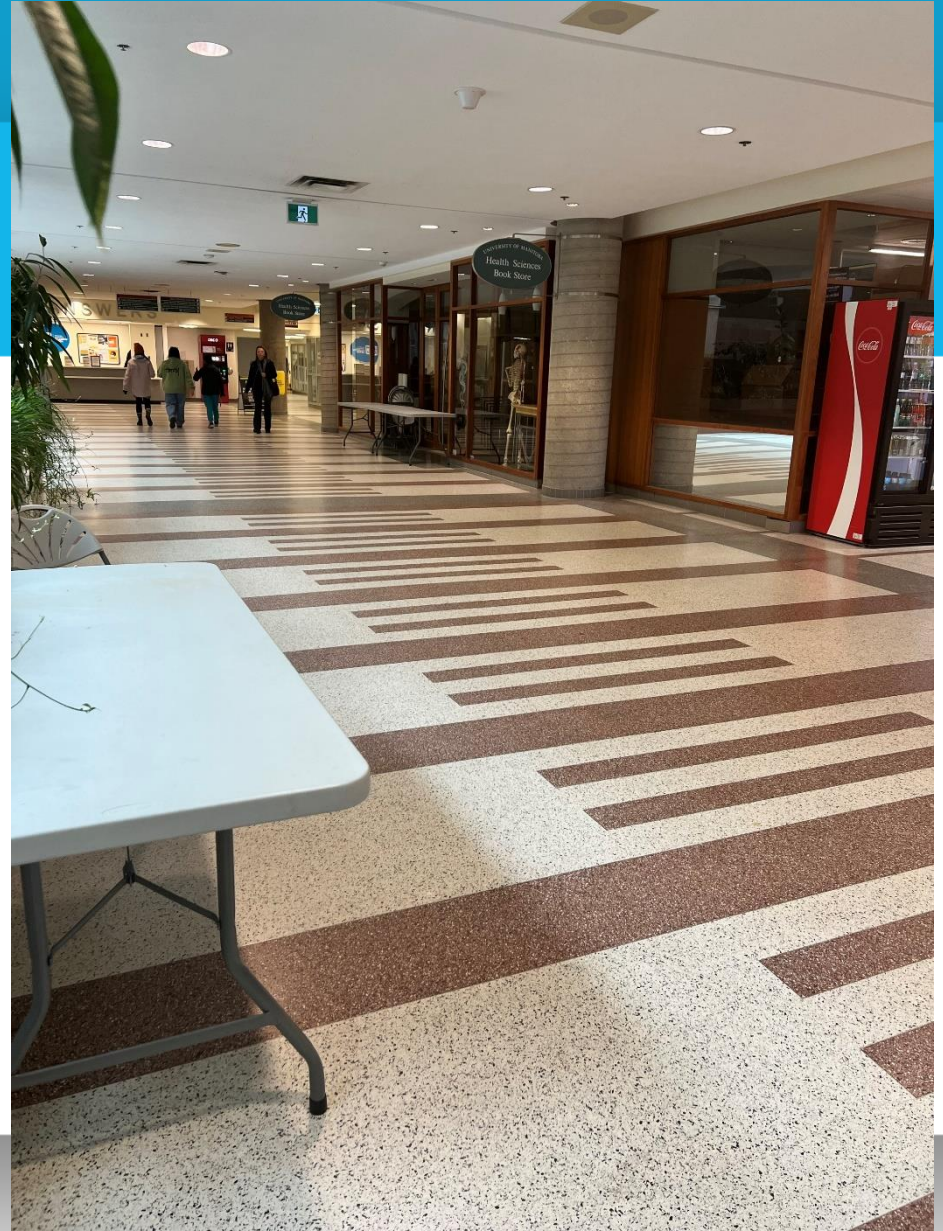
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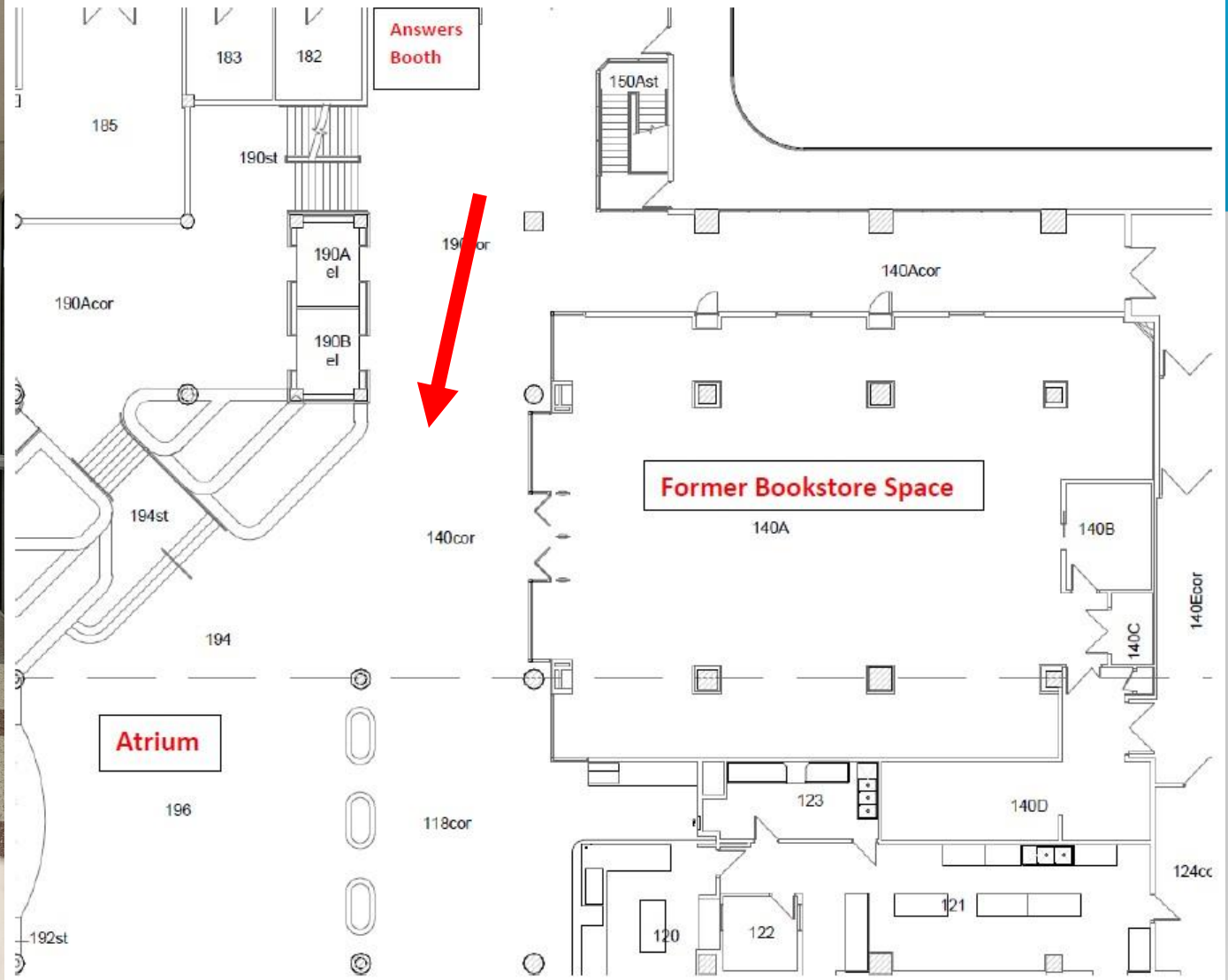




