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General Notes:

Current Business:

Motions:

- 1. Motion 0517: Statement of Solidarity**
 - a. Motion status: Tabled
 - b. *Notes:* Exec decided they needed more time to discuss wording on statement
- 2. Motion 0518: Providing Impacted Students a Safe Space**
 - a. Motion status: Tabled
 - b. *Notes:* Still in process of negotiating with the executive committee
 - i. Many students coming out and showing their support for this statement
- 3. Motion 0519: VPFO Class Schedule**
 - a. Motion status: Passed
 - b. *Notes:* Umsu executives are only able to take 5 credit hours, but Brook would like to take 5.5 credit hrs courses

Reports from the Executives:

President's Report (Brendan Scott):

New Updates:

- 1. MAPSS**
 - a. Met with Minister Ewasko
 - i. invited emily out to press release event
- 2. Vaccine Mandate**
 - a. On Thursday August 20th - recommended by the CRSC
 - b. More details to come
 - i. There will be a web portal that will allow students and staff to upload their immunization records to be able to be on campus in the Fall
 - c. Early announcement to avoid surprising students
 - d. Students have up to September 22nd for the first dose and October (late) for the second dose
 - e. Masks stay for the fall and social distancing remains in the meantime
- 3. Survey Results**
 - a. Students are extremely in favour for a mandatory vaccination policy
 - b. Students are leaning to mask on campus but even split
 - c. students in favour of social distancing on campus
 - d. students split on the flex learning model
 - i. 50% flex, 30% fully online, 20% in person
 - e. Majority of students not on Fort Garry campus this fall

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- f. Majority of students not enrolled in in-person classes
- g. With no UPASS most students will be using their own vehicles
- 4. Parking in the Fall**
 - a. Flex pass, choose days of the week - \$18 per day, per month
- 5. Health and Dental Plan**
 - a. Legal Aid will be provided to all students for free eligible for the Health and Dental Plan for the 2021/2022 school year
 - b. More details to follow - presentation to be given at the board retreat
- 6. Board Retreat**
 - a. September 12th at the Inn at the Forks
 - b. Agenda to be finalized and sent out in September
 - c. Presentation and Exec 1 on 1's - governance presentation
- 7. Orientation**
 - a. Tino will expand further on this but are very excited to be hosting an in person orientation this September
 - b. September 8th, 9th, and 10th, UMSU will be re-engaging the campus and informing students about their Student's Union!
 - i. Visit campus to get some UMSU swaggggg
- 8. Fall Prep**
 - a. Inner city campus visit, Bison sports video, Welcome video

Continuing Updates:

- 1. Board of Trustees**
 - a. Updated Bylaws
- 2. Tuition payment**
 - a. Can now be done w/ a credit card - but needs a 2.5% fee
- 3. CRSC**
 - a. mobile vaccination clinic - Campo seating, picnic tables, event tent
 - i. RESTAURANTS (TIMS AND STARBS) WILL OPEN
- 4. Strategy and Research Assistant**
 - a. Position has been filled

VP Advocacy's Report (Emily Kalo):

New Updates:

- 1. Campus Advocacy Update**
 - a. Campus Safety and Inclusivity: Gender Neutral Washrooms**
 - i. During the August 9th meeting w/ the Vice Provost Students discussions were held surrounding an increase in the amount of gender neutral washrooms on campus
 - ii. Additionally - UMSU requested an updated Gender Neutral Washroom inventory
 - 1. List of gender neutral washrooms has been available online for all students to access →
<https://umanitoba.ca/visit-university-manitoba>

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2. University is currently has washroom upgrade priorities planned spanning the next $\frac{2}{3}$ years

b. Fall Term 2021 Survey

- i. Survey sent out to all UMSU members on August 11th, 2021 - with hopes of providing UMSU with insight on how students feel re: Public Health Guidelines, University Policy, Re-opening plan, Flex Model, Etc.
 1. Survey closed August 22nd, 2021
 2. results shared during the meeting between UMSU execs, Vice Provost Students and the University President

c. Educational Campaign and Communication Strategy Working Group

- i. Following the announcement of a Vaccine Mandate by the University of Manitoba on August 19th, 2021
- ii. Emily was placed on a Mandatory Vaccination Educational Campaign and Communication Strategy Working Group
- iii. Working group met August 20th to discuss what steps need to be taken to address any concerns that are being brought forward thus far & ensure that the mandate is effective, yet still equitable for all UM students and staff

