UPASS Advocacy

Last week we were informed that Winnipeg transit had decided to put forward a proposal to increase the cost of the UPASS by $24.50 per term. Myself, alongside President, Jakob Sanderson and VPA, Sarah Bonner-Proulx, worked on a counter proposal which in cooperated some of the demands that our students had been asking for, such as an elongated winter UPASS into the summer months. Earlier this week we attended the City of Winnipeg Public Works Committee, to speak on behalf of UMSU and to critique the current proposal put forward by transit.

GPA’s and UMSU Offices Renovations

GPA’s had their Grand Opening on Thursday October 31st at 1PM. If you haven’t checked it out yet after the renovations, GPA’s is open and running at full capacity and looks really beautiful.

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.

Participatory Budget

The Participatory Budgeting working group met on October 24th to discuss the next weeks plan to table at the Fort Garry campus. 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 – January 20th – 24th) (Fort Garry – Nov 5th – 7th) more dates pending

The Tabling at Fort Garry was very successful and the participatory budget working group looks forward to looking over and scrutinizing the information giving back to us.

Black History Month

I’ve met and will be meeting with a lot of people who’ve shown interesting in putting events on for black history month. Some of these groups include the UM Black Alliance, Justice for Women and Black Space.

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
TO: UMSU Board of Directors
FROM: VP Finance & Operations, Mbuli Matshe
DATE: November 7th, 2019
RE: Report to the Board, November 2019

Events & Meetings Attended

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

October 24th – BOD Meeting
October 24th – Participatory Budget Committee meeting
October 25th – Campus Clean Up
October 26th – UMSU Malpractice Social
October 28th – Study Snack Cart
October 29th – Research & Advocacy Meeting: Upass
October 30th – General Manager Business Weekly Meeting
October 31st – Halloween visit from Campus Day-Care
October 31st – City Council Meeting Prep
October 31st – GPAs Grand Opening
October 31st – Member Services Committee Meeting
November 1st – OER Book Fair tabling
November 1st – HR Meeting
November 4th – Presentation at City Council: Upass
November 4th – Study Snack Cart
November 5th – Participatory Budget Tabling begins: Fort Garry
November 5th – Justice for Women Meeting
November 6th – UMSU AGM
November 7th – Participatory Budget Committee Tabling ends
November 7th – BOD Meeting
November 8th – Laverne Cox
November 8th – St Paul’s Social