



University of Manitoba **STUDENTS' UNION**

UMSU Board of Directors Meeting
January 11, 2024, 6:30pm
UMSU Council Chambers, 176 Helen Glass

Attendance:

Caleigh Guillou-Corimer, Accessibility Students' Representative
Damilola Ojo, Black Students' Representative
Ishkode Catcheway, Indigenous Students' Representative
Andrea Nguyen, International Students' Representative
Allisther De Castro, Racialized Students' Representative
Alex Rana, 2SLGBTQIA+ Students' Representative
Bethel Alemaio (proxy), Women's Students' Representative
Emily Katsman, Arts Student Body Council (ASBC)
Avery Groeneveld, Commerce Students' Association (CSA)
Brad McMechan, Education Students' Council (EDSC)
Tanvin Hossain, Faculty of Agriculture Students' Organization (FASO)
Nick Brzak, Interdisciplinary Health Program Students' Association (IHPSA)
Max Fidel, Manitoba Medical Students' Association (MMSA)
Jocelyn Chomini (proxy), Physical Education Recreational Kinesiology Student Council (PERKS)
Paul Houston, Science Students' Association (SSA)
Gary Hill, Social Work Students' Association (SWSA)
Andrea Tabing, Students' Architectural Society (SAS)
Rafae Shami (proxy), University of Manitoba Engineering Society (UMES)
Sam Rubin, University of Manitoba Pharmacy Students' Association (UMPhSA)
Irtiza Zawad Ali, University 1 Student Council (U1SC)
Tracy Karuhogo, UMSU President
Liam Pittman, UMSU Vice-President Advocacy
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
Teresa Sanchez, UMSU Policy and Strategy Advisor
Elbethel Masresha, UMSU Board of Directors Chairperson
Rohan Sethi, UMSU Judicial Board Chairperson
Michael Prokipchuk, UMSU Governance Committee Chairperson
Brendan Scott, UMSU Director of Bannatyne Operations

Sarah Cohen, The Manitoban
Jamie Sampson, Student-at-Large
Jodie Smith, UMSU Chief Returning Officer
Matt Lock, Student-at-Large
Victoria Romero, Student-at-Large
LJ Fulugan, Student-at-Large
Rose Gumber, Student-at-Large, Arts Student Body Council
Chema Sareen, Student-at-Large, William Norrie Campus, Inner City Students' Council
Sarah Pittman, Student-at-Large
Emmanuel Amaraizu, Student-at-Large
Boluwatife Akindele, Student-at-Large
Hiwot Jonk, Student-at-Large
Ivan Nunez Gamez, Student-at-Large

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Business

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:48pm.

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 *Tanvin Hossain*, seconded by *Andrea Nguyen*.

Motion carried.

4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

a. December 14, 2023

MOTION – BE IT RESOLVED THAT the draft minutes from the Board of Directors meeting on December 14, 2023 are approved as presented.

Moved by *Andrea Nguyen*, seconded by *Gary Hill*.

Motion carried.

5. Presentations

a. UMSU Elections

Jodie Smith, UMSU Chief Returning Officer, presents the 2024 UMSU Annual General Election timeline. A copy of the presentation is attached.

b. Victoria Romero

Victoria Romero, student-at-large, speaks against motion 0589.

6. Current Business

a. Motion 0588

WHEREAS the 2023 UMSU Chief Returning Officer recommended the UMSU Governance Committee [continue to] restructure the election, with ranked ballot being one of their suggestions.

WHEREAS there are many student unions/associations of both lesser and greater student populations than the UM/UMSU in Canada that use ranked ballot voting for their elections, demonstrating the feasibility of such a voting system for student populations of comparable size to UMSU.

WHEREAS Simply Voting, the voting system UMSU uses for its elections, offers a ranked ballot/preferential voting option.

THEREFORE be it resolved that UMSU adopts a ranked ballot voting system for its' General Elections

THEREFORE be it resolved that UMSU governing documents pertaining elections are changed to outline a ranked ballot voting system for UMSU General Elections.

Moved by *Victoria Romero*, Seconded by *Avery Groeneveld*.

Victoria Romero motivates the motion.

Michael Prokipchuk, on behalf of the UMSU Governance Committee, recommends against the motion.

Ivan Nunez Gamez asks a question, to which Michael Prokipchuk answers.