2. Provincial Advocacy Update

a. MAPSS

- i. August 24th 2021 - MAPSS met with the honourable Wayne Ewasko - who is currently serving as Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Immigration
- ii. Meeting was held in person at the Legislative Building and covered the following topics
 1. Skills, Talent, and Knowledge strategy
 2. International Student Health Care
 3. Wage control mandates for Faculty
 4. Access programs
- iii. Updates on our discussion w/ Minister Ewasko will be provided at the next BOD meeting

3. Federal Advocacy Update

a. Canadian Alliance of Student Associations

- i. UMSU President and Emily attended CASA's Policy and Strategy Conference from July 26th through July 30th, 2021. The conference included the following:
 1. Federal Political Climate Update
 2. Policy Priority Processes
 3. Policy Preparation Processes
 4. Media Training
 5. Get out the vote (GOTV) preparation
 6. Federal Finance Update

b. Get Out to Vote Campaign

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- i. Following the announcement of a Federal Election on August 12th, 2021, Emily began working closely with CASA and Elections Canada to plan a Get out the Vote Campaign – a voter mobilization effort to encourage students to vote in the federal election.
- ii. Aim of the campaign is to break down the barriers that many students face in participating in Canadian elections – many students may be first- time voters, may not be located in their home ridings, or may just be generally unfamiliar with the voting process.
- iii. The campaign will begin at the end of August and will promote how, where, when, and why students should vote for the weeks leading up to ***Election Day on September 20th, 2021.***
- iv. The campaign will help ensure students receive accurate information about voting in Canada.
- v. In addition to ensuring that students prove themselves to be a powerful demographic that political parties should be listening to.

4. Projects

a. Indigenous Students Working Group

- i. The indigenous Students Working Group (ISWG) met for our second official meeting on August 4th, 2021. For this meeting, the group was specifically tasked with reviewing the *Actionable Items: Theme 1: Relationships* section of the *Indigenous Initiatives and Education* UMSU Report.
 1. UMSU Indigenous Representative
 - a. Important to ensure that information surrounding the election and by-election for said positions are easily accessible and wide spread.
 - b. Keep as recommended by report
 2. Fort Gary and Bannatyne Campus
 - a. There is interest in cultivating a connection and coordinating communication between Indigenous students/groups on both campuses
 - b. Open up dialogue between all professional programs at Bannatyne Campus
 - c. Keep as recommended by report
 3. UMSU and Migizii Agamik
 - a. There is a want and need for UMSU to be more present at Migizii Agamik

- b. Important to advertise Migizii Agamik for all of the service it provides – academic counsellors, personal counsellors, study groups, financial tutorials, ACCESS programs, etc.
- c. Reiterate and clarify that Migizii Agamik is accepting of all students
- d. Keep as recommended
- 4. Other
 - a. Work with Vice Provost Students, Laurie Schnarr, to update and correct inaccuracies in the Student Awards and Financial Aid Section on Aurora.
 - b. Completed – correction currently listed and will be fully changed in the new year

5. Continuing Updates

a. Student Advocacy RE: Academic Integrity

- i. At the end of July I created and released an anonymous inquiry re: Academic Integrity. The purpose of the inquiry was to have a general environmental scan surrounding students' knowledge and experience with our Academic integrity policies and procedures at the University of Manitoba. The questions included in the survey were as follows:
 - 1. What would you consider an appropriate amount of time for an academic misconduct trial to take place?
 - 2. How knowledgeable do you feel about the University's Academic Integrity Policies?
 - 3. What do you feel would be an appropriate number of appeal levels for the University to have?
 - 4. Rate how you feel with regard to the following statement , "The University's current Academic Integrity Procedures/Policies are Equitable"
 - 5. Do you think students at the UofM are well informed about the academic policies and procedures they are expected to follow?
 - 6. Do you think students at the UofM are well informed about the resources available to support them after receiving an allegation/during the hearing process?
 - 7. How do you think the University and/or UMSU can make students more aware of the University's policies and procedures and/or the resources available to students?

