



**TO:** UMSU Board of Directors  
**FROM:** President, Tracy Karuhogo  
**DATE:** March 12, 2024  
**RE:** **Report to the Board, March 14, 2024**

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### New Updates

#### Meeting with Deputy Minister of Advanced Education and Training

- We had the opportunity to meet with Deputy Minister Jan Forster to discuss student's needs.
- Some of the concerns we raise was Student Financial need specifically increasing the maximum weekly allowance. We also talked about the implementation of the provincial attestation letters and progress has been made.
- We also highlighted the importance of students seeing supports included in the Provincial Budget on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

#### My Student Wellbeing

- Christine and I had a meeting with Tyler, founder of My Student Wellbeing about how UMSU members have utilized the mental health coverage 2023-2024.
- 215 new UMSU members using the coverage and 250 new users the year prior.
- There has been an increase in uptake in the summer.
- 712 appointments have been booked from September to March
- Students are generally able to see a therapist within 24hrs and can be accommodated in cases of a crisis
- We also discussed feedback from students who have used the service.

### Continuing Updates

#### Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

- The EDI Committee continues to meet biweekly and is now looking at the EDI survey results report that is attached in my board report.
- With the data, and students' experiences, EDI Committee will come up with recommendations for UMSU to improve on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion. It will be used to inform the year with the incoming executives.

#### General Elections and Transition

- Thank you to all the students who put their name forward to be involved in the elections.
- Congratulations to the winners, we look forward to make your transition easy and the amazing things you will do next year.
- The Internal UMSU Transition committee has been working on improving the transition process of incoming executives and are finalizing transition plans
- We are also going to offer extra help with the creation of two new executive positions of VP External Affairs and University Affairs to ensure they are well prepared as they take office.



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**External Events & Meetings Attended**

Mar 1 – CASA Board meeting  
Mar 1 – FMSA event  
Mar 4 – Meeting with RBC  
Mar 5 – Meeting with Deputy Minister  
Mar 5 – EDI Committee  
Mar 7 – Meeting with FASO  
Mar 7 – Knight Lecture  
Mar 7 – Lieutenant Gov. of Manitoba Women's Day event  
Mar 11 – Winnipeg Women's Conference  
Mar 12- Meeting with My Student Wellbeing