Avery Groeneveld speaks in favour of the motion.

Victoria Romero speaks in favour of the motion.

Ivan Nunez Gamez speaks in favour of the motion.

Michael Prokipchuk speaks against the motion.

Vaibhav Varma speaks against the motion.

Ishkode Catcheway asks a question, to which Tracy Karuhogo answers.

Avery Groeneveld comments on the motion.

Victoria Romero speaks in favour of the motion.

Ivan Nunez Gamez speaks in favour of the motion.

Motion - to call the question.

Moved by *Ishkode Catcheway*, seconded by *Max Fidel*.

Motion carried.

Motion – to vote by secret ballot.

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

Motion failed.

Motion carried.

b. Motion 0589

WHEREAS the Executive Committee provided the Governance Committee with a proposal to amend the Positions and Duties of the President, Vice President Advocacy, Vice President Student Life, Vice President Finance and Operation, and Vice President Community Engagement in the Governance and Operations Manual of the University of Manitoba Students' Union.

WHEREAS the Governance Committee finds the proposal to be warranted and therefore wishes to amend "Section IV: Positions and Duties" of the Governance and Operations Manual of the University of Manitoba Students' Union (see attached documentation; the current job descriptions and proposed new job descriptions).

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors approve the proposed amendments to "Section IV: Positions and Duties" of the Governance and Operations Manual of the University of Manitoba Students' Union.

BE IT RESOLVED that these changes will not take effect until May 1, 2024, at which point the newly elected Executives will take office of their newly defined Positions and Duties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the updated Positions and Duties of the President, Vice President University Affairs, Vice President External Affairs, Vice President Student Life, and Vice President Finance and Operations be utilized in the 2024 UMSU Annual General Election.

Moved by *Governance Committee*

Michael Prokipchuk, on behalf of the UMSU Governance Committee, motivates the motion.

Tracy Karuhogo speaks in favour of the motion.

Ivan Nunez Gamez speaks against the motion.

Victoria Romero speaks against the motion.

Motion – to call the question.

Moved by *Avery Groeneveld*, seconded by *Gary Hill*.

Motion carried.

Motion carried.

c. Motion 0591

Whereas the mature/part-time students' representative remains vacant after the 2023 Annual General Election;

Whereas the black students' representative remains vacant after the November 30th, 2023 BOD meeting;

Whereas in accordance with Section VII of the UMSU Elections Manual, if a position is vacant, nominations to fill the position by appointment of Council shall be reopened on the first of the next month;

Whereas if one or more Members have been nominated, Council shall decide by voting after a presentation by each of the nominated candidates;

Be it resolved that the following parameters be in place to run the Community Representative by-election:

- Community representative candidates will have 2 minutes each to present themselves and their candidacy.

- Community representative candidates will participate in a 10 minute question and answer session.

- Community representative candidates will be asked to leave the room while the

Board discusses with community members.

- Board members will vote on each position by secret ballot.

- Ballots will be tabulated by UMSU's Governance Administrative Coordinator and Policy and Strategy Advisor.

- The candidate with the largest number of votes shall be considered appointed to the position.

- If there is one candidate on the ballot, a yes or no vote will be conducted.

- The candidate appointed by Council shall be appointed for the remainder of the academic year and shall have full voting rights during their term in office.

- This process shall apply to both the mature/part-time students' representative and the black students' representative.

Moved by *Executive Committee*.

Christine Yasay, on behalf of the UMSU Executive Committee, motivates the motion.

Ivan Nunez Gamez speaks against the motion.

Avery Groeneveld speaks in favour of the motion.

Motion – to call the question.

Moved by Avery Groeneveld, seconded by Max Fidel.

Motion carried.

Motion carried.

Motion – to amend the agenda to move item 8. Community Representative Elections to take place before motion 0592.

Moved by *Christine Yasay*, seconded by *Max Fidel*

Christine Yasay motivates the motion.

Motion carried

Motion – to take a 10 minute recess.

Moved by *Max Fidel*, seconded by *Tanvin Hossain*.

Motion carried.

7. Community Representative Elections

a. Black Students' Representative

Candidates for the Black Students' Representative Election were Emmanuel Amaraizu, Damilola Ojo, and Ihuomachi Puilolui. The successful candidate was Damilola Ojo.

b. Mature and Part-time Students' Representative

There were no eligible candidates nominated for the Mature and Part-time Students' Representative election.

