



TO: UMSU Board of Directors
FROM: VP Finance/Operations, Mbuli Matshe
DATE: August 28, 2018
RE: **Report to the Board, August 2018**

New Updates

1. Extension of Spirit Cup

We're currently in communication with Café 22 and Residence Life/RSAC to implement new initiatives and improving the existing Spirit Cup competition and School Spirit Cup in residence.

2. Participatory Budgeting

The Participatory Budgeting Working Group was struck July 19, and the trajectory should remain as planned, to complete the process by April 30, 2019.

We have begun recruitment of members for the 2018 Fall Term. The email blast will be sent out and posted across our social media shortly. If you or anyone you know is interested in being a member, please let them know to email Vpfo@umsu.ca to apply or learn more.

3. Finance Committee

Finance Committee was unable to meet because several members are out of the city for the summer. However, there was an outstanding motion to select a community member for the Board of Trustees – Finance Committee has selected Adam Pawlak.

4. Affordable Student Housing

For more information on this topic, see UMSU President Jakob Sanderson's report to the Board in the attached Board package.

Ongoing/Continuing Work

5. Mosque Renovation

UMSU's Services Manager, Gordon Chandler, and I are in continuous talks with the MSA and the University. Currently there was a revision of the scope of renovation work for the Muslim Prayer Room. A timeline and fundraising status has been determined, and we're waiting for the University to deliver a revised quote and the MSA to approve our suggested timeline.

Events & Meetings Attended

* Executive meetings occur every Monday & Thursday

July 28 – UMSU Board of Directors Retreat

July 30 – Meeting w/ Antonio @ Pizza Hotline



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August 9 – Meeting w/ Residence life
August 14 – Meeting w/ Finance advisors
August 14 – Member Services Committee
August 14 – Finance Committee via email
August 15 – Meeting w/ TaiV Programming
August 16 – Meeting w/ Antonio Pizza Hotline Residence
August 16-20 – Student Union Development Summit
August 27 – UMSU Part-Time Staff Training
August 28 – UMSU Part-Time Staff Training
August 28 – Meeting w/ Designers for GPA;s Renovation
August 28 – Bannatyne Campus Free Lunches
August 28 – Residence Skills Week
August 29 – UMSU Part-Time Staff Training
August 29 – Bannatyne Campus Free Lunches
August 29 – Meeting w/ Antonio Pizza Hotline and RSAC
August 30 – Open Office Hours
August 30 – UMSU Part-Time Staff Training

Travel Report

2018 Student Union Development Summit, August 16-20

From August 17th to 20th myself and the executive team attended the Student Union Development Summit (SUDS) which was held in Vancouver in order to provide an opportunity for networking, learning and skills-training between student unions across Canada. Many major Canadian University student unions were in attendance.

Workshops attended:

- Conflict Management
- Equity, Diversity and Inclusion
- Data Analysis
- Investment and Opportunity
- Breakout Session: Vice President Finance

I found my experience at this year's SUDS very enlightening and pleasant. The diversity of attendees and array of workshops allowed for an efficient learning environment. Every aspects of the conference was well organized and constructive. I've learnt so many things that I hope to implement this year. UMSU has attended SUDS for the past several years, and I recommend that UMSU continues to attend SUDS in the future.