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Future UMSU Policy Guide

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Introduction:

Almost 100 years ago, a group of students founded the University of Manitoba Student's Union in order to unite students to a common cause and represent student interests.

UMSU has been evolving since it was originally founded and there is still lots of work to be done.

Future UMSU wants to ensure that the Students' Union remains relevant and is continuously improving the experience of students at the University of Manitoba. Future goals are to collaboratively work with one another to strengthen on-the-ground support for students: putting out interactive service technology and support information delivery on campus, inclusion of healthier options at UMSU businesses like GPA's, and making alternate payment easier.

It is increasingly important for Future UMSU to be seen as a tool for the empowerment of our members with a greater lead focus on financial support and assistance to student faculty associations and clubs.

At the provincial level, Future UMSU will ensure that student voices are heard when it comes to accessible education and greater support for Mental Health.

Future UMSU believes that their policies are realistic, pragmatic and ideas that the student community can get behind. The Future UMSU community should be a place students feel they can be supported, develop and make change.

Future UMSU looks forward to the next century of responsible student leadership, and to ringing it in with a centennial celebration that students can get behind.

Future UMSU Values:

- Responsibility
- Respect
- Transparency
- Engagement



Jehan Moorthy President

@JehanUMSU

For Jehan, the University of Manitoba is the greatest campus in the world and he wants to see student life get even better.

Jehan Moorthy has spent the last four years working towards a double major in Political Studies and Classical Studies with a minor in Anthropology. He is a veteran of campus life and has engaged in a fifth year, to continue what has already been a successful time in student leadership. Our student community is one of the most important assets to the student experience and looks forward to building stronger campus communities at the University of Manitoba.

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As President, Jehan will engage students by creating a greater degree of facts that will serve as a baseline on topical issues for all students.

Jehan is experienced and knowledgeable about what can realistically happen in the next year. His involvement in student politics ranges from volunteering on campaigns, to election as Vice President in 2017, and it has greatly shaped his student experience. This year as the inaugural Vice President Finance and Operations, Jehan was intent on seeing hospitality management in student business maximise performance and engaged in great business practices. His slogan throughout the year was to make UMSU business' a place students want to be opposed to being a place they had to be.

- Greater support of the student community
- Implementation of a digital democracy initiative
- Lobbying government for mental health legislature
- Seeing through the strategic plan
- Renovating GPA's and Front line services of UMSU
- Planning for UMSU's Centennial Celebration
- A new Interactive & technological presence
- Implementing new alternative payment methods
- More free food on campus and during exams



Athena Skarban VP Advocacy

@JehanUMSU

The University of Manitoba is a great place to live, learn and to have fun.

Athena Skarban is a fourth year Psychology Honours student with aspirations to pursue further academics in either School or Clinical Psychology. Athena is a Mental Health advocate and is passionate about being a voice for those with mental illness. When not in class, Athena is a member on the UManitoba Bison Track & Field team. Living an active lifestyle is something that also stokes intense conversation with and she is a first time author with published works of poetry in October 2017.

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The role of Vice President Advocacy is a role that works in collaboration with the other Executive members and Athena looks forward to

supporting colleagues on addressing other aspects of campus life.

As VP Advocacy, Athena plans to increase the stature of mental health advocacy groups such as Speak Up UManitoba and further womyn's safety and health initiatives like the Our Turn campaign. Athena's main goal is to create a support network for those affected by mental illness. She believes that connecting students with similar battles to have each other to talk to, and lean on, in times of need will positively impact our campus and make campus life easier for those fighting. She plans to make support groups for Abuse Victims, Mood Disorders, Anxiety Disorders, Eating Disorders, and Students with Schizophrenia. To support all students in times of need, Athena and the Vice President Finance and Operations will bolster the Student Hardship Fund. Future UMSU will ensure long-run provincial and administrative support for students, and a compassionate, safe campus.

- Mental Health – adding to what is currently being done
- Mental Health – creating support groups for those affected with mental illness
- Supporting colleagues on other aspects of Campus life
- Furthering Womyn's safety on campus
- Increasing the stature of advocacy groups
- Enhanced funding toward hardship fund



Jonah Wasylak VP Finance & Operations

@JehanUMSU

Jonah Wasylak found that the University of Manitoba campus was a place in which he could thrive. Calling Calgary home, the University of Manitoba is home away from home and has been for some time now.

Jonah is another student who found that a life in athletics was key to the development of leadership and community building. When not on the ice as a bison athlete in the Bison Men's Hockey program, you will find Jonah in the Asper School of Business studying and working toward a double major in Finance and Marketing.

