



TO: UMSU Board of Directors
FROM: President Tracy Karuhogo
DATE: January 23, 2024
RE: **Report to the Board, January 25, 2024**

New Updates

Black History Month

- February is Black History Month and there are different events UMSU has put together in collaboration with various organizations and clubs
- Feb 2 – Black History Month Kick off Social VWs Social Club \$10
- Feb 5&6 – Cultural Appreciation Days, there will be different clubs, vendors on the first floor University centre
- Feb 6- The Cosmopolitan – multicultural event with performances, different cultural/country cuisines, vendors. Minister Renee Cable is the guest of honor for the event 5:30pm doors open event starts 6pm-8pm. MPR Second floor
- Feb 15 – Black Soul and Poetry Night, this is a night for all black creatives to come showcase their talent whether it is arts, music, drama, improve, spoken word, comedy etc. Location TBD
- Feb 24 – Take Up Space Youth Panel and Networking Event, 5pm-8pm. Location: TableSpace Co. This is in collaboration with Black History Manitoba.
- There will be various Black history month events happening throughout the month organized by Black History Manitoba Celebration Committee. You can find them bhmwinnipeg.com

Um Reputation Campaign

- The UMSU Executives, BOD members and other students at large participated in the consultations of the university's brand
- We talked about the strengths and weaknesses of the university, areas to improve and better community engagement

Mental Health Commission of Canada Student Advisory Group

- Student leaders around Canada were invited to a student advisory group to talk about the mental health of students.
- In this discussion, issues like accessibility and affordability of resources, more BIPOC Counsellors and tailored resources were all brought up.

Supporting Bannatyne Students

- VPSL and I attended a meeting with Student Wellness centre and various staff from Bannatyne to advise on the pop ups Student Wellness Centre is planning on the Bannatyne Campus
- We discussed how the operation hours, peer to peer programming and initiatives and access to food after hours on the Bannatyne campus
- We also discussed potential collaborations with UMSU and Student Wellness Centre on mental health and wellness initiatives and campaigns



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Transition Plans

- With the Executive positions changed now, we are working with the internal transition committee of UMSU to make sure those newly elected executives are supported as they start their positions.
- New Executives will have both training from the current executives individually and as a team. The information will be provided to successful candidates after elections.

Continuing Updates

External Events & Meetings Attended

Jan 8 – Governance committee

Jan 8 – Meeting with Women's Centre

Jan 10- Senate

Jan 11- Strategic Planning Committee

Jan 17 – Mental Health Commission Of Canada Post-Secondary Students Advisory Group

Jan 18 – Supporting Bannatyne Learners Meeting

Jan 19 – Governance Committee