TO: UMSU Board of Directors  
FROM: VP Finance & Operations, Mbuli Matshe  
DATE: October 10th, 2019  
RE: Report to the Board, October 2019

**Participatory Budget**

The Participatory Budgeting working group has met to discuss the results of the surveying that we took at Bannatyne campus at the beginning of the academic year. We also discussed referendum proposals from the previous year 2018/19, as well as maintain the trajectory outlined to complete the process by April 30, 2020. The Mental Health working group came up with a couple of suggestions that they would like to see the money allocated to mental health go towards. Bannatyne tabling will commence early next year for their referendum, 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)
- Tabling throughout the year (Bannatyne – August 26th – 30th) (Fort Garry – Nov 4th – 8th)
- more dates pending

**GPA’s and UMSU Offices Renovations**

If you haven’t checked it out yet GPA’s is open and running at full capacity. We’re always looking to expand our catalog so I’ll curate a survey that will be sent out to all students to see what they’d like to see in the store. Our marketing department is working on a proper grand opening for the renovations and will let you know when that is as soon as possible.

**Black History Month**

We’ve started to work on our plans for Black history month and what we want it to look like. We welcome everyone who wants to help organize the different events for black history month. If you know anyone ask them to email me: VPFO@UMSU.ca

**Events & Meetings Attended**

Open Office Hours: Wednesdays at 2:30pm  
Executive Committee Meetings twice a week

- September 26th – Climate Strike Sign Making  
- September 26th – UMSU Board of Directors Meeting  
- September 27th – Aggies Free Breakfast  
- September 27th – Orange Shirt Day Ceremony  
- September 27th – Climate Strike at the Leg  
- September 28th – Bison Football Home Game  
- September 30th – General Manager Business Weekly Meeting  
- October 1st – Black History Month meeting /Leisha
October 2nd – BOT Endowment Fund
October 3rd – Post-Ed Meeting
October 3rd – 100 Debates on the Environment
October 3rd – Call w/ Blueprint
October 3rd – Member Services Committee Meeting
October 2nd – Finance Committee Meeting
October 3rd – Meeting w/Community Representative
October 7th – General Manager Business Weekly Meeting
October 8th – Be There for Mental Health
October 9th – Open Office Hours
October 10th – UM Black Alliance Meeting
October 10th – Haven event
October 10th – BOD Meeting