8. What are your general thoughts surrounding Academic Integrity at the University of Manitoba?
 - ii. Results from the questions above are currently being compiled and will then be shared with Brandy Usick, the Executive Director of Student Engagement and Success, Heather Morris, Director of Student Advocacy, and the Academic Misconduct Procedure Working Group (AMPWG).
- b. OER - Open Education Resources**
- i. In order to navigate OER advocacy more accurately, Emily created an anonymous inquiry and released said survey on July 29th, 2021.
 1. The evidence obtained on the additional costs of being a student (i.e. textbooks, lab manuals, etc.) was collected via Student Senate Caucus. The aim of the inquiry is to ensure that all advocacy efforts made by UMSU and the Libraries at the University of Manitoba are as effective as possible. The questions included in the survey were as follows:
 - a. Approximately how much do you spend on textbooks per semester?
 - b. Rate how you feel with regard to the following statement, "I feel that the cost of textbooks makes post-secondary education less accessible and less equitable"
 - c. How much do you feel you know about Open Educational Resources (OER's)?
 - d. Please state your faculty, year, and share a general statement about how the cost of textbooks has impacted you as a student
 2. Results from the questions above are currently being compiled and will then be shared w/ Janice Winkler, the new OER Librarian at the UofM, Lisa O'Hara, Vice Provost Libraries and University Librarian and the Open Access Subcommittee.

VP Community Engagement (Tino Dogo):

1. New Updates

a. Board Retreat

- i. Retreat will be on Sept 12th, and Directors can expect an Agenda of the day in the coming weeks. Ideally all those of you that are

attending have already RSVP'd and confirmed your menu items for that day. If you have any questions, let Tino know!

2. Marketing/Engagement

a. Orientation

- i. As we draw nearer to orientation, I've been working with the marketing department to finalise our plans for orientation. In the coming days we'll be packing the welcome bags for residence students on Campus. Keeping the environment in mind, we plan on creating a limited number of packs in order to minimise waste. Residents will receive UMSU merch and coupons from our sponsors.
- ii. Keep an eye out for our messaging over social media and our newly updated newsletter to stay up to
- iii. date with the details of the programming. As well, we would appreciate it if you and your student group share our messaging over social media as this helps with making sure students at large are informed on the happenings around e-campus
- iv. If you or a representative from your group are available to promote Student Governance on campus, you can do so when we host our virtual orientation the week beginning Sept. 13th. I've already received affirmative responses from a few groups and if you'd like your Faculty Association to be one of those groups please email me!
- v. During the first few days back, and in conjunction with the UM's plans, UMSU will be bringing Food Trucks to campus. With the ongoing uncertainty and loosened restrictions, we wanted to take advantage of the reopening atmosphere on campus by facilitating low risk engagement (at least
- vi. according to Public Health i.e distanced outdoor interactions). Social distancing will be maintained by markers and rope for dividing the physical space.

b. UMSU Volunteer Program

- i. The UMSU Volunteer program will return this fall and volunteers can expect virtual opportunities and possible in-person activity depending on the UM's policy as the pandemic changes. Please share the sign up link below with your students. Link: [FALL-UMSU Volunteer App. '21-'22-Virtual Orientation- SEPT 9, 2021 Tickets, Thu, 9 Sep 2021 at 12:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

c. Leisure Guide

- i. The UMSU Leisure Guide also returns this Fall and as previously mentioned, facilitators will have a class budgetto support the skill

building that they're facilitating → Attached to the report is a few pictures from a cuisine class and art class - more details will be promoted beginning Sept 20

d. Sponsorships

- i. We're working to finalise our agreements with Bisons Sports CIBC for this year
- ii. Tino received a few packages from faculty associations requesting sponsorships
- iii. If your group has opportunities where UMSU can be a name sponsor Tino would love to set some time up to discuss the opportunity, please shoot him an email!

