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General Notes:

- Presentations on UMSU Governing Documents and an overview of Robert's Rules of Order given by Carly Frey

Current Business:

Motions:

- **Motion 0511:** 2021/2022 UMSU Board of Directors Meeting Schedule:
PENDING
 - *Notes:* Amended to include meeting time and location
 - Motion Status: **Motion passed**
- **Motion 0512:** Sustainability Working Group
 - *Notes:* Purpose of the UMSU Green Team is to contain advocacy and action regarding sustainability measures at UofM; Tino will be making changes to this motion in a later meeting, such changes in terms of meeting schedules, etc.
 - Motion Status: **Motion passed**
- **Motion 0513:** Campaigns Working Group
 - *Notes:* Purpose is to discuss, plan, and organize upcoming annual UMSU campaigns in order to maximize student engagement, interactions, and outreach within the UofM campus community
 - Motion Status: **Motion passed**

Reports from the Executives:

President's Report (Brendan Scott):

1. **Executive Transition**
 - a. First week of May spent with UMSU full time staff and heads of each department
 - b. Each exec was introduced and reintroduced to UMSU policies and their practices
2. **Podcast**
 - a. UMSU1020 has been restarted
 - i. Tino (VP community engagement) and Brendan (President) look forward to making new content every week in the upcoming year (like last year) and to have members of the board and students at large to come onto the podcast
 - ii. For inquiries email Brendan (pres@umsu.ca) or the podcast email (umsu1020@umfm.com) – to put your name in or suggest talking points
 - iii. The podcast is available on Spotify and iTunes
 - iv. Students and Board Members are encouraged to go on the podcast!!

3. Board of Governors and Retreat

- a. Emily (VP Advocacy) and Brendan were in attendance at the retreat
- b. Board members strategically planned for the upcoming year and discussed board reforms
- c. 2 things were noted in the Board of Governors meeting the following week
 - i. Past executive team directed by the UMSU Board of Directors to make a submission to the Board of Governors to ask permission to lobby the provincial government to amend the UMSU Act - permission was granted
 - ii. Amendments came in the form of updated language replacing “Council” with “Board of Directors” and updating procedures for joining and leaving external organizations to reflect current by-laws
 - iii. In the past Board of Governors meeting the Board approved the submission – allowing the current executive team to proceed with project
 - iv. w/ ongoing news about Laurentian University – the Board of Governors were presented w/ the University of Manitoba’s financials to assure the Board that the same situation wouldn’t occur here

4. UMSU Fee

- a. Statistics Canada – released rate of inflation for this past year; cost of living has increased by 3.4% w/ our fees being indexed – UMSU’s student fees will reflect this increase in inflation

5. Manitoban Contract

- a. Ongoing project from Brendan’s previous role – finalization of an agreement between UMSU and The Manitoban
 - i. The Manitoba will now be operating in Helen Glass for the next 8 years
- b. Contract details have been finalized; will be presented to The Manitoban board this coming week – update will occur next UMSU Board meeting
- c. Notes: once this is completely finalized, the Manitoban will be able to continue operating in Helen Glass for the next 8 years

6. Student Care Meeting

- a. Meeting between UMSU and Student Care took place to lobby for minor changes in the way students opt out of the UMSU Health and Dental plan

7. MAPSS

- a. Emily and Brendan got up to speed w/ MAPSS (Manitoba Alliance of Post-Secondary Students)
- b. Drafted welcome letters for the Honourable Wayne Ewasko, Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Immigration; the Honourable Wab Kinew, Leader of the Official Opposition and Dougal Lamont, Leader of the Liberal Party
- c. Aim to approve the welcome letters at the first MAPSS meeting at the beginning of June and to have them sent out right after

- d. Released MAPSS press release – regarding the provinces survey seeking input on Manitoba Student Aid
 - i. Survey can be filled out at <https://engagemb.ca/manitoba-student-aid>
- 8. **Benarroch Meeting**
 - a. Executive team met with the University of Manitoba's President, Michael Benarroch for introductions and plans for a student business start-up program
- 9. **CASA Letter**
 - a. Emily and Brendan have been at the Canadian of Student Associations (CASA) conference
 - b. UMSU members voting in previous referendum to join CASA, a letter of intent to join was submitted for their opening plenary
 - c. CASA voted unanimously to accept UMSU as their newest member
 - d. Important move in terms of UMSU's federal advocacy efforts
 - e. Notes: An update as up May 25th, 2021 UMSU became an official member of CASA
- 10. **Joining Committees**
 - a. Just a reminder to all Board members to apply for one of the UMSU committees and possibly the COVID recovery Committee – email with further details will be released
 - b. Applications and any questions can be directed to Brendan - highly recommended that board members join a committee