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Jonah recognizes the importance of the development of the student

voice for a better future here at the University of Manitoba. Jonah has made it his mission to make student voices the cornerstone of every project and scheme.

His ultimate goal is to promote UMSU operations as a construct to improving the student experience. It is increasingly important for Jonah to build student community inside and outside of the classroom and looks forward to continuing the hard work Jehan put in this past year.

Students should feel that trust is the greatest component when it comes to how member fees are invested and spent. Jonah Wasylak understands that. Jonah will be meticulous with finances when helping other UMSU executives achieve their goals. As VP of Finance and Operations, he'll re-evaluate major UMSU expenditures like Frosh Fest, while enhancing UMSU and Bison branding, to make the U of M a community that goes beyond campus. Jonah will institute on-campus delivery options for UMSU businesses and increasing student employment opportunities at the same time. Jonah will ensure that Future UMSU puts money where it's needed, and that students know where it's going.

- Re-evaluate UMSU spending (Frosh Fest, snack car)
- Enhancement of the Bison Brand in UMSU
- Further investigation to implementation of nap pods
- Furthering Womyn's safety on campus
- Improving the ability for the Future UMSU teams to complete initiatives
- On campus delivery from the UMSU businesses



Brooklynn Krul VP External

@Twitter

Brooklynn Krul believes the University of Manitoba has given the perfect opportunity to find her passions.

Like with most students, Brooklynn's first few years involved the struggle of finding out what program best suited her. Brooklynn found her interests in a myriad of classes offered in Biology, Psychology, Political Studies and International Business. Now versed in concepts of marketing, international relations, environmental sustainability and political communications Brooklynn has now refined her field of study to the Faculty of Science. As a student at large, Brooklynn wants to explore ways for the student body to unite to improve student life in a more systematic and better way.

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Brook understands that there is need to build a Union that is responsive to the needs of students, a Union that should be open and a Union that should be accessible and inclusive of your position.

In the same fashion that Brooklynn found a creative solution to picking a path of study, she hopes to assist students in other creative solutions to problems, concerns and questions fielded by students. She is currently a member of the UMSU Strategic Planning Working Group, which addresses the changing needs of U of M students. Brooklynn Krul will make sure students are represented beyond campus. She'll prioritize marketing U of M speaker and community events, as well as Bisons games. Brooklynn will ensure that multiple languages and communities are represented in UMSU branding on and off campus, She'll also increase visibility for student health and wellness opportunities beyond campus.

- Information Technology – Directories (touch screen pads)
- Marketing in multiple languages
- Jobs & professional opportunities – increasing presence of job offers
- UMSU branding in business
- Day-events like active living & health and wellness
- Marketing Bison Sports – Brands



Brandon Barratt VP Student Services

@Twitter

Brandon Barratt would rather be at the University of Manitoba than anywhere else.

Brandon is no stranger to the balance of commitment to a passion and academics. Moving to be a bison for the football team from a fam in Chilliwack, British Columbia, Brandon has spent the last five years making the University of Manitoba home. Outside of training and preparing for the regular season, Brandon is in pursuit of a degree in Economics with the hope of entry to a Masters of Business Administration program in later life.

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Brandon understands the realities of being a student away from home and has utilized the opportunity to involve himself in the social side of the student experience.

Quickly gaining the admiration of rookie and junior members of the Bison Football team, Brandon has adapted to become a leader in and out of the game. As an Economics student, Brandon's passion lies in working with finite resources. Brandon understands that UMSU is required to responsibly deliver activities, services and resources all while making the University environment equitable for all. This past year, Brandon was actively engaged as a participant of the UMSU Strategic Planning Working Group. His findings are that the Student Union should enhance the ability to deploy student survey and collate greater student feedback. Brandon will collaborate with Future UMSU Executive members to ensure that their goals are accomplished in accordance with student wishes, so that students can focus on thriving, not simply surviving. As Vice President of Student Services, he'll make sure that the contract between UMSU and the City of Winnipeg provides transport options that are reasonably priced. Brandon will also examine whether the U Pass can last through the summer. Student feedback will be consistently sourced for information on what students need, when they need it.

- Exploration of current UMSU & City of Winnipeg contract
- Lobbying Admin for better parking/working with admin on implementation
- Utilizing student feedback/surveys/stats
- Improving participation of sports – Bison's Duckworth Challenge

Lobbying For:

1. Winter Classics (Bison Sports)
2. Summer U-Pass
3. Community Enhancement
4. Environmental Issues
5. Green Events
6. UMSU Speaker Series
7. Working with faculties for orientation events