8. Current Business (Continued)

d. Motion 0592

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section IV, Executive Expectations, of the UMSU Governance and Operations Manual, it is mandated that each Executive must be a UMSU member for the entire duration of their term and a student in any faculty or school for at least one semester of the regular session and be enrolled in 3 credit hours;

WHEREAS, recognizing the importance of adhering to these expectations, the Vice President Advocacy seeks formal approval for an exemption from the additional course requirement as outlined in the aforementioned section;

WHEREAS, having successfully fulfilled all degree requirements for his program, there is no necessity for additional coursework to meet his graduation requirements;

WHEREAS, as a dedicated member of the UMSU Executive, the VP Advocacy is fully committed to the responsibilities and objectives of the organization and believes that foregoing an additional course will allow for more focused dedication to the role;

WHEREAS, it is the sincere belief of the VP Advocacy that this exemption will enable a more impactful and meaningful contribution to the objectives of UMSU;

WHEREAS, the financial implications of undertaking an extra course would pose a substantial burden, impacting personal finances and hindering the ability to fully dedicate to UMSU responsibilities;

WHEREAS, the UMSU VP Advocacy intends to pay his UMSU membership dues in order to fulfill the UMSU membership requirement;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the UMSU Board of Directors hereby approves the exemption request for the VP Advocacy from the additional course requirement for the duration of his term as an Executive member;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the VP Advocacy maintain his UMSU membership through payment of dues.

Moved by *Executive Committee*.

Vaibhav Varma, on behalf of the UMSU Executive Committee, motivates the motion.

Motion – to call the question.

Moved by *Avery Groeneveld*, seconded by *Rafae Shami*.

Motion carried.

Motion carried.

9. New Business

10. 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 December 14, 2023 Board meeting package, and provides a verbal report for the January 11, 2024 Board meeting.

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 December 14, 2023 Board meeting package, and provides a verbal report for the January 11, 2024 Board meeting.

c. VP Community Engagement

UMSU VP Community Engagement, Divya Sharma, provided a written report, submitted to the Board of Directors as part of the December 14, 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 December 14, 2023 Board meeting package, and provides a verbal report for the January 11, 2024 Board meeting.

Motion – to take a 10 minute recess.

Moved by Rafae Shami, seconded by Max Fidel.

Motion carried.

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 making insensitive comments that make people feel uncomfortable remaining in or returning to the meeting.

e. VP Student Life

UMSU VP Student Life, Christine Yasay, provides a summation of her written reports, submitted to the Board of Directors as part of the December 14, 2023 and January 11, 2024 Board meeting packages.

11. Reports of the Community Representatives

a. Accessibility Students' Representative

Accessibility Students' Representative, Caleigh Guillou-Corimer, provides a verbal report.

b. Black Students' Representative

No Report

c. Indigenous Students' Representative

Indigenous Students' Representative, Ishkode Catcheway, provides a verbal report.

d. International Students' Representative

International Students' Representative, Andrea Nguyen, provides a summation of her written report, submitted to the Board of Directors as part of the January 11, 2024 Board meeting package.

e. Racialized Students' Representative

Racialized Students' Representative, Allisther De Castro, provides a verbal report.

f. 2SLGBTQIA+ Students' Representative

2SLGBTQIA+ Students' Representative, Alex Rana, provides a verbal report.

g. Women-Identifying Students' Representative

Women-Identifying Students' Representative Proxy, Bethel Alemaio, provides a verbal report.

12. Reports of the Committees

a. Executive

There is a UM branding focus group taking place at 12pm on Tuesday January 16. Any student can join, please reach out to Tracy if you would like to join.

b. Finance

Finance Committee is working to schedule their next meeting.

c. Governance

Governance Committee looks forward to implementing today's approved changes. They ask that if anyone would like to send an email for Governance Committee to review, please provide at least 48 hours to provide a response.

d. Judicial Board

No report.

- e. Member Services

No Report.

- f. Selections

No report.

13. Reports of Board Members

Motion - to enter closed session of Board members, UMSU staff, and a student-at-large, Hiwot Jonk.

Moved by *Tanvin Hossain*, seconded by *Gary Hill*.

Motion carried.

