Transit/Upass

As most of you are aware of the impending transit strike, there are a couple things I’d want all board members and students to know. [https://umsu.ca/news/students-prepare-for-possible-winnipeg-transit-strike](https://umsu.ca/news/students-prepare-for-possible-winnipeg-transit-strike) Attached is a link to a quick fact sheet of frequently asked questions, and below is a link to the Upass services page in case anyone needs more information. [https://umsu.ca/services-and-support/upass](https://umsu.ca/services-and-support/upass). If anyone is enquiring about more information about the strike this a good place to start, you can also direct them to me for services related questions to do with the Upass. VPFO@UMSU.CA

Transport to Campus (TappCar, GoManitoba)

I’ve been in talks with the ridesharing app TappCar to get a discount on rides for UMSU members during the transit strike. It’s looking very likely and once a deal is agreed upon we’ll share it with the students as soon as possible. UMSU is already working on establishing a free bike valet service for 200 places from Monday to Friday, 8:30am – 4:30pm at the UM Cycle Kiosk and in front of the Fitzgerald building on Fort Garry campus in the event a stoppage occurs. If you aren’t able to cycle or walk to campus, then we suggest carpooling. The ridesharing program GoManitoba is a free service that matches drivers and riders.

Student Financial Awareness Week

SFAW is week dedicated on educating students about the financial opportunity available to them during the university tenure. Everything from what scholarships and bursaries are available to them, to their secondary healthcare benefits, international healthcare and what that translates monetary wise. It starts on September 16th and goes all week.

Participatory Budget

The Participatory Budgeting working group has met twice to discuss the referendum proposals from the previous year 2018/19, as well as maintain the trajectory outlined to complete the process by April 30, 2020. Bannatyne tabling, as well as the survey started this last week and ended today, whilst the Fort Garry tabling will start at the beginning of November.

Summary of process:
- Presentation of Terms of Reference (complete)
- Formation of working group (complete)
- Schedule for the PB process (established)
TO: UMSU Board of Directors  
FROM: VP Finance & Operations, Mbuli Matshe  
DATE: August 29th, 2019  
RE: Report to the Board, August 2019

Tabling throughout the year (Bannatyne – August 26th – 30th) (Fort Garry – Nov 4th – 8th) more dates pending

**GPA’s and UMSU Offices Renovations**

As most of you are aware the renovations to the UMSU offices as well as GPA’s are almost coming to an end, in time for the beginning of the school year. We are slightly behind schedule with the renovations being slightly delayed waiting on inspections for both GPA’s and the UMSU offices. By the next meeting we’ll have more accurate date to announce the ribbon cutting ceremony.

**International Student Health Care**

Last week we held the IHC letter signing event at Fools & Horses café. The event was successful, thank you to everyone who organized and everyone who came to support international students against the cut of healthcare funding. Poster Making will be held on August 29th, for the upcoming IHC Rally on Sept 4th.

**Conferences Reports**

I attended my fourth and last UMSU conference. SUDS, {August 8th – 12th} in Vancouver, I attended with the rest of the executive team.

**Events & Meetings Attended**

Open Office Hours: Wednesdays at 2:30pm

July 25th – BOD Meeting  
July 26th – Vacation Starts  
July 30th – Vacation Ends  
August 1st – Finance Committee Meeting  
August 1st – Member Services Committee Meeting  
August 5th – Office Closed  
August 6th – OAC UMSU Office & GPA’s Meeting  
August 6th – Financial Auditors Meeting  
August 7th – Student Financial Awareness month meeting w/Indigenous Centre  
August 7th – Participatory Budget Meeting  
August 8th – Blue Print Dinner  
August 8th – SUDS starts  
August 12th – SUDS ends  
August 13th – General Manager Business Weekly Meeting
August 15th – Vacation Starts
August 16th – Vacation ends
August 18th – BOD retreat
August 19th – General Manager Business Weekly Meetings
August 20th – OAC UMSU Office & GPA’s Meeting
August 20th – Student Financial Awareness month meeting w/Indigenous Centre
August 21st – IHC Letter Signing
August 21st – Governance Committee Meeting
August 22nd – Participatory Budget Committee Meeting
August 22nd – Member Services Committee Meeting
August 22nd – Finance Committee Meeting
August 22nd – Degrees Preferred Client Lunch
August 26th – General Manager Business Weekly Meetings
August 27th – Nursing Orientation
August 27th – LASH Committee Meeting
August 27th – Bannatyne Participatory Budget Tabling
August 28th – Bannatyne Participatory Budget Tabling
August 29th – IHC sign making
August 29th – BOD Meeting
August 29th – Bannatyne Participatory Budget Tabling
August 30th – Residence Training
August 30th – Bison Home Opener