

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

DATE: November 7, 2023

RE: Report to the Board, November 9, 2023

New Updates

Canadian Alliance of Student Associations Advocacy Week

- Liam and I will be attending Advocacy Week in Ottawa to meet with Members of Parliament in order to advocate for students November 20th- 24th 2023
- Some of the asks will be investing more in Student Housing, Mental Health and Student Financial Aid.
- Increasing access to post-secondary education for Indigenous Students, International Student Work Hours and more.

Meeting with Minister Renee Cable

- Liam and I will be having a meeting with the New Minister for Advanced Education and Training on Nov 9th
- We shall be discussing the minister's mandate letter that includes student's priorities like financial aid, international student's healthcare and more
- We look forward to building this relationship with the minister on behalf of UMSU

Manitoba Alliance of Post-Secondary Students

- All membership schools agreed to contribute seed money in order to get MAPSS incorporated.
- I will be working on the incorporation documents thereafter with Christopher, President UMGSA
- We are also planning an advocacy week in January in order to do advocacy to the new government.

Continuing Updates

Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Working group

- EDI Survey is out, we are sharing it with students on campus so they can let us know there experiences.
- Please ensure to share it with your faculty members as this will help in our advocacy efforts.
- Here is the link to the survey https://forms.office.com/r/prpVawvXkN
- We shall also have our next EDI Working group meeting on November 17th 6:30pm on Teams. Every student is welcome. Here is the link for the meeting

External Events & Meetings Attended

Oct 30 – MAPSS Meeting

Nov 1 – Meeting with First Lake Solutions

Nov 2- Meeting with Vanessa Lillie