Motion - Whereas the UMSU Governance Operations Manual Section XVI: Harassment Policy under UMSU Non-Student Groups Violation has allegedly been violated by Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences Students' Organization.

Be it resolved that UMSU Executive Committee conduct an investigation as outlined under Section XVI: Harassment Policy of the Governance Operation Manual clause 12-17 on Page 42

Moved by *Tanvin Hossain*, seconded by *Max Fidel*.

Motion carried.

14. Announcements

- a. Lauren Slegers announces that the Board sweaters have arrived.

15. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:06pm.



Proposed 2024 UMSU Election Timeline

Jodie Smith

Chief Electoral Officer

January 11, 2024

Key Milestone Dates

Activity	Start Date	End Date
Nomination Period	February 5, 2024 9 AM	February 15, 2024 5 PM
<i>Deadline to submit Nomination Package</i>		<i>February 15, 2024 5 PM</i>
<i>All Candidates' Meeting (Mandatory)</i>	<i>February 16, 2024 5 PM</i>	
Pre-Campaigning Period	February 16, 2024 5 PM	February 26, 2024 9 AM
Campaigning Period*	February 26, 2024 9 AM	March 6, 2024 11:59 PM
Voting Period	March 7, 2024 8 AM	March 8, 2024 5 PM
Results Meeting	March 8, 2024 6 PM	

* Campaigning must not begin, in person or online, until the Campaigning period.

* On Floor campaigning ends March 6, however electronic campaigning may continue until polls close

FEBRUARY
2024

CALENDAR MONTH	FEBRUARY
CALENDAR YEAR	2024
1ST DAY OF WEEK	SUNDAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	28	29	30	31	1	2
						3

	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Nominations open 9am Monday						

Week 1

	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Nominations close Thursday 5pm					Pre-campaigning	
						All Candidates Meeting 5:00pm	

Week 2

	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Pre-campaigning						
	Louis Riel Day		Reading Week				

