

ARTS STUDENT BODY COUNCIL, UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA
“YEAR IN REVIEW”
2020-2021

EXECUTIVE:

- 2020-2021 Action Plan (Opoku-Agyeman and Clavecillas):
 - Holiday Relief Fund (Clavecillas, Anderson, Ano, Ahad, Bacchus, Morrissette, Zareef)
 - Through ASBC's Holiday Relief Fund, 65 Arts students received \$50 worth of grocery gift cards to aid in purchasing food and daily necessities. This is especially important in the context of economic hardships brought by the COVID-19 pandemic to students at large.
 - Anti-racism programming
 - Black History Month IG campaign (Opoku-Agyeman, Gatphoh, Zareef, Clavecillas)
 - Collaborated with the UM Black Student Empowerment Society for a virtual movie night and IG campaign about the Black experience in Academia.
 - Racialized Representative voting status (Opoku-Agyeman)
 - The Racialized Representative is now an elected position in the council, holding one vote.
- Peer tutoring platform (Opoku-Agyeman, Clavecillas, Mucyo-Kayonga, Kokolo, Samtani, Young, Zareef, Dreilich-Girard)
 - Worked with Nimbus tutoring platform to onboard Arts students as peer tutors.
- Virtual Arts Lounge (Clavecillas, Zareef, Samtani, Gatphoh)
 - Launched the Virtual Arts Lounge along with six community servers that became a space for students to meet new friends, play games, and socialize during remote learning and COVID-19.
- Student Initiative Fund referendum and re-implementation (Opoku-Agyeman, Gatphoh)
- Student election-awareness programming (Opoku-Agyeman, Khan, Clavecillas)
 - Organized and hosted the “Get Involved in ASBC” event to raise awareness about the ASBC elections.

- Career and Workforce Development month IG campaign (Clavecillas, Khan, Didwania, Anderson, Young, Zareef, Duque-Giraldo, Mucyo-Kayonga, Morrisseau, Dreilich-Girard, Opoku-Agyeman)
 - The month-long IG campaign included infographics and resources about student employment, as well as spotlighting a diverse set of Arts alumni and their experiences.
- Director of Community Engagement name change (Opoku-Agyeman, Clavecillas)
 - Formerly the Arts Lounge Director, the name change reflects a summation of the priorities of the office of the Arts Lounge Director, which was previously uncaptured by the contemporary understanding of the previous name. This is to show that the position is also responsible for engaging with community groups, not just exclusively managing the physical Arts Lounge.
- Community bursary proposal (Clavecillas)
 - Introduced a Community bursary proposal to the Faculty of Arts that includes a bursary for Arts students who are members of the Accessibility, Women, Racialized, 2SLGBTQIA+, Indigenous, and international student communities in the Arts.

PROGRAMMING:

- Arts Career Roundtable (Kokolo, Clavecillas)
 - Worked with the Faculty of Arts and Career Services office to host and advertise the Arts Career Roundtable event.
- Virtual Club Fair (Kokolo, Samtani, Anderson, Clavecillas)
 - A platform for student groups to introduce themselves to students during Winter orientation.
- Trivia event (Grewal, Young, Zareef)
- Textbook reconciliation (Opoku-Agyeman, Samtani, Mangat)

SENATE:

- Advocated for the compassionate grading system (Best, Spearman, Khan)
 - The compassionate grading system is in response to the increased stress placed on students due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and it was approved by the Senate (with modifications) in December 2020.
- Advocated for the inclusion of an Indigenous course requirement (Best, Spearman, Khan)

- Students admitted to the Faculty of Arts in the 2021/22 school year or later will be required to complete at least three credit hours of Indigenous course content to graduate.

UMSU DIRECTORS:

- ASBC support for UMFA (Ano, Anderson, Ahad)
 - ASBC put forth a motion to stand in solidarity with the UM Faculty Association (UMFA) demanding binding arbitration to eliminate the potential for academic disruption during a remote-learning semester.

