

UMSU Meeting Minutes

Date: October 7th 2021

Time: 6:33 PM - 9:24 PM

Tristan Rohatynsky (Tasnim Rahman as proxy), Jasmine Tingey, Molly Crandall & Tiffany Tantakoun Reports:

General Notes:

Presentation by David Ness from the UM Student Counselling Service:

- Explanation of how the counselling service functions and the services provided

Presentation by Ari Glikman (student at large)

Current Business:

Motions:

- **Motion 0521:** United Statement of Solidarity
 - Releasing a statement towards all students impacted by recent events in the Middle East
 - Will reiterate all resources, spaces and mental health support for students affected
 - **Status:** Passes

Reports from the Executives:

President's Report (Brendan Scott):

- *Mandatory Vaccination Policy will become much stricter.*
 - Advocacy efforts to create a campus in which we are able to hold events and return to normal ongoing.
 - Consistently upload negative covid status from rapid testing if not fully vaccinated
 - Plan events for the winter; if things are going how they are now, will be fully on campus
 - No flex model if we do go back online (either all online or all in person)
- *Events*
 - We are planning large events for the winter semester and we encourage student associations and clubs to do the same.
 - Funding from UMSU can be provided. We encourage all councils to apply for funding through the member services committee.
- *UMSU Annual Member Survey*
 - Will be active until October 10, please fill out if you haven't already.
 - By completing the survey you are entered to win one of 20 \$25.00 gift cards
- *Faculty of Dentistry Space*
 - Memorandum of Agreement completed and sent to the University.
- *Selections committee Selected a CRO*
 - Have selected a CRO, just waiting for them to accept
- *UMFA*

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- Voted in favour of having a strike vote (not to go on strike but whether to go on strike or not)
- <https://umanitoba.ca/bargaining/>

VP Advocacy's Report (Emily Kalo):

- *Sexual Violence Prevention - Policy Review*
 - Met with the university to discuss the current sexual violence policies and prevention strategies at the University of Manitoba
- *Open Access Week*
 - UMSU will be running our Open Access Campaign from October 18th to October 22nd, 2021.
 - The aim of the campaign is to increase awareness surrounding academic accessibility and more specifically, affordability
 - UMSU plans to launch an email lobbying initiative which will run from October 25th to October 29th
- *Covid Recovery Steering Committee – Academic*
 - Discussed potential procedures and consequences for unvaccinated students, unvaccinated staff, and those unwilling to provide proof of vaccination
 - Gathering data regarding vaccination status and will affect procedures in the UofM
 - *** (Emphasize that people have to upload their vaccination status asap if they can) ***
 - <https://covid-declaration.umanitoba.ca/>
 - *** send link in chat ***
- *Students with Family Responsibilities Committee*
 - Met to discuss how the University, Undergraduate Students Union, and Graduate Students Union, can best support student parents.
- Hearing regarding academic integrity policies

VP Community Engagement (Tino Dogo):

- *UM Sustainability - Climate Action*
 - Carbon neutrality by 2050 is no easy feat and it requires a specific set of actions
 - Ex. electrification of cars and a drastic increase in Transit ridership
 - Continue our internal review of the plan to garner a comprehensive account on how confident students are in the plan
- *Marketing and Engagement*
 - We currently have a Trivia scheduled every month this term and we're bringing a familiar face back in November!
 - Winter orientation is at an tentative in person status
 - The pandemic in the coming weeks will be the determinant of the mode of delivery come January
- *Financial webinars*
 - Positive and high attendance

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- Come learn about investing, saving and debt management straight from an experienced financial manager (they even talk about crypto ooooo)

VP Finance and Operations (Brooke Rivard):

- *The HUB*
 - Talks going on about the plausibility of refreshing the space, and a possible name change.
 - We want the name change to be a student led project, with a survey coming out soon to collect name suggestions
 - Want to reopen for the winter term to welcome students back to campus.
- *Frost fest!!!*
 - Begun the planning process for a possible Frost Fest to welcome students back to campus after these two long years.
 - Discussions have included possible venues, dates, and performers.
 - Currently the front runner idea is to host a concert similar to what was done in 2019 (woohooooo)
 - In mid to late January or early February (Welcome Back)
- *UPASS*
 - Completed negotiations for UPASS in winter term
 - Currently in stages of signing from all three parties to be officially reimplemented in winter term (4 year contract)
 - Possible revision date is December 1st so if University has made a decision by Dec 1st as to whether fully online instead of in-person, this is where the UPASS could fall through
- *Dental & Fire Redevelopment*
 - Winter re-opening
 - Looking for resident dentist, won't be up and running until next fall

VP Student Life (Savannah Zocs):

- *Healthy Sexuality Week*
 - Plan to host an in-person expo in MPR and have all groups at an assigned table to give out information and resources to students
 - Include LGBTQIA+ community
 - In the process of reaching out to potential contributors
- *University Policy Update Re: Student Club Events*
 - The university has updated their policies again to include the mandate that all groups, clubs, and associations that have ties to the U of M must receive permission from the university in order to host in-person events or activities. This includes both on and off campus events.
- *Financial Aid and Awareness Campaign*
 - Few reminders for students with regards to hardship:
 - The amount of hardship funding that can be offered to a single student is minimal, so students applying for the amounts of 1000\$ and up will unfortunately not be granted that amount

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- Huge increase in hardship applications recently so please understand that she needs a least a week's time to review your application and come to a decision
- Hardship funding is meant to be used for rent, groceries, childcare, school supplies, utility bills, and small medical costs. It cannot be used for tuition or travel, etc.
- CFIA
 - Can apply for funding in regarding to holding events that are specific to specific communities

Governance

- Consultation on BOD structure going on until October 18th

Selections

- CRO candidate selected but still need to accept the job

BOD Members

Travis Hunnie (SOFASA)

- organizing a committee to support UMFA in case of a strike
- hunniet@myumanitoba.ca

Womyn's Rep

- Will be holding an in person event through the Womyn's Centre