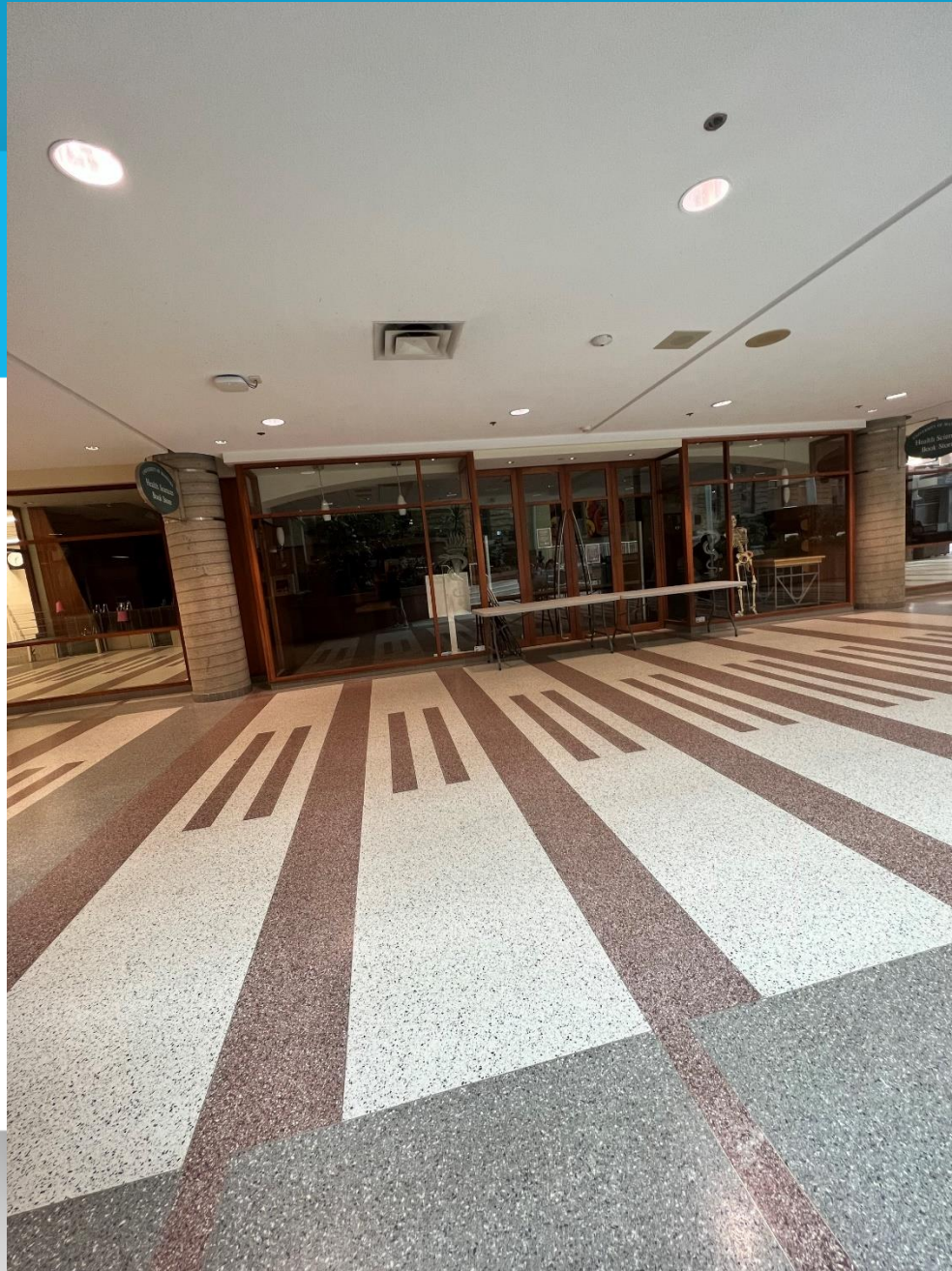




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