



TO: UMSU Board of Directors
FROM: VP Finance and Operations, Brook Rivard
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RE: **Report to the Board, March 2023**

New Updates

Residence Councils

There will be a town hall held at the end of this month to reengage residence students with the idea of residence councils. The structure that seems to make the most sense currently is to have a form of “super council” that spans all four residence buildings instead of having three separate councils as has been done in the past. I will be leaving the residence students who get involved with information about the separate councils, so after a year of this joined council, they can look at splitting off again if it seems like the best path forward. These councils will have slightly less resources at their disposal, as student residences has moved to reclaim their council spaces in each building so they can be developed and turned into more flex use spaces.

Budget

Initial rounds of the budgeting process have been completed, with some small revisions to what we had at the beginning of the month. The budget will be going to the Finance committee next week for approval and discussion. From there, the Board of Trustees will get a look at it and provide feedback. Finally, the BOD will get a copy for our next meeting on the 30th.

Financial aid campaign

Planning is underway for the financial aid campaign. It'll be split across UMSU resources, University resources, and external resources. There are no hard dates for this campaign, instead, they will be posted sporadically as to not burn out students with less than exciting financial info.

Continuing Updates

Participatory budgeting

The first posts for PB have gone out, asking students how they would spend \$15k or \$10k to improve campus life on their main campus. Similar to last year, we will be collecting student suggestions which will then be distilled to the 5 most common answers for each campus. The link can be found in the UMSU Instagram bio, and suggestions are being taken until the 26th!

External Events & Meetings Attended

- March 7th – UMCycle operating grant
- March 8th – Residence council spaces
- March 8th – Sustainability night
- March 10th – Womens gala
- March 13th – Amazon business account
- March 15th – Campus Food Security Group