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Academic Experience

Funding

Active ASBC will prioritize the academic experience through increased funding to students and their associations, as well as by putting students into contact with peer tutors throughout the year. Active ASBC will increase the visibility and accessibility of Arts Scholarships and Bursaries, so students can claim more aid when they need it. Student aid will be further bolstered by increased scholarships for Indigenous students, and ASBC will work alongside Migizii Agamik to connect aboriginal students with larger campus body.

Groups within the Faculty of Arts will be encouraged to to run more programming: once granted official status, they will be guaranteed \$200.00 and their conferences will be generously subsidized by Active ASBC.

Tutoring

Peer tutoring will allow younger students to meet and work with senior students in their departments, helping them along their new path. Peer Tutoring within Arts departments will be incentivized, and tutors will be regularly accessible within the Arts Lounge. This will be accomplished through synergizing and subsidizing pre-existing peer tutoring programs within Departments that already have them, and establishing programs in Departments that don't. Finally, Active ASBC will coordinate with various

student support services to establish and market regular citation and information-usage workshops.

Arts Spaces and Socials

Board of Directors

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Social Support

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Active ASBC will welcome Arts students by pushing for an Arts-relevant speaker at TEDX Conference with UMSU this year, and by creating more events for Arts students throughout the year by relocating funds normally put towards major socials. New events will include welcome week events like beer gardens and socials held in the Multipurpose Room in University Centre. Beyond scheduling, spaces are key to making Arts a Faculty that students can be proud of. This will be maintained through Random Act of Kindness such as free coffee and snacks, and regularly scheduled Exam Crams.

Better Spaces

Active ASBC will finance updated electronics, appliances, and a new layout for the Arts Lounge, bringing new energy to the space. It will prioritize and renovate frontline services like the Locker Rooms in Tier, and will advocate for more Gender-neutral washrooms within Faculty of Arts buildings, making more welcoming and accessible environments. This also means that Active ASBC will work with the Womyn's Representative in Arts to improve UMSU Safe Spaces, implement free feminine hygiene products in Womyn's washrooms and Arts Lounge, provide group therapy services, and advocate for a strong Anti- Bullying policy.

Student Rights

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GPA

Active ASBC is aware of the limitations for students posed by the U of M's current VW and GPA policies and will work alongside other Student Associations and UMSU for revision of these policies. Currently the GPA policy restricts student options when they are failing courses or need to voluntarily withdraw. This is further aggravated when they need to repeat a course and their marks get averaged. Active ASBC proposes that when repetition is needed, the Faculty will take the highest score achieved.

Student Fees

Tuition increases are another threat Arts students face. Tuition is set to increase by 5% plus inflation in the upcoming academic year. Active ASBC will fight for this funding to better the education of Arts students, pushing for its direction into learning technology, smaller class sizes, and increased mental health resource. Active ASBC will also stand alongside other Faculty and Department councils in the upcoming fight for health and dental coverage for International Students.

Career Opportunities

Finding employment over the summer is something all students worry about. Active ASBC will work with Career Services and external agencies to find summer employment opportunities and make Arts students aware of them. Additionally, many students have trouble finding work after graduation. Active ASBC will build a network of professionals in Arts fields to design benchmarks and learning goals for co-op programs. Active ASBC understands the challenges associated with an Arts co-op program, but are committed to laying long-term foundations.

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