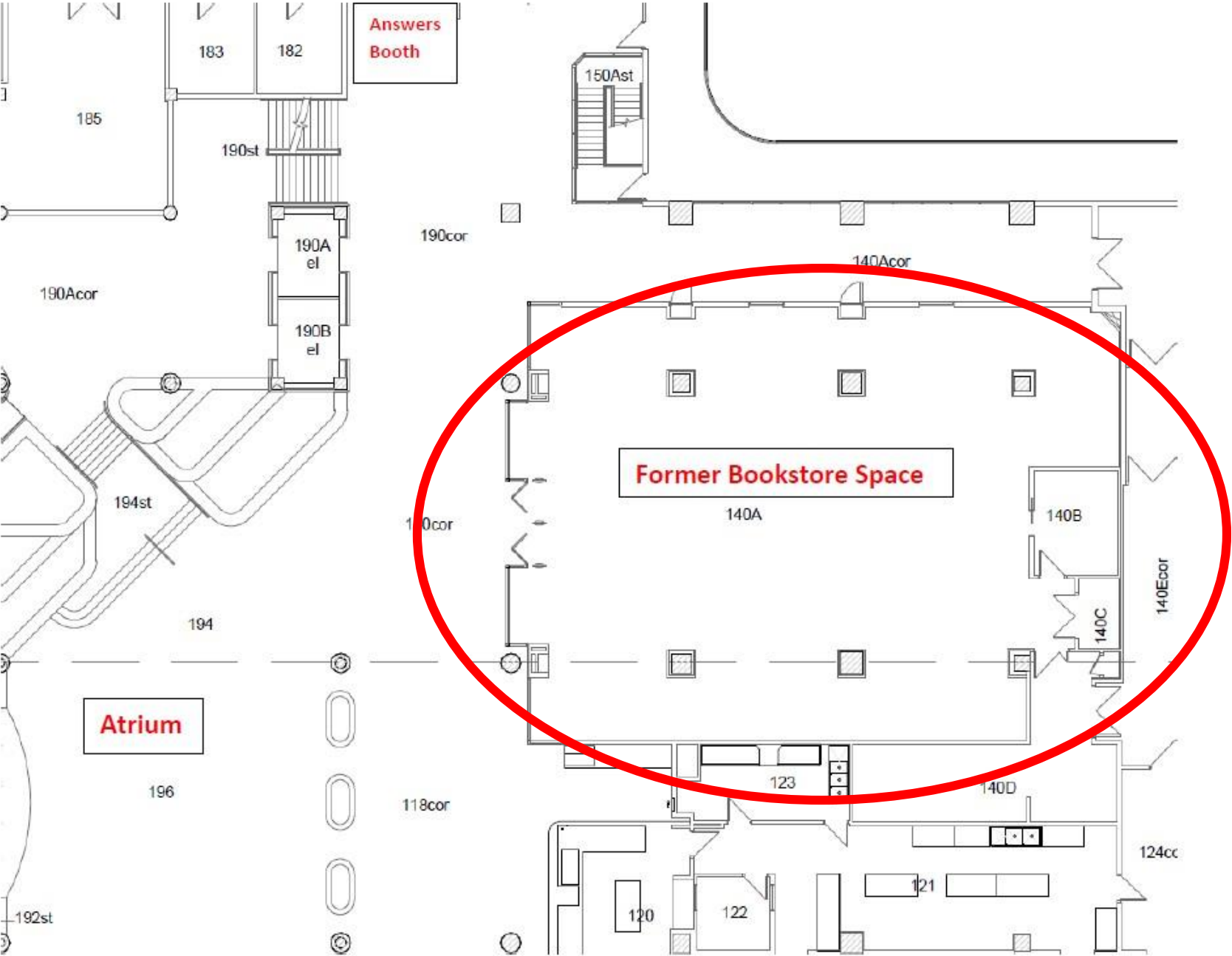












