Welcome Message

On behalf of the entire SSA council I would like to welcome all of you to the 2015 winter term. We hope you enjoyed the break and return rested and ready for another term! The fall term was filled with success including exciting orientation events, Jeopardy and Test Nights, a first ever Aboriginal NSERC award information session, commencing of the science lounge renovations, the passed Science Student Referendum and more! We look forward to another exciting term in the New Year.

Amanda Fontes,
SSA Indigenous Students’ Rep.
NEW! - Indigenizing Committee

Both the Indigenous Rep. and Programmer are student representatives in the Faculty's newest project: Indigenizing the Faculty. Some of the major points include

- Building a foundation for the Committee which requires recruitment of volunteers to sit on the various sub-committees
- Supporting students
- Building partnerships
- Supporting communities
- Promoting Indigenous knowledge & research
- Celebration of First Nations, Métis and Inuit success

There will be an email sent out shortly with more information regarding sub-committees and the general scope of the committee. The goal is to have at least 2 Indigenous students sit on each sub-committee that will meet biweekly, then a monthly meeting as an entire committee.

If you’re interested please contact:
Amanda Fontes
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Thank you for your support in this project!

A Brief Introduction of the Indigenous Positions

For those of you who are just joining us this term and for others who may not have been aware, the Faculty of Science established two new positions on the Science Students’ Association - the elected position of “SSA Indigenous Students’ Representative” and the appointed position of “SSA Indigenous Student Programmer”. Both of these positions were designed to help bridge the gap between our First Nations, Métis and Inuit student communities and the rest of the Faculty. While these positions are still in the developmental stage, Kelsey and I are both excited and honoured to represent you on our council and help make your university experience a great one!

Our job is to support our Indigenous students in any means we can. As such, we have laid a framework of 4 goals for our position on council:

a) Communication

b) Faculty community building

c) Interfaculty community building

d) Community outreach

Over the course of 2014 we began to meet our goals in almost every category including information sessions, establishment of a Facebook page, connection with social media at Migizii Agamik via Indigenous Connect, planning of potential networking events with other faculties, bringing LTS to Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre, and more. We look forward to the opportunity to hold more events in the 2015 year and the opportunity to meet all of you - the students we represent.
**Important Dates**

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**Other Business**

- Fun event! - Keep your eyes open for news regarding our spring event

**Things to Note:**

**This Week:**

- Winter term fees will include the new fees for the Frank Kennedy fitness facility; be sure to check the break down of your tuition payments before submitting them online or at the offices in University Centre*

- Grad pictures are available for scheduling through Life Touch website

- Email Amanda (fontesa@myumanitoba.ca) for more information regarding the Canadians For A New Partnership Event!

**This Month:**

- Check your student email frequently for updates regarding classes and orientation

- Apply to become a member for the Faculty of Science - Indigenous Strategy and Planning Committee

- Head over to Facebook and LIKE the SSA Indigenous Students’ Community Page for links and updates relevant to you

- Look out for posters in the Science complex and Migizii Agamik for upcoming events through your SSA