

UMSU Meeting Minutes

Date: February 3rd, 2022

Time: 6:32pm - 7:30pm

Tristan Rohatynsky, Jasmine Tingey, Molly Crandall & Tiffany Tantakoun Reports:

General Notes:

Current Business:

Motions:

- 1. Motion 0529:** VPFO Class Schedule
 - a. Notes: Brook just requesting to take more courses
 - i. Motion Passed

Reports from the Executives:

President's Report (Brendan Scott):

1. New Updates

- a. UMSU Offices
 - i. Keeping a majority of the office staff remote until the 22nd of February
- b. Meeting with NDP
 - i. Emily will further discuss this in her report.
- c. UMSU Survey
 - i. Closes tomorrow (February 4th, 2022)
 - ii. Modes of learning, vaccine mandates, advocacy efforts, etc.
- d. CASA
 - i. Attending virtual lobby week with Emily
- e. CanU
 - i. Will be presenting in the March BOD meeting
- f. Returning to In-Person Classes after reading week
 - i. We will be returning to in person class.
 - ii. Faculty deans will discuss with Faculty staff and will have the ultimate decision as to whether the class that had the possibility of being in-person will actually be in-person (TBA classes vs. RL classes). This should be posted on Aurora by now. Most classes will remain online while a few 3xxx/4xxx courses will be held in person.

VP Advocacy's Report (Emily Kalo):

1. New Updates

- a. **Winter semester date changes**
 - i. New extended drop date for Winter/Summer spanning courses without financial penalty is February 28th and the extended fee payment deadline is March 8th.
 - ii. The course add date will not be moved.
- b. **Campus Advocacy**

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- i. Winter Survey
- c. Provincial Advocacy**

- i. MAPSS

1. Following consultation with government, domestic, and international students, MAPSS re-evaluated the international student health care buy-in proposal. The result of this work is our Health Has No Borders International Student Healthcare Proposal
2. MAPSS had the opportunity to share said proposal with members of the NDP caucus on January 25th, 2022. Jamie Moses, Uzoma Asagwara, and Nello Altomare, were all able to provide MAPSS with feedback which will be critical as we continue to advocate for international student healthcare to be reinstated in the province of Manitoba.

2. Continuing Updates

- a. Pharmacy Students' Association Re: Wellness Days

- i. Submitted their official proposal about the two recommendations that they wanted
- ii. On January 21st, 2022, a meeting was held between the College of Pharmacy, Year 4 PharmD students, and UMSU. During this call the following was announced:
 1. 4 reflective days off during APPE rotations scheduled to be the last day of week 4 of each rotation
 2. 4th year winter break to be scheduled from December 17th to January 2nd (inclusive)
 3. 12 calendar days off between April 27th and May 8th (Inclusive)
 4. Up to 4 weeks off within the 16 week research course. Time-off flexibility to be approved by the respective mentor.
 5. Research project adjusted to be in line with a 12 week schedule rather than a 16 week schedule

- b. Compassionate grading

- i. Confirmed final proposal and sending out to student caucus
- ii. Will be confirmed before students return to in person classes

VP Community Engagement (Tino Dogo):

1. New Updates

- a. Celebrating Black history

- i. Through the month, the Black Students Union will host a series of events. Their events will explore Black History at the UM.
- ii. They plan to host a virtual bake sale like last year – 10/10 would recommend. A selfcare giveaway and trivia on Black history are also in store.
- iii. The UM Black Alliance will be hosting a Keynote and Town Hall on Feb 16th Details are available in our newsletter. UMFM is going to

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be creating a playlist composed of Black artists throughout the month. If you know Jared and Michael from UMF, you know it'll be good!

- b. Green team/Sustainability
 - i. The UM Sustainability Committee met to review the North Campus Lands (NCL) development policy. The Community Wellbeing Policy: Guide for Development of Southwood Lands was developed for UM Properties (The Development company established by the UM). North Campus Lands and Southwood Lands are used interchangeably. This wellbeing policy is being developed as a guide to governing the urban development of the NCL. Of note is the apparent separation of the development of the land with the University of Manitoba organisation. As an example, the UM Sustainability Strategy does not seem to apply on these university lands. In all, this is a very early draft. Indeed, the first draft. At this stage, questions and improvements are necessary and we'll be tying this policy into our Sustainability work.
 - ii. Our theme for Sustainability this year is Greenwashing.
- c. Election Forum
 - i. CRO will be planning and moderating information sessions for the upcoming UMSU general election
- d. Journal that talks back
 - i. The Executives have been trialing this service that connects individuals with professional development coaches through an online journal. The online platform has a range of features and resources that guide the participant through the service.

2. Continuing Updates

- a. Mental Health Week
 - i. We're hosting the Wellness Panel this Thursday at noon. Our UMSU womyn's rep will be moderating the conversation. A recording will be made available in case you're not able to make it for the live conversation
- b. JDC West/Team Toba
 - i. JDC have now concluded for this year

VP Finance and Operations (Brooke Rivard):

1. New Updates

2. Continuing Updates

- a. Sustainability
 - i. Discussion was unfortunately surface level and didn't quite meet our hopes going into it. This however will act as our opening into pursuing these issues further as we have a stronger understanding of the internal procedures currently underway for the CAP, and what that could mean for continued student consultation
- b. Businesses

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- i. Degrees is back up and running as a take away location. You can also order through boxndrops too now (free delivery on campus, small fee off campus)! GPA's is just waiting on the university to address the source of the frozen pipe which led to some flooding recently before repairs are finalised, but the business is operating like normal.
- c. Transit Subsidy
 - i. The transit subsidy becomes available starting Saturday. I highly encourage you all to let your students know about it, and don't hesitate to forward questions to myself/ the service centre. The UMSU website has been updated to include some FAQ around the subsidy.

VP Student Life (Savannah Zocs):

1. New Updates

2. Continuing Updates

- a. Healthy Sexuality
 - i. Our participants are adding in the details for their virtual booths into Hop-In this week and next, and we should be all set to launch for the 9th.
 - ii. We purchased lots of prizes for the healthy sexuality campaign, so if you come out to the bingo or trivia events or participate in our expo, you'll be eligible to win some prizes!
 - iii. Everyone who participates in our expo will also be able to pick up a healthy sexuality goodie bag from the service centre that will have lots of resources and information as well as sexuality related items.
 - iv. Kahoot will be hosted by me on the 14th, and we will be holding a drag queen bingo event on the 8th so make sure you come check out those events. We have sex toys for prizes, and it'll be first come first serve for winners.
- b. REES
 - i. I've been in regular communication with the team at REES this week, as per our launch yesterday. I'm thrilled to finally be able to say that the REES tool is available on the U of M campus for all students now, and throughout every post-secondary institution within the province of Manitoba.