



TO: UMSU Board of Directors
FROM: VP Student Life, Christine Yasay
DATE: October 24, 2023
RE: **Report to the Board, October 26, 2023**

New Updates

Holiday Hampers

- We are currently accepting donations for our annual program: Holiday Hampers!
- Our goal is to raise \$30,000 which will go to gift cards for students and their families this holiday season.
- We encourage student associations and student clubs to consider hosting fundraising events or taking some of the proceeds from their events to donate to the program.
- If you have any questions, please reach out to myself at vpsl@umsu.ca, Divya at vpce@umsu.ca, or hampers@umsu.ca.

Continuing Updates

Community Groups Coordinator

- Last week, Leeandra, the Service Centre manager, sat in on interviews for the community groups coordinator.
- There were a ton of great applicants but we were able to select one and they will be starting in the next few weeks.
- Mathew, the Services Coordinator, and I will be training the candidate on CIF and budget funding assistance, resource and support guidance for students visiting the centres, and assistance in completing projects and planning events.

Director of Bannatyne Operations (DBO)

- Divya, Vaibhav, and I met with Brendan last week to discuss the expectations and duties of the role.
- As DBO, Brendan is going to be the liaison between UMSU and Bannatyne students and Bannatyne student associations.
- Brendan also shared advocacy concerns which I will be meeting with Tracy and Liam to address.
- Bannatyne students, please feel free to reach out to Brendan during his office hours or email him at dbo@umsu.ca.

Winter Clothing Library

- The library is currently open at the International Centre Office, 541 UMSU University Centre, from 10am-3pm, Monday to Friday.
- We are still accepting donations of gently used or in good condition winter jackets, sweaters, winter pants, winter boots, and winter accessories.
- Items must be freshly washed and stored in a clear plastic bag with a label of what type of clothing and the size.



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- Donations can be dropped off at the UMSU Service Centre, International Community Centre, Rainbow Pride Centre, or the International Centre Office.

Winter Orientation

- Plans for winter orientation are well under way, including a winter social!

Please email me if you have any questions, feedback, or would like to request a meeting.
I am happy to meet! 😊

External Events & Meetings Attended

October 12th – Indigenous Students' Month Marketing Meeting
October 12th – Meeting with Financial Aid & Awards
October 16th – Senate Committee on Appeals Hearing
October 16th – Member Services Committee
October 16th – Meeting with Director of Bannatyne Operations
October 17th – Art Collections Committee Meeting
October 17th – Finance Committee Meeting
October 17th – Women's Community Assembly
October 18th – Indigenous Students' Working Group
October 18th – Assembly of Club Executives Meeting
October 19th – Board of Association Executives Meeting
October 20th – Meeting with healthcare professional for STBBI testing
October 20th – Meeting with Nine Circles
October 20th – Meeting with Black Students' Community
October 23rd – UM Queer Coffee Club
October 23rd – Accessibility Community Assembly