



**TO:** UMSU Board of Directors  
**FROM:** VP Student Life, Christine Yasay  
**DATE:** March 12, 2024  
**RE:** **Report to the Board, March 14, 2024**

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## **New Updates**

### **Incoming Vice President Student Life**

- I want to congratulate both candidates that ran for Vice President Student Life.
- Both Bolu Akindele & Michael Prokipchuk ran excellent campaigns and they should both be so proud. It is an accomplishment of its own to have the courage to put your name forward!
- Congratulations to the 2024-25 Vice President Student Life, Bolu Akindele! I'm very excited to meet with her and start the transition process.
- Thank you to all the students that participated and voted in this year's election!

### **Mental Health Week**

- March 18 – Tabling in UC
  - 11:00 am to 2:00 pm
  - We'll be tabling with mental-health focused groups & organizations including My Student Well Being & Active Minds!
- March 20 – Affirmations & Snacks Walkabout
  - Divya and I are going to walk around campus during the day with snacks for students!
- March 19 – Pet therapy
  - 11:30 am to 1:30 pm
  - Fireside Lounge, 1<sup>st</sup> floor in UMSU University Centre
  - You pawsitively don't want to miss it!
- March 21 – Mental Health Walk
  - 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm
  - We'll be meeting in front of the Service Centre and taking a walk to King's Park.

### **Sexual Assault Awareness Month**

- April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM). It is observed every year to raise awareness and educate people on sexual assault and sexual violence.
- We will have a few infographics going out on social media about SAAM.
- We'll be tabling on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, the SAAM Day of Action, and handing out teal ribbons as a symbol of sexual violence prevention, alongside the Women's Centre and the Rainbow Pride Centre.
- The Women's Centre and the Rainbow Pride Centre will also be collaborating on a button-making event as part of the campaign.
- Display case: A common myth is that what a person wears predicts whether they will be assaulted. This is completely unfounded. To show this, we're going to have outfits of SA survivors hung up in the display case with teal ribbons and teal hearts with messages of support and hope for sexual assault survivors.



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## Continuing Updates

### **Bannatyne Lunch**

- There will be another Bannatyne Lunch on Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 12pm until supplies last.

### **Community Scholarships**

- I have presented the selections committee and the terms of reference to the Executives and Community Representatives and received feedback on things they would like to add, change, or remove.
- I sent over the Terms of Reference for the International, 2SLGBTQIA+, and Women's communities to the UM Donor Relations Specialist, Award Establishment Lead, and Award Establishment Coordinator, and we are hoping to hear back soon!

### **Onyx Info Sessions**

- Onyx Scholars Program offers: Free access to LinkedIn Learning courses, networking opportunities with esteemed corporate, education, and community partners, tailored job preparation sessions, personal and professional development coaching, mentorship opportunities, scholarships, etc.
- If you are a Black post-secondary student or recent graduate (within one year) OR if you know a Black post-secondary student or recent graduate, please go to [www.onyxinitiative.org](http://www.onyxinitiative.org) to apply.
- If you, or someone who is applying, want to know more about the program, you can register for the last Virtual Info Session:
  - Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024 | 5:30 PM CST
- Deadline to apply to the Onyx Scholars Program is **March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024**

### **External Events & Meetings Attended**

- February 27 – Asper Black Student Association Launch Event
- February 27 – Assembly of Club Executives February Meeting
- February 28 – Meeting with Student-at-large, SJP & MSA
- February 28 – Board of Association Executives February Meeting
- February 29 – Exec x Community Reps Meeting
- March 1 – Sexual Violence Advisory Committee
- March 1 – Faculty of Music Students' Association Swing Thing
- March 4 – Women's Community Assembly
- March 5 – Meeting with Student-at-large
- March 5 – Meeting with Women's UMSU Rep & 2SLGBTQIA+ UMSU Rep



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- March 6 – Meeting with SSI
- March 7 – Finance Committee
- March 7 – 2024 Knight Lecture with The Honourable Jody Wilson-Raybould
- March 7 – Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba International Women’s Day Event
- March 11 – Winnipeg Women’s Conference
- March 12 – Meeting with My Student Wellbeing