As we draw nearer to the end of fall 2019, reflecting on an already incredibly successful year for the University of Manitoba Student’s Union from both a financial and operational standpoint, we also get to close the chapter on UMSU’s incredible 100 years of existence serving and supporting students, while looking forward to the next 100 years and how we can improve and them better! The year to date can be summarized through the success of the student union owned businesses, responsible financial management and a commitment to bettering our member’s student experience financially, socially and academically.

In these past seven months we have been committed to working with a focus on our operations oversight, financial responsibility and cultural activity. We have worked collaboratively with student groups and faculty associations to utilize UMSU Businesses and reinvest students’ money in themselves. At the beginning of the year I made a commitment to continue to better the student experience and increase financial transparency and accountability. So far with the help of my Executive team we’ve been able to uphold that commitment by changing the structure of the finance committee to include students at large, and we’ve found it extremely successful.

Building on the success of last year, growing the Participatory Budgeting initiative to allow students to choose how $20,000 of our budget is spent on the Fort Garry Campus, while also initiating Participatory Budgeting on the Bannatyne Campus at $10,000 for the first time ever. That along with The Hub and IQ’s Cafe continuously booking out the pub and Café for socials and events, as well as how packed IQ’s Café, Degrees Diner and GPAs are always. After re-opening IQ’s Café, its success has continued to generate buzz and interest in students towards the revitalization of UMSU Space, which prompted us to move forward with the renovation of GPAs convenience store. This year has seen the completion of our newest capital project in the renovations on GPA’s convenient store. Having been on this project since its design inception, I am very proud of the success that it is and very grateful for everyone who worked or was involved with the project.

Throughout this year I am proud to say our business managers have continued the great work toward the quality of service, guidance, assistance scope, management and food quality. I’m also incredibly proud of our staff and all the work they put in on a daily to help make this union run as smoothly as it does. We’ve continued to see record breaking revenue numbers throughout the year in Degrees Diner and GPA’s Convenience store all thanks to the hard work of the UMSU Business staff. It is a continuous pleasure to serve as the Vice President Finance and Operations and provide insight and guidance to our UMSU’s many student businesses. From a Finance standpoint I sit on a variety of committees related to the dispersal of dedicated funds, such as Finance Committee(Chair), Member Services and Board of Trustees.
1. **Finance Committee**  
   {Executives: Vice-President Finance & Operations (Chair), President (non-voting), Vice-President Student Life (non-voting)}
   
a. The Finance Committee has approved and amended sponsorship requests from Bison Sports.
   
b. The Finance Committee approved the appointment of Rebecca Penner as the student at large, Wilson Low and Jack Jonasson as Community members on the Board of Trustees as well as approving the Chief Returning Office (CRO) salary.
   
c. The Finance Committee has approved the Nimbus contract agreement
   
d. The Finance Committee have scrutinized and approved the General Managers Credit statements
   
e. The Finance Committee has approved the governance review fee through the special projects budget line.
   
f. The Finance Committee approved the Participatory Budget allocated money

2. **Governance Committee**  
   {Executives: Vice-President Finance & Operations (non-voting), President (non-voting)}
   
a. The Governance Committee approved the change in composition of the Board of Trustees to include the Vice-President Community Engagement instead of the Vice-President Student Life.
   
b. The Governance Committee approved an external review of governance structures and board composition and performance and will work with the consultant over the next couple months toward recommendations.
   
c. The Governance Committee will soon be working with the CRO towards an Elections and Referenda Manual review and implementing any possible changes ahead of the election period.
   
   d. The Governance Committee commissioned Strategy and Research Advisor (SRA) Kyle Hiebert to enact a review of the governing documents of UMSU. Major edits of redundancies based on this will be presented at a later board meeting.

3. **Business Managers Committee**  
   {Executives: Vice-President Finance & Operations (non-voting)}
   
a. Drop n’ Box Food Delivery service was implemented at The Hub and is now looking to expand to all the other UMSU businesses.
   
b. A survey will be going out to all students about food options for the newly renovated GPA’s.
   
c. In efforts to create healthy opportunities, IQ’s will be installing their Panini Station and Smoothie machine.
4. Participatory Budget Committee
   {Executives: Vice-President Finance & Operations (Chair), Vice-President Advocacy (non-voting), President (non-voting)}
   a. Participatory Budget initiative allows students to choose how spend a portion of our budget.
   b. Awareness tabling happening November 4th – 8th Fort Garry
      Awareness tabling happening January 20th – 24th Bannatyne
      Posters and the Television ads went up and the survey monkey link is still live until the New Year. Tabling at Bannatyne was held on August 26th - 30th, Thank you to everyone who participated.

Year to date Projects:

1. GPA’s Renovation Project
   -The GPA’s renovations project is now complete
   -Grand Opening and Ribbon cutting ceremony was done on October 31st

2. Expansion of GPA’s Convenience Store Inventory
   - I will be deploying a survey in February to collate data on the most popular items bought on campus, and what items students would want to see in their own campus convenience store.

3. Healthy food options
   - In attempts to continue to create more options in our business, we’ve been looking at healthy food options for more variety in our businesses. IQ’s will be installing their Panini Station and Smoothie machine.
   - I’ve also been working with our Degrees Diner manager Ryan Woods to expand our garden, and sell more produce.

4. Programming
   - Student Financial Awareness Week
   There were two parts to this campaign. I ran it from Fort Garry Campus, and Jakob ran it from Inner City campus
   - Black History Month
   A campaign which is scheduled for February, were I’ll be working with a lot of different people to make it a success.

5. On Campus Delivery Service
   - As soon as a contract is finalized it will go through Business Management Committee, then finance committee.
   - I have spent this fall reaching out to other student unions that also use on campus delivery services for food, beverage and other services.
- From the model that is being presented to UMSU, it was deemed to be feasible and will trial run in the summer if legal obligations and contractual obligations are met prior to the summer.

- I initiated a Quarterly Report style level of Financial Reporting. However UMSU’s operations best suit a Tri-annual report structure, and is stated in our bylaws to have the finances reported in August, December and April. It came to our attention that this kind of internal financial management tool was a necessity and will help the 2018-2019 fiscal year audit.

7. **Women’s FIFA World Cup Showing**
- The showing was extremely successful! The morning games averaged 20 people depending on which teams were playing. The afternoon games averaged 35 people and increased in the knock out stages of the tournament. Alex the IQ’s acting manager had different flavored and coloured Frappuccino’s for each team and had them on special which sold pretty well.

**Conferences Attended**
- Studentcare Stakeholders Conference – May 2019
- CASA Foundations – June 2019
- Canadian Federation of Students’ National General Meeting – June 2019
- Student Union Development Summit (SUDS) – August 2019

**UMSU Committees:**
1) Finance Committee
2) Participatory Budget Committee
3) OAC Committee
4) Governance Committee
5) Executive Committee
6) Member Services Committee
7) Business Management Committee
8) Board of Trustees/Endowment Fund Committee

**University Committees:**
9) UM Black Alliance
10) Campus planning and design Committee (secondary)
11) International Advisory Committee
12) Student Experience Committee
13) Local Area Health and Safety Committee

**Other:**
14) University Liberian Research Committee(Committee wrapped up in July)