

UMSU Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, January 20, 2022

Time: 6:32 PM - 9:00 PM

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

General Notes:

Current Business:

Presentations:

- Presentation given by Lauren Slegers, Chair of Governance Committee

Motions:

1. Motion 0525: UMSU Board Reforms

a. NOTES:

- i. Motion to amend has been taken off the table
- ii. Motion to amend 0525 passes
- iii. Motion 0525 passes
- iv. With this motion passing we will have to amend our bylaws to fit these new changes to the BOD

2. Motion 0528: Black Students' Representative

a. NOTES:

- i. Motion 0528 passes

Reports from the Executives:

President's Report (Brendan Scott):

1. New Updates

a. Benarroch Meeting

- i. Winter semester outlook, increased enrolment in strike classes, mandatory vaccinations communication
- ii. Monitoring the situation closely, at the moment can expect to be back on campus on February 28th. But look to the professors as professors hold the position to have their classes remain completely online.
- iii. VW/Re-take policies do not apply to any classes affected by the strike.
- iv. Individuals are being reminded to upload vaccination proof. These students will be de-registered from their courses if they are enrolled in classes with an in-person component.

b. CanU

- i. Partnering with CanU to try to aid UofM's reputation and future enrolment
- ii. Will be presenting to us during March

c. Winter Survey

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- i. This Monday, will be releasing a survey gauging student opinion on everything related to the winter semester
- d. Governance
 - i. Lots of work has been done since the previous meeting, lots of consultation in order to see us improve the BOD

2. Continuing Updates

VP Advocacy's Report (Emily Kalo):

1. New Updates

a. Campus Advocacy

- i. Libraries Functional Programming Study
 - 1. A campus-wide evaluation and restructuring is required to efficiently respond to the pressing current needs. The role of University Libraries has substantially changed as a result of new media technologies, students' expectations, and an entirely different view on learning following the COVID-19 Pandemic. The Libraries Functional Programming Study was created to meet those needs. The following issues have been identified: • Learning Commons space deficit • Student technology deficit • Study space shortage • Physical collections storage occupying valuable space • Need to integrate Indigenous ways of knowing and world view into library planning.
 - 2. The following goals and priorities have been identified: • Inspiring minds - A functional program should include space that supports flexible learning opportunities through the provision of technology that students need to complete assignments, shared resources such as a visualization wall, audio and video booths, 3D printers, flexible learning and study spaces etc. • Driving discovery and insight - Library collections and spaces are key to supporting innovative research, scholarly work and other creative activities. • Creating pathways - consideration of Indigenous cultures, knowledge and traditions, including an area where collections by and about Indigenous people are centralized should be part of the functional space program • Building community - The functional space program should include enhanced common spaces, amenities and services to meet the need(s) of the University community and create a learning and work environment that meets the requirements of the University's future by recognizing the indigenous reality of Manitoba and promoting environmental and resource sustainability • Forging connections - The functional space program should include space for faculty interaction

with community by way of presentations and poster sessions, displays of materials and archival collections etc.

b. Provincial Advocacy

i. MAPSS

1. MAPSS held its first official meeting of 2022 on January 13th. The meeting was used to discuss upcoming meetings with government officials, review our international student healthcare proposal, and officially welcome Assiniboine Community College to our membership.

c. Federal Advocacy

i. N/A

2. Continuing Updates

a. Pharmacy Students' Association Re: Wellness Days

- i. As discussed in the previous Board of Director meetings, I have been working closely with the Pharmacy Students Association advocating for the introduction of "flex days" and modifications to the PharmD Year 4 schedule.
- ii. On December 20th, UMSU submitted an official proposal to Dr. Lalitha Raman-Wilms, Dean and Professor for the College of Pharmacy, advocating for the following:
 1. RECOMMENDATION: That the College of Pharmacy modify the PharmD Year 4 schedule by introducing meaningful breaks that meet the needs of the student body and align with other pharmacy programs across the country, specifically by (a) Introducing 2 "flex days" per APPE rotation, which can be utilized to accommodate physical illness, mental health, and professional development commitments, etc.; and (b) Reducing the PHMD4000 research course from 16 weeks to 6 weeks to allow for a 10-week break between the completion of PharmD Year 3 and the beginning of PharmD Year 4
- iii. The proposal was accompanied by statements of support from the Canadian Association of Pharmacy Student and Interns (CAPSI) as well as students from the UMPHarmD Class of 2023, 2024 and 2025. Both UMSU and the students leaders involved have since heard back from Dr. Lalitha Raman-Wilms, who shared that the faculty will be considering our suggestions. The Dean also made note of the college's ongoing effort to engage with the student body to ensure program requirements are met and all graduates are set up to succeed.
- iv. A meeting between the student leaders and I to discuss this response and steps moving forward is currently being scheduled.