e. Student Life Interviews

- i. The University is currently in the process of hiring a Student Life Coordinator and Student Life has asked me to assist with the process by sitting on the interview panel.
- ii. The interviews will occur during the week of this board meeting.
- iii. The Student Life department oversees such things as the Peer Mentoring program and the Co- curricular record.

f. Endowment Fund

- i. The Board of Trustees held a brief meeting to approve bylaws changes

g. Student Affairs/UM Orientation

- i. UM will be hosting a mix of virtual and in person welcome activities when students initially to campus in September.
- ii. UM Departments and Groups will be tabling in the Quad and Student Affairs will be hosting tours of campus for those interested.
- iii. Promotion for this will be minimal as the target audience is those students that were already going to be on campus in order to mitigate against large groups.

h. International Center Orientation

- i. IC has asked to attend their orientation and provide a presentation on UMSU for new and returning international students - the orientation will be held online on August 26th

i. Sustainability

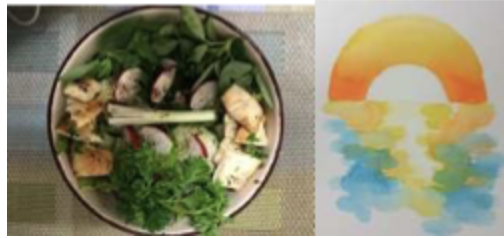
- i. The University carries on with the development of the Climate Action Plan that will introduce low carbon action to achieve NetZero carbon emissions from campus activities.
- ii. The CAP's financial review was conducted and we're currently awaiting the final report.
- iii. Once complete, we're going to continue our advocacy for the environment by ensuring the UM is following through on its climate commitments.

3. Continuing Updates

a. Project

i. Welcome Guide

1. After meeting with the Finance Committee, a dollar budget was approved and as previously mentioned: I'll now proceed with hiring students to aid in creating this guide for January 2021.



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VP Finance and Operations (Brooke Rivard):

1. New Updates:

a. Business Reopening

- i. Degrees has been busy at work preparing for its reopening, establishing a menu, acquiring staff, and starting to train that staff.
- ii. The restaurant is looking at a September 7th reopening, with hours of 8AM- 5PM.
- iii. The menu is more reminiscent to the weekend menus in years past for now, in attempts to provide a more catered menu of the classics while ensuring the financial security of the business.

b. UPASS

- i. The UPass will not be offered for the fall term and as such students will not be assessed the fee.
- ii. In place of this, students that provide proof of in person classes, have purchased a post-secondary bus pass, and are in financial need can receive a transit subsidy as was offered last year.
- iii. More information and the Formstack application will be put out in mid-September.

c. Board of Trustees Focus Group

- i. The Board of Trustees is looking to fill 8-12 student positions for a term long focus group in order to assist in the strategic planning of the Union.
- ii. This is an excellent opportunity for students who want to have their voice heard on UMSU's finances and how its internal structures are set up for the future.
- iii. Students do not need to have any financial experience as this will ideally more closely represent the general union as a whole.
- iv. This will also have a public call for students in mid-September, if you or someone you know is interested please let me know.

2. Continuing Updates

a. Club Rooms

- i. The club rooms have really started to be renovated now, needed minor repairs have been completed, walls have been painted, and new doors have been installed.
- ii. The Bluetooth locking systems are yet to be installed.
- iii. Renovations for the club rooms' project are ongoing with the continued development of the clubs coordinator's office being made, and the club storage rooms beginning construction shortly.

b. Fire Redevelopment

- i. The Fire redevelopment is ongoing, construction has been able to pick up as permitting comes through and insurance has reached an all but finalized state.
- ii. The renovations in the hallway space will take longer than originally estimated largely due to work continuing to be found in the ceilings, increasing the project scope.
- iii. The area is not expected to be back to its pre fire state until the end of fall term; the ceilings around GPA's and the service Centre are expected to be completed sooner, in late September.

c. GPA's and Service Centre

- i. Both of these locations remain open, and will remain open barring any significant Provincial or University rule changes. GPA's is starting to bring new stock and options to its shelves by the day.
- ii. To accompany this increase in selection, the hours will be expanding to 8Am-8PM.
- iii. The Service Centre will also be expanding its hours of operation to 8Am-6PM.
- iv. These changes will start on September 7th.

d. StudentCare Contract

- i. UMSU has gone forward with plans to subsidize the Legal Protection Plan to ensure students receive this valuable benefit for the year without the financial burden.
- ii. The specifics of the plan agreement is currently going through our legal team's review to ensure that it acts in the best interest of the Union.
- iii. Update on this is expected soon.

