



**TO:** UMSU Board of Directors  
**FROM:** President Tracy Karuhogo  
**DATE:** October 24, 2023  
**RE:** **Report to the Board, October 26, 2023**

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## New Updates

### Community Assemblies

- I had the pleasure of attending some of the community assemblies organized by the Community Representatives to have discussions with the students.
- In the assemblies, I was asking for any issues or concerns students had to raise to UMSU and some were able to give me a few while others were encouraged to reach out if they felt comfortable.
- I will be attending other community assemblies in future to keep connecting with fellow students.
- Thank you to the Community Representatives and their teams for the hard work they are putting into their communities.

### Campus Safety Campaign

- This campaign is happening Oct 24, 25 and 27.
- We are sharing resources for students on campus like the safe walk, safe ride, rape defense classes, code blue emergency poles and more.
- Please share on your Instagram posts. We shall also include these resources in the UMSU Newsletter for easy access for students

### UMSU Government Relations

- UMSU congratulates Minister Renee Cable on her position as Minister of Advanced Education and Training.
- I had the opportunity of meeting the minister at an event and she expressed that she is looking forward to working and building the relationship with UMSU. We are now in steps of organizing a meeting.
- UMSU has also hired a Government Relations Consultant Firm called First Lakes Solutions that is helping us build UMSU's reputation and relationship with the new government.
- We shall be working with them for the next two months and they will help us in communicating with the Ministers, MLAs, Deputy Ministers and staff as well as prepare briefing notes, pre-budget submission to the province and more.
- We really look forward to this regeneration of UMSU's Advocacy efforts.

### Accessibility for Manitobans Act Steering Committee

- The mandate of the committee is to make sure that the University complies with the regulations under the act by May 2024.
- They are already doing work on Digital Accessibility to make sure all the information on the UM websites are accessible and they have hired a website auditing tool to look into the website at the moment.
- They will be doing consultations in the future with different stake holders and I informed them to reach to UMSU's Accessibility rep and the community to get students' perspectives on accessibility around campus.



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### Continuing Updates

### External Events & Meetings Attended

- Oct 12- Black Students Community Assembly
- Oct 13- Governance Committee
- Oct 13- Racialized Students Community Assembly
- Oct 16- First Lake Solutions Meeting
- Oct 16- Strategic Planning Committee
- Oct 17- Finance Committee
- Oct 18- Indigenous Students Working Group
- Oct 20- President Benarroch Speech at Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce Event
- Oct 20- Governance Committee
- Oct 23- Accessibility for Manitobans Act Steering Committee
- Oct 23- Meeting with Laurie