VP Advocacy's Report (Emily Kalo):

- 1. **Campus Advocacy Update**
 - a. **Community Consultations Re: Intimate Relationships**
 - i. May 2020 – Joel Lebois (Legal Council for the Office of Human Rights and Conflict Management) reached out to VP advocacy on behalf of the Intimate Relationships Advisory Committee seeking to engage in community consultations
 - ii. 1 of 10 stakeholder groups the advisory groups had identified was students
 - iii. Winter 2021 – Office of Human Rights and Conflict Management (at the behest of the Advisory Committee on Intimate Relationships) sought out support of the Learning and Organizational Development team to help facilitate said community consultations relating to Recommendations #18-20 of their Path Forward Report
 - iv. Questions presented to stakeholder groups included defining intimate relationships, understanding the scope of influence that exists between teaching staff and students, perceived pros and cons of a ban on intimate relationships
 - v. Advisory committee – provided w/ a summary report of community consultations; this was reviewed April 29th, 2021

- vi. VP advocacy provided input towards the directed questions & emphasized importance of student consultation results being considered & revisions being made
- vii. Community Consultation Summary Report – will be taken to the Implementation Committee for further review/instruction
- viii. *Notes:* Overall, community consultations took place, a summary of reports have been submitted for review by the Implementation Committee

b. Convocation

- i. Spring Convocation 2021 – will be hosted virtually, June 15-17th
- ii. Convocation will be using a new digital platform which includes faculty-specific virtual Convocation ceremonies, chat rooms, interactive exhibits and a digital photobooth and downloadable digital yearbook

c. UMSU Act Consent Request

- i. February 11th, 2021 – UMSU Board of Directors were presented w/ the question of whether the UMSU exec team should pursue charges to the UMSU Act as it relates to the by-law alignment
- ii. Board voted in favour of the Executive beginning the process – w/ the motion attached being passed unanimously
- iii. 1975 the UMSU Act was passed in Manitoba Legislature – spelling out specific powers and responsibilities of the University of Manitoba Students' Union (UMSU)
- iv. UMSU – currently seeking to pursue changes to the Act; to amend the legislation, as written by section 21 of the UMSU Act itself “the corporation shall not petition the Legislature of the Province of Manitoba for any amendment to this Act without first receiving the consent thereto of the Board of Governors of the University.”
- v. Accordance to section 21 – President request that the UM Board of Governors provide said consent for UMSU to petition the Manitoba Legislature to amend the UMSU Act during the May 19th Board of Governors meeting
- vi. All amendments to the UMSU act would allow the Act to be brought in line w/ existing UMSU by-laws – particularly as it is related to UMSU's membership in external organizations
- vii. Consenting to UMSU's request – would allow the organization to better represent students on campus via increasing accountability, efficiency and consistency throughout the organizations governing documents and procedures
- viii. **MOTION:** passed

2. Provincial Advocacy Update:

a. MAPSS (Manitoba Alliance of Post-Secondary Students)

- i. Continues to be dedicated to improving accessibility, affordability and quality of post-secondary education in Manitoba

- ii. Both President and VP advocacy are determined for MAPSS to continue taking steps toward fulfilling this mission
 - 1. Welcome letters to the provincial government and political parties on behalf of MAPSS have been drafted/scheduled to be sent out early June – hope for this to be the first step in consultation & partnership between the new MAPSS team and the provincial government
 - 2. MAPSS plans to host first meeting for the 2021/2022 term during the first week of June – Report to the Board will be provided next meeting
- 3. **Federal Advocacy Update**
 - a. **Canadian Alliance of Students Associations (CASA)**
 - i. UMSU will be working w/ CASA this year for Federal Advocacy
 - ii. Letter of intent was sent to CASA on behalf of Brendan (President) and Emily (VP Advocacy)
 - 1. Letter requested the UMSU's intention to become members of CASA be presented to the full membership at the foundations conference on May 25th, 2021
 - a. UMSU officially became members of CASA on May 25th, 2021
 - 2. VP Advocacy and President attended CASA Foundations Conference Virtually – Report to the Board will be given during the next meeting
- 4. **Projects**
 - a. **Open Education Resources (OER's)**
 - i. May 21st – Emily attended and Advancing Open Access Subcommittee Meeting
 - 1. Included presentations from Joy Kirchner and Carley McDougall (Campus Manitoba) – spoke about York University's Open Access Policy and Campus Manitoba OER Initiatives
 - ii. Campus Manitoba – reached out for a meeting w/ Emily to investigate specifics involved in UMSU support of OER implementation & to explore partnership between UMSU and Campus Manitoba
 - 1. Meeting scheduled for early June
- 5. **Inclusivity and Safe Change Rooms at the ALC**
 - a. In contact w/ Dean Brown's office & have received diagram of the new shower stalls from Simon Wong, the Director of Facilities for the Faculty of Kinesiology and Recreation Management
 - b. Meeting scheduled to review said diagrams – feedback will be provided to ensure all safety and inclusivity concerns are met

