



TO: UMSU Board of Directors
FROM: VP Student Life, Christine Yasay
DATE: January 9th, 2024
RE: **Report to the Board, January 11, 2024**

Continuing Updates

Winter Orientation

January 8-12

- Free breakfasts every day at 9am on the first floor in UC
- Winter vendor fair every day from 9am to 4pm on the first floor in UC
- Karaoke night on Tuesday at 8pm at VW Social Club
- UMSU Pajama Party on Friday at 9pm at VW Social Club
 - Link to tickets: [UMSU Pajama Party 2024 Tickets, Fri, 12 Jan 2024 at 9:00 PM |](#)

Get Involved Campaign

- Get Involved will be running from January 15th to 19th
- We will have tables set up in CAMPO from 9am to 4pm on January 15th, 18th, and 19th for clubs, associations, and community groups to promote engagement.
- On January 17th, from 4-6pm, we'll be hosting a coffeehouse event at IQ's called UMSU Connect.
- There will be panels of clubs, associations, and community groups in which they will give a spiel of what they do and how to get involved with them, and field any questions.

New Updates

The Cosmopolitan & Cultural Appreciation Days

- In February, UMSU will be hosting cultural appreciation days, February 5th and 6th, and the Cosmopolitan.
- The Cosmopolitan is an evening of celebration of the various cultures present on our campus. The event consists of various performances and a fashion show. The details for the event are as follows:
 - Date: February 6th, 2024
 - Time: 6-8 PM
 - Location: Multi-Purpose Room, UMSU University Centre
- There is a multitude of ways to get involved such as cultural student groups and student businesses tabling, performing at the Cosmopolitan, walking in the fashion show in your cultural wear, or appearing in a video to showcase your language. Please share these opportunities with your faculty associations, clubs, and community groups!
 - Cultural Appreciation Days Video Volunteers: <https://forms.office.com/r/ef9FRpQwHL>
 - Cosmopolitan Performers: <https://forms.office.com/r/fkTDUYcr6B>
 - Cosmopolitan Fashion Show: <https://forms.office.com/r/JBhvXd9XUh>
 - Cultural Appreciation Days Tabling: <https://forms.office.com/r/m0SjXYUBJi>



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Student Training Series

UM's Student Affairs are hosting a Student Training Series this term. Please share with your councils/community groups. Space is limited, so early registration is advised.

- Avoiding the 'Goose Chase': Practical Strategies for Making Better Referrals
 - Mon, Jan 29, 1-3, in-person
 - <https://umconnect.umanitoba.ca/events.htm?eventId=4715>
- Receiving Feedback: Turning Uncomfortable Conversations into Opportunities for Growth
 - Friday, Feb 9, 10-12, in-person
 - <https://umconnect.umanitoba.ca/events.htm?eventId=4716>
- Finding and Maintaining Balance as a Student Employee / Leader
 - Wed, Feb 21, 11-1, in-person
 - <https://umconnect.umanitoba.ca/events.htm?eventId=4717>
- Inclusivity Foundations 1: Examining Power and Privilege
 - Tues, Mar 12, 1-4, in-person
 - <https://umconnect.umanitoba.ca/events.htm?eventId=4718>
- Inclusivity Foundations 2: Inclusive Language
 - Thurs, Mar 14, 1-4, in-person
 - <https://umconnect.umanitoba.ca/events.htm?eventId=4719>

External Events & Meetings Attended

January 4th – Meeting with Faculty of Agriculture Students' Organization Senior Stick

January 4th – Manitoban Interview

January 5th – Meeting with Active Minds

January 5th – UM Winter Orientation