1. New Updates

- a. Mental Health Week
 - i. Mental Health Week This January, we're going to be hosting events and sharing resources related to mental health and wellness. Starting on Jan 24th, we'll be sharing infographics around the importance of destigmatization among other topics. As well, I will be hosting the Wellness Panel that I rescheduled in November. We'll share the registration info via social media and the newsletter.
- b. Co-Curricular Experiential Learning Team (CELT)
 - i. CELT will be having the first meeting of the year by hosting a joint a meeting with the UM Inter Faculty Collaborative Network. The intended purpose of the joint meeting is to collectively review Experiential Learning component definition. The most direct impact of these committees on student life will be through the continued revamping of the Co-Curricular Record.
- c. Prep Week Welcome Session
 - i. The UMSU exec will be hosting a welcome prep week session on what UMSU is and what we do. These sessions are part of the virtual welcome activities hosted by Student Affairs.
- d. Donor Relations
 - i. The university donor relations people approached us late last year about them being a resource for fundraising efforts on campus. They reached out specifically because of our Hampers program and they've expressed interest in coordinating donation campaigns to help with our fundraising. Donor relations is also seeking support in promoting the Student Giving Program. Student Associations typically vote every 3 years to approve the collection of these fees that are then used for student supports on campus. They noted that typically this vote does receive student approval but they wish to democratise the program some more by informing more students of its existence.
- e. Green Team/Sustainability
 - i. Further to the oral updates given at the last board meeting, we're now scheduled to meet with VP Admin Naomi Andrew on the status of the UM Climate Action Plan. This meeting will also include the office of sustainability. Building on accountability, we're going to involve student stakeholder groups and their feedback on the plan to drive our efforts in getting the university to maintain the commitments they've made over the past few years. Directors will recall our participation with the UM Properties Community Wellbeing Workshop in the fall term. This workshop has since been translated into a framework and policy for the development of the Southwood lands/north campus lands. Further to the workshop,

we've been invited to review this document and provide feedback by the end of this month

2. Continuing Updates

- a. Celebrating Black History
 - i. Celebrations have already begun with the UM Black Students Union co-hosting Black Mental Health workshops in the last half of this month. The BSU is also planning on hosting events in February. The UM Black Alliance is slated to host a speaker and then community town hall in mid-February. All are welcome and encouraged to attend these events if available.
- b. Happy to see very good uptake with this giveaway series! 12 Days can seem like a long time but indeed this series begun before our last board meeting and will end on the day we have our meeting on Thursday. A special thank you to our local business sponsors for making this many giveaways possible.
- c. Welcome Guide
 - i. We're now finalising the web designs for our welcome guide pages and populating those with the articles written in the fall term. I'll share a link to this as we launch the sites in the coming days. The idea to incorporate a print version of this guide will remain on pause until we're looking at an in person return to campus activities.

VP Finance and Operations (Brooke Rivard):

1. New Updates

- a. TJTTB Trial
 - i. Executives and I are doing a trial run of "The Journal That Talks Back", an interactive journaling service which matches each student with a mentor/ coach. The trial will last a month so we can see what experience a student may have with the program, and if it is something that would be valuable to either provide or advertise to our Union members.
- b. Businesses
 - i. GPA's is back up and running after a small plumbing issue last week. There are some repairs to affected drywall ongoing, but general operation has resumed. The service centre is running at full capacity once again, and is busy answering students questions around the U-Pass, the transit subsidy, and informing students of their best course of action for transit this term. Degrees will be returning to a takeaway service once again this Friday. The space has been thoroughly cleaned after a Covid case was noted there.

2. Continuing Updates

- a. Sustainability
 - i. Tino and I have secured a meeting with University Administration in regard to the current Climate Action Plan, and sustainability as a

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whole on campus. We have also started receiving student feedback on the CAP, and sustainability measures around campus which will also be brought up to ensure a wide selection of voices are heard by Admin on this.

- ii. Rejoice, the end is in sight for the insurance situation around the DPDC printers! Things seem to be wrapping up with our insurance claim with Konica Minolta, allowing us to receive the remainder of the leases on the printers refunded and the downtime cause by the fire/ subsequent flood to also be prorated back. This funding will be utilised in the Transit subsidy, allowing for a greater number of students to receive it.

VP Student Life (Savannah Zocs):

1. New Updates

- b. HopIn/Healthy Sexuality
 - i. We will be partnering with a company called HopIn to host the February Healthy Sexuality Expo. HopIn is a virtual tabling platform where we can assign each participant a table and they can implement virtual resources and information, web links, photos, and upload videos. I have emailed the participants and have gotten nothing but positive feedback, so this should work out well for us for this campaign. We had a demo session with a representative from HopIn and she was very helpful.
- c. UMSU Prep Week Session
 - i. Thanks to everyone who attended our prep week session hosted in collaboration with the University. We had good attendance and engagement and were able to answer student questions as well, so all in all it went very well!

3. Continuing Updates

- a. REES
 - i. I had a brief call with REES this week and they have set February 1st as our launch date for the program! Our Marketing team will be meeting with REES to talk about graphics and social media collaborations. This is super exciting and a long time coming so I am thrilled to finally be launching this program for U of M students!

UMSU Representatives Update Report:

- Attended all UMSU meetings to inform the council of the activities and initiatives of Executives
- Provided feedback on various motions presented to the BOD
- Aided in various council activities such as prep/orientation week and LabTrek

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- Looking forward to continue to aid council with various association put forth activities