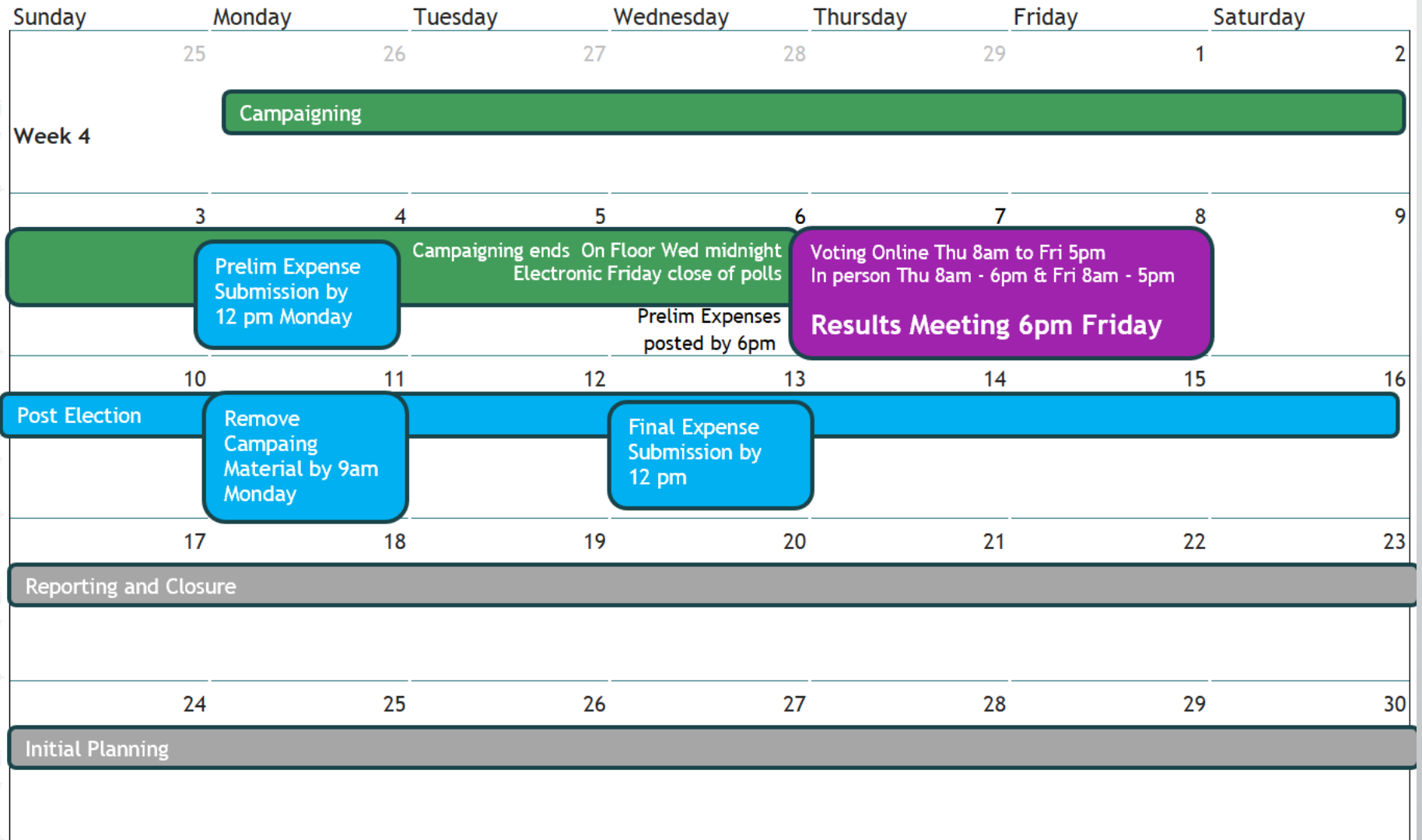
Week 3

	25	26	27	28	29	1	2
	Pre-campaigning	Campaigning Starts 9am Monday					

Week 4

MARCH 2024

CALENDAR MONTH	MARCH
CALENDAR YEAR	2024
1ST DAY OF WEEK	SUNDAY



TO: UMSU Board of Directors
FROM: 2SLGBTQIA+ Representative, Alex Rana
DATE: January 10, 2024
RE: Report to the Board, January 11, 2024



Continuing Updates

- Our Queer Club Night social will be held on January 27th at Club 200! More details and tickets to follow.
- 23 students received the Holiday Hamper gift cards!
- We are planning a Queer Student Art Exhibit in March in collaboration with SOFASA. This year, it will be held in the Student Gallery.
- In the Queer Momentum meeting, we discussed responding to the rising hate against the community and encouraging support from allies as well.
- Our January Community Assembly will be held on Tuesday, January 30th at 5pm in the RPC Lounge. I'm currently discussing with Sweet Impressions about getting a cookie decorating workshop to follow the assembly!

Events & Meetings Attended

- December 18th - SERC Focus Group
- December 19th - OHRCM Meeting
- January 6th - EGALÉ UniSphere Meeting
- January 6th - CSRB Queer Healthcare Focus Group
- January 6th - Co-President Meeting
- January 7th - SOFASA Rep Meeting
- January 8th - Governance Committee
- January 10th - Culture Appreciation Days Meeting
- January 10th - Queer Momentum Advocacy Meeting

BOD Report Jan 11th – Women's Rep report

New updates:

- First community assembly is happening next week Monday in January 15th 6-8 pm
 - Will be followed by a board game night
- We will be tabling next on the 15, 18 and 19th for get involved week
- Mural applications are currently open, looking for women and gender diverse artists (students)
 - Please promote the mural application. They are **due on January 31st**.
- We are now open for office hours.
 - Hours will be posted on Instagram.
 - SVRC drop in will be happen every Friday from 11:30-12:30
- The gala is scheduled for March 16th.
 - Initial planning has started
 - We will be reaching out soon with more information
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Continuing updates:

- Donations
 - Collecting for ASBC drive and underwear awareness campaign
- Mural – faculties
 - Want to include an item/symbol/quote chosen by each faculty to be involved in our mural (don't send your logo please)
 - Sent out an email, please discuss with your council
- Self-defense classes
 - Were a success! heard great feedback from students.

Upcoming events:

- EmpowerHer – collaborating with Asper Network of Empowered women.
 - Networking Mixer
- HerSTEAM is a collaboration with volunteers from community leadership development.
 - Networking & Panel event set to happen on January 27th.
 - Location for this event is in UC room 544 and 543.
- Hosting Barbie Movie Night with health and wellness
 - January 26th from 4:30-7

Other:

- CHRR is having a period poverty and equity button making workshop
- Location: 108 St. John's College