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**TO:** UMSU Board of Directors



**FROM:** Black Student Community

**DATE:** October 9, 2023

**RE:** Report to the Board, October 12, 2023

**New Updates:**

- On Clubs on the Quad, we had tabling on a two-day event on September 18th and 19th from 9:00 am-2:00 pm
  - We had volunteers who signed up to help
  - We had games, prizes, and drinks for both black and non-black students.
- At the GSA Lounge on the 19th at 5:30p.m, we had our community assembly. The gathering exceeded all expectations, drawing over 100 people, including other black representatives from prominent groups like the Black Student Union (BSU), ASBC, and the Women's Representative.
- On the 21st of September, we had a tabling at the UMSU Center for the "Get Involved" event, which was more about information with games and prizes.
- The anticipation for Movie Night, which took place at the Fletcher Argue venue on the 28th of September at 6 pm.
  - We had an amazing outcome with a fun night, snacks, drinks, and games.
- The unveiling of the mural and the interview for the room were posted in the Manitobian newspapers on October 3rd.
- Office hours for our community room were posted on our Instagram page.
- Our VP Membership Experience had a meeting with our mentors and mentees.
- Next community assembly is on Oct 12th, 5:30- 6 pm in the GPA Lounge

**External Events & Meetings Attended**

- Meeting with Liam Pittman
- October 5th- Bi-weekly meeting with members.
- Meeting with the Black Leaders Group
- One-on-one sections with students
- One-on-one sections with 2 team members

## International Students Rep Oct 12 Report

- Instagram Takeover for the IC advisors
- Active Minds collaboration for Stressless week
- Snacks available for international students who forgot to bring their lunch
- Work on October Community Assembly
- Meeting with Liam, Meeting with Executives, update SSA and ASBC ISR regarding Cultural Event, contact Christine regarding Cultural Awareness Workshop
- Schedule a one-to-one meeting with ICC Executives
- Winter clothing library ( International Center)
- Work with SSA ISR for the Beach Volleyball Center Project in November

## Women's Centre Report October 12<sup>th</sup>

### New Updates

#### **Meeting with Christine**

- Discussed ways UMSU can help us with materials for our lounge & potential collaborations.
- Discussed lounge management and potential renovations
- Discussed role of incoming community coordinator

#### **Meeting with Tracy and Liam**

- Period product funding in centres and washrooms
  - Continuation of pilot project
- Discussed plan of action for anti-choice protest

#### **Lounge**

- Quiet room set up for breast/chest-feeding, pumping, distress, etc
- Putting up a red dress in our centre is in progress, plan is to also add some more Indigenous based resources in that corner along with updating current resources in the centre
- Ordered a bunch of safer sex supplies.
- Looking into getting pregnancy tests and menstrual cups

#### **Tabling:**

- Tabling for healthy sexuality went great!
- Also, brought awareness to breast health

### Continuing updates

#### **Donation drives**

- Collecting donations for underwear awareness project & ASBC period drive

#### **Key holders**

- In the process of interviewing applicants
- New schedule should be up by end of next week

#### **VPFO application**

- Currently accepting application until October 19<sup>th</sup>

#### **Women's Reps**

- Please send my way!

### Upcoming events:

- Community assembly on October 17<sup>th</sup> at 6pm
  - Oh doughnuts & hot chocolate
- Pumpkin painting party on October at 7pm
- Calm Café on October 26<sup>th</sup> starting at 26<sup>th</sup> – collaboration with ASBC