REPORT of the Vice-President
(University Affairs)

Submitted for 2021-10-28
For the period of 2021-10-14 to 2021-10-25

Projects

● Campus vaccination incentives
  ○ Promoting initiatives for accessibility (especially regarding transportation to clinics as a financial/time barrier)
  ○ Reportedly great turnout to on-campus clinics
  ○ SSMU continually promoting on-campus clinics and resources for getting vaccinated at CIUSSS locations

● Indigenous Allyship training given to Executive Committee
  ○ Huge thank you to Indigenous Affairs Commissioner who gave us an amazing training session!

● Menstrual products
  ○ Team is the best, doing so much good work!

Meetings

● Senate Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on COVID Academic Planning and Policies (Friday mornings)
  ○ Discussed academic accommodations for Winter 2022
  ○ Also had special extra meeting (19 October 2022) to discuss

● SSMU Fall 2021 General Assembly (18 October 2021)

● University Health and Safety Committee (UHSC) (18 October 2021)

● Met with representative from University of Manitoba Student Union about our menstrual products program (21 October 2021)

● Check-in with SSMU, MCSS, PGSS, MACES (14 October 2021, 21 October 2021)

Governance

● Senate Caucus (weekly, Tuesdays 6-7 pm)
Caucus focusing on academic accommodations for Winter 2022

- Figuring out Legislative Council representation
  - Passage of QUIPS at Legislative Council
    - Huge thank you to the Gender and Sexuality Commissioner and all their hard work!
    - Working on campaigning with Gender and Sexuality Commissioner
  - Hiring in Indigenous Affairs and Menstrual Health teams

Advocacy Work
- Ongoing support for students whose instructors violate academic rights
  - Seeing an uptick in reports (likely due to midterms and as finals approach)
  - Improved and expanded academic accommodations for coming semester
  - Huge interest by Senate Caucus members, so we are planning to work together on this advocacy work
  - Work through Senate Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on COVID Academic Planning and Policies and separately

Miscellaneous
- Red “fast pass” stickers for access to library (libraries now require vaccine passport)
  - Individuals with stickers on their student IDs have had their vaccine passport verified and can enter the library more quickly
  - Goal of promoting this to SSMU membership