



TO: UMSU Board of Directors
FROM: President, Tracy Karuhogo
DATE: December 12, 2023
RE: **Report to the Board, December 14, 2023**

New Updates

UM Draft Strategic Plan 2024-2029

- I have been representing students on the Strategic Plan Committee and the draft has been completed.
- I have attached it here and will be doing a consultation at the Board meeting Dec 14th.
- I will take back all the feedback to the committee as we finalize the draft.

Board of Governors

- Liam and I attended the Board of Governors on Dec 5th.
- I was appointed to the Presidential Review Committee, this committee is to review the work of President Michael Benarroch and whether he should be reappointed.
- The committee will be reaching out for feedback so please feel free to send any feedback you may have to me so I can present it to the committee.
- There will be continued extension of admissions in Bachelors Major & Honors in Biotech to allow for the students in it right now to graduate.

Day of Remembrance and Action against Violence towards Women

- I had the honor of attending the Memorial for Ecole Polytechnique organized by the UM Engineering society and learned about the women's lives that were lost in the shooting on Dec 6th 1989.
- I also attended the Day of Remembrance event by Women and Gender Equity Manitoba and got to hear some encouraging words and calls to action by Minister Nahanni and Isha Khan.

Meeting with MLA Jennifer Chen

- We had a meeting with MLA Chen on Dec 8th and her staff.
- We talked about International Student Healthcare, Student Financial assistance like loan, scholarships and bursaries and Housing.
- It was a great meeting and she committed to making sure the promises are followed through and helping students get financial help they need.

Pre-Budget submissions

- Liam, Teresa and I are working on the pre-budget submission to the university and Province
- The pre-budget to university will include funding for EDI initiatives and support staff, Open education resources and free printing for students, Mental Health, Period Poverty Project Funding.
- The pre-budget submission to the province will include asks with housing, mental health and more.
- Both of these will be shared with the Board and students at large

Black Students Representative & Mature & Part-Time Representative

- There will be an appointment by Council for these two positions in January.
- The process that will be followed can be found in the Elections Manual Section VII: Nomination Vacancies
- Please keep an eye out and share with all your faculty members.



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Continuing Updates

External Events & Meetings Attended

Dec 4 – Meeting with Laurie
Dec 5 – Board of Governors
Dec 6 – Ecole Polytechnique Memorial and WAGE event
Dec 6 – Senate Meeting
Dec 6 – Transit Strike Preparedness Committee
Dec 7 – Exec Evaluation with Judicial Board
Dec 7 – State of the Province Speech
Dec 8 – Meeting with MLA Chen
Dec 8 – Governance Committee
Dec 11 – Meeting with Sexual Violence Resource Centre
Dec 11 – Meeting with Presidential Advisory Committee
Dec 12 – Minister Cable Visit
Dec 12 – Meeting with Presidential Review Committee