VP Community Engagement (Tino Dogo):

- 1. **Welcome**

- a. Tino provided a short introduction about his position
- 2. Marketing/Engagement**
 - a. Over past month, Tino has been working with the marketing department to identify areas of improvement within the department
 - b. Provided a mandate for the marketing department
 - c. Tino will be closely working with the marketing manager to develop an approach to this work
 - d. Wants to focus on the bigger platforms (e.g., UMSU website) – hope that the experience from over the past 12 months will improve engagement efforts as we head into another virtual term
- 3. Transition**
 - a. Spent first few days in May transitioning the new Executives into their new roles
- 4. Co-Curricular Experiential Learning Team (CELT)**
 - a. CELT met on May 12th, 2021
 - b. Survey of the current Co-Curricular Experiential Learning landscape was administered and delivered to Deans and Directors across campus
 - c. CELT – will analyze the results from this survey & fitting the different opportunities into the drafted definitions of Experiential Learning
 - d. Goal: to consolidate these experiences under one platform that connects students & different parties that administer said programs
- 5. Sustainability Committee**
 - a. University Sustainability Committee met on the 18th of May
 - b. Progress continues w/ the development of the Climate Action Plan – plan involves steps towards a net zero emissions plan by 2050 for the University
 - c. Kale Kostick, Director, Office of Sustainability (OOS), University of Manitoba – asked Tino to assist with the engagement process for the development of this plan
 - d. UMSU Green Team will be organizing small discussion on the plan using a toolkit that OOS has provided
- 6. Town Hall on the Environment w/ MP Terry Duguid**
 - a. May 20th – Green Team hosted a town hall on the environment in collaboration w/ Science First
 - b. Part of a nationwide follow up to the 100 Debates on the Environment that were held prior to the Federal Elections in 2019
- 7. Board Engagement**
 - a. May 21st – Tino sent board exit survey to all previous directors
 - b. Asked for those returning to complete said survey
 - c. And asked those who are new to see to it that our predecessors have completed the survey

VP Finance and Operations (Brooke Rivard):

- 1. New Updates**
 - a. Completed transition

- b. StudentCare contract is in its final stages; Brooke is currently going through lawyers for wording changes regarding Health & Dental fees opt-out program
 - c. Ongoing meetings with the UMSU GM to fully understand the scope of ongoing projects and lay the ground works for new projects this year
- 2. Continuing Updates**
- a. GPA's and Service center remain open
 - b. Discussions are ongoing in regards to the UPASS, & will pick up again later in the summer
 - c. Fire redevelopment is still ongoing – updated schedules has been created & are currently waiting for permit approvals

VP Student Life (Savannah Zocs):

- 1. New Updates**
- a. N/A
- 2. Continuing Updates**
- a. **Survivor Poetry Project**
 - i. Savannah created and sent out graphic for the call for submissions for art pieces and writing pieces this Tuesday
 - ii. Asked organizations to post on their accounts to help get the word out
 - iii. Submission deadline for written/art pieces is for the end of June
 - iv. For any inquiries or to submit pieces you can email Savannah directly or email survivorpoetryproject@outlook.com – Savannah is the only individual with access to this account so that any submissions or inquiries are kept completely confidential!
 - b. **Campus Safety**
 - i. Met with Residence Life last week about how they train their security – Savannah has heard concerns raised that there's a lot of sexual violence that occurs in residence
 - 1. Some concerns/recommendations from students regarding safety on campus include adding more lights in the parking lots, SafeWalk buttons in the tunnels, more security patrols in the tunnels after hours, etc.
 - a. There are SafeWalk buttons in the tunnels but they are not well labelled at the moment, so Security Services will be getting fire-resistant signs to label these
 - ii. Mentioned they'd like to expand on the consent culture training that their staff receive – Savannah will be working with them w/ resources and workshops they can schedule so that all the security on campus are trained well in anti-sexual violence
 - iii. Savannah has started to look into running a campus safety themed campaign later in the summer – will be compiling resources sent by the Department of Risk Management and Security Services to help

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spread the word on campus about safety resources that students might not already know about

- iv. W/ reference to campaigns – Savannah will be in contact with the working group to meet as soon as she can to start planning the campaign