VP Student Life (Savannah Zocs):

1. New Updates:

a. Get Involved Campaign

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- i. As some of you may have noticed if you follow the UMSU Instagram, the UMSU Get Involved Campaign launched this Monday on the 23rd.
- ii. We are running this campaign very similarly to last year with mostly infographics and highlighting 3 different club categories every day for the first week, and then during the second week we will be hosting 2 livestreams and featuring some clubs from the U of M community.
- iii. Savannah emailed all clubs that we have contact info for and extended the invitation to participate with the livestream last week.

b. Financial Aid & Awareness Campaign:

- i. I have submitted all the materials for the September Financial Aid and Awareness Campaign - and it will be taking place late September
- ii. We plan to feature information about the UMSU Hardship Fund, the University Financial Aid and Awards office, awards, bursaries, and financial support external to the UofM and we will also be posting some trivia questions - keep an eye out

2. Continuing Updates:

a. REES:

- i. I met for the first official meeting with the Youth Advisory Board I sit on, it was mainly just an introductory meeting and we discussed large projects for the year and potential opportunities for collaboration.
- ii. Also with REES, about a week ago I met with some of their staff in the exchange district to film a promotional video to help spread the word about the organization and advertise the tools and resources that REES has to offer. It was a great experience and if any of you are interested in seeing the video when it comes out, I'll likely be posting it to my Instagram!

b. Order an Angelot Program

- i. With UMSU businesses looking to reopen in the Fall and Winter months of this year, we discussed the training program and details with the StudentCare team who runs the program. It was a great conversation, very informative, and we plan to connect with them again soon about having all UMSU staff who are to be involved in serving alcohol trained within the program.

c. Survivor Poetry Project Launch

- i. The publishing of the book is taking longer than was originally expected, so we have decided to move the official launch to January. The book will likely be ready within the next couple months, but I felt it would gain the most support from students and the community if we launched at the start of a semester. We are thinking of possibly still doing a soft launch in

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December and inviting those who have partnered with UMSU on this project. I will be connecting with the UM Bookstores on both Bannatyne and Fort Garry soon to discuss the possibility of having some copies of the book sold at their locations.

- ii. I am just waiting on some last resources to add to the bank at the back of the book before I send the materials over to the publisher.

Committee Reports:

1. Finance Committee

a. New Updates:

i. Board of Trustees Student at large

1. The Finance Committee held a vote to decide which of the applicants would fill the Board of Trustees Student at Large position. Sarthak Shah was voted in and will act as the student at large for the 2021- 2022 school year.

ii. Community Rep Honorarium

1. A new honorarium for Community representatives was approved. The honorarium will offer up to
2. \$500 for those currently acting as community reps, and up to \$400 for those that will be joining later in the year. The honorarium value will be assessed on the reps involvement with the community, the hosting of 6/8 community forums, and the exact amounts will be determined by Member Services Committee. This was allotted up to \$3500.

iii. Welcome Guide

1. The Finance Committee heard a proposal for a new student centric welcome guide that will highlight student voices and work through the year to better educate new students on various parts of university life that they may not immediately know. The guide will be developed by students for students, with a call for applicants soon. This was allotted up to \$10000

iv. Justice for Women Contract

1. Justice for Women requested some changes in their contract. These changes are largely based around the compensation that the councilors receive. This was seen as a fair expense, as UMSU mandates all councils achieve 75% member training by JFW to receive funding. The Finance Committee approved the contract value to go from \$4000 to \$4500, with the added

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provision that another \$200 may be paid to JFW should 6 or more sessions need to be held on top of the mandated 40.