COMMUNITY REPS:

- Community Discord servers (Didwania, Bacchus, Green, Morrisseau, Drielich-Girard, Stutsky, Duque-Giraldo)
 - Launched six community servers that became a space for students to meet new friends, play games, and socialize during remote learning and COVID-19.
- Advocated for inclusive washrooms at the UM Active Living Center (Green)
 - Submitted a report with UMSU to update trans safety guidelines at the Active Living Centre in light of non-inclusive washrooms and change rooms in the Active Living Centre during Summer 2020.
- International Student Info Night with ICM and U1 (Didwania)
 - Held a Q&A and answered questions from International Students in ICM and U1 regarding successful transition into the Faculty of Arts.
- Mental Health Resource Masterlist (Bacchus, Kokolo)
 - Compiled a comprehensive master list of mental health resources for students on and off-campus.
- UMISO grocery relief contribution (Didwania)
 - ASBC provided CAD 3,000 in contributions to the UM International Students Organization's "International Student Grocery Support Program" that aided international Arts students with funds to buy food and necessities.
- Queer Allyship Training for counsellors at the UM Student Counselling Center with Rainbow Pride Mosaic and UMSU (Green)
 - ASBC, in partnership with UMSU and the Rainbow Resource Centre, facilitated a queer ally training program for counsellors at the Student Counselling Center to better support queer students at UM.
- Cree Language Night with UMISA (Morrisseau, Drelich-Girard)

- Collaborated with UMISA in Cree Language Night, an event that promoted and celebrated the Cree language.
- Contributions towards UMISA's Indigenous Self-Care Baskets (Morrisseau, Dreilich-Girard)
 - ASBC contributed \$500 to UMISA's Indigenous Self-Care Basket program for Indigenous Arts Students.
- Womyn's Representative name change (Green, Stutsky, Clavecillas)
 - Formerly the Womyn's Representative position, the name change was essential to move away from the trans-exclusionary and inaccessible background of the term "Womyn".
- Women's Gala with the Women's Center contribution (Stutsky)
- Women's Yoga Night and Feminist Bingo Night with Justice for Women (Stutsky, Clavecillas, Morrisseau)
 - Organized and hosted Women's Yoga Night and Feminist Bingo Night as part of the week-long Women's Day campaign and celebrations.
- IG Campaigns
 - Orange Shirt Day IG campaign (Morrisseau, Dreilich-Girard, Zareef)
 - Spread awareness about the relevance of Orange Shirt Day by making informative posts about its history, impacts, and talks with Indigenous scholars.
 - Gender Equality IG campaign (Stutsky, Green, Mucyo-Kayonga, Opoku-Agyeman, Clavecillas)
 - Made informative posts and videos for gender equality week.
 - Mental health month IG campaign (Bacchus, Kokolo, Zareef, Young)
 - Shared mental health resources and informative posts for mental health month.
 - International Students' Week IG campaign (Didwania, Zareef, Young)
 - A week dedicated to providing International Students resources on and off-campus, which included a Q&A session, campus student groups, and information regarding international student health coverage.
 - Anti-Racist halloween infographic (Duque-Giraldo, Clavecillas)
 - A Halloween informative post regarding racially insensitive Halloween costumes.

DIRECTORS:

- Arts Tribune (Tomovski)
 - Published three volumes of the Arts Tribune.
- Sustainability Newsletters “Green Thoughts” (Adair)
 - Each term, Adair put out two sustainable newsletters that were filled with tips on upcycling things, gardening, vegetarian and vegan recipes, and other advice on how to live life as sustainably as possible. These newsletters were sent out via email and are also on our website.
- Recycling IG campaign (Adair, Zareef)
 - A week-long campaign providing informative posts and resources on recycling.
- Sustainability Cookbook (Adair, Didwania, Young, Spearman, Mucyo-Kayonga, Anderson, Clavecillas)
 - Students from all over campus submitted their favourite vegetarian and vegan recipes and my team assembled them into ASBC’s Sustainability cookbook. The goal of this project was to create a community resource in which people could use to live a little more sustainably. This cookbook is filled with breakfast, snacks, lunch, dinner, and dessert recipes.
- Sustainability Cookbook Launch Party (Adair, Clavecillas)
 - Organized and hosted a launch party to celebrate student submissions and the hard work of the Sustainability Cookbook team.
- Communications (Zareef, Young, Clavecillas)
 - Worked on IG campaigns, handled communications between ASBC and students, and managed announcement releases on Arts Contact and social media platforms.