

**TO:** UMSU Board of Directors

**FROM:** Mbuli Matshe, VP Finance & Operations

**DATE:** July 16, 2018

**RE:** Report to the Board – July 2018

### **New Updates**

# 1. Wayfinder Project

We're currently in communication with the University of Manitoba, to implement new initiatives and improving the existing wayfinding technologies around campus, using the 360 cameras.

# **Ongoing/Continuing Work**

# 2. FIFA World Cup Showing

The World Cup showing was extremely successful! The morning games averaged 30 people depending on which teams were playing. The afternoon games averaged 45 people and increased in the knocked out stages of the tournament.

Alex the IQ's acting manager had different flavored and colored Frappuccino's for each team and had them on special which sold pretty well.

# 3. Participatory Budgeting

The Participatory Budgeting working group should be formed and under way by July 19th, and the trajectory should remain as planned, to complete the process by April 30, 2019.

Summary of process:

- Presentation of Terms of Reference
- Formation of working group
- Schedule for the PB process

# 4. Mosque Renovation

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# **Events & Meetings Attended**

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• June 23 – 26: Executive Retreat

June 27: GPA's DesignersJuly 3: UM Golf Tournament

• July 5: CSA Meeting

July 9: UMSU Student Affairs Workshop

July 10: UM NeighborhoodJuly 12: Pizza Hotline Meeting

#### **Travel/Conference Report**

### **Canadian Federation of Students National General Meeting**

On June  $9^{th} - 12^{th}$  I attended the Canadian Federation Students National General Meeting in Ottawa to represent UMSU and its students. The Canadian Federation Students NGM allows unions that are part of CFS to come together to put forward and vote on motions.

I was voted onto the budget committee, and although that allowed me to be present and learn, the environment was very hostile and I wasn't able to participate the way I would have liked to. There seemed to be a lot of internal politics at play, which meant a lot of the motions we would of liked to see pass barely made it to the floor.

All this speaks to a seemingly bigger issue in that whether the services CFS provide UMSU and its students justify us being a part of the federation. From my experience, the CFS significantly benefits smaller institutions and not bigger universities such as the University of Manitoba. Therefore their decisions tend not to benefit UMSU members. It is important for UMSU to continue to send members to the NGM to make a vote heard to try achieve the best outcome for our students.