



TO: UMSU Board of Directors
FROM: VP Finance and Operations, Vaibhav Varma
DATE: September 12, 2023
RE: **Report to the Board, September 14, 2023**

New Updates

As many of you are already aware, I have been on medical leave for the past month. While I was slated to return in October, my recovery was quicker than expected. As such, I have fully returned to my duties and look forward to serving you over the coming months.

Please allow me some time to read and respond to all my emails over the past four weeks. Given that I have returned during Bison Bash Week, expect a slightly delayed response as I have been involved with our Back-to-School festivities and have spent limited time at my desk.

Additionally, while I have very basic updates on the affairs related to my portfolio, I have not yet been fully briefed on all the operational updates that have occurred since the last Board Meeting I attended in late July.

Over the next two weeks, I will have more extensive updates. Until then, I have provided some new and relevant information related to the UMSU Businesses, Health and Dental Plan, and UPass.

Faculty Association Treasurers

- *Please send me the names and contact information for your Faculty Association/Council's Treasurer*
- All information can be inputted into this form: <https://forms.office.com/r/iX0g3FZaMt>
- Training information for Treasurers is currently being developed, and I will have more information over the coming weeks

Degrees

- Summer Hours: Monday to Friday, 8:00 am to 8:00 pm
- Tabletops have been replaced
- New Fall Menu
- Instagram: @degreesdiner

VW Social Club

- Summer Hours: Monday and Tuesday, 11:00 am to 1:00 am, Wednesday to Friday, 11:00 am to 2:00 am, Saturday, Open for Events Only
- New Fall Menu
- Instagram: @vwsocialclub_umsu

GPA's

- Summer Hours: Monday to Friday, 8:00 am to 9:00 pm and Saturday to Sunday, 11:00 am to 5:00 pm
- Instagram: @gpas.umsu

Service Centre

- Summer Hours: Monday to Thursday, 8:00 am to 6:00 pm, Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
- Instagram: @umsuservicecentre



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IQ's

- Summer Hours: Monday to Friday, 8:00 am to 12:00 pm, Saturdays, 12:00 am to 12:00 pm, Sunday, 12:00 pm to 10:00 pm
- Instagram: @iqscafeandbilliards

UM Cycle

- Summer Hours: Monday to Friday, 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm
- Bike sales, bike repairs, and parts
- @umcycle

UMSU Ventures

- New UMSU initiative to provide student entrepreneurs the UMSU Flex Space to work on, or promote their student business
- This is geared towards first-time start-ups, and for already established small businesses or ventures
- Applications will open soon, and successful proposals will be granted the space in the Fall term

UPass

- Eligibility: Full Time Student (9 Credit Hours)
- Opt-Out Period Deadline: September 20, 2023
- For more information about the UPass including Opt-Out eligibility, visit: <https://umsu.ca/services-and-support/u-pass/>

Health and Dental Plan

- For a full list of coverage, visit: https://studentcare.ca/plan/en-CA/IHaveAPlan_UniversityofManitoba/understanding-my-coverage
- How to Check Your Balance:
 - Log in to your Manitoba Blue Cross Account – or Sign Up
 - Visit: <https://www2.mb.bluecross.ca/>
 - Click mybluecross and log in or sign up
 - UMSU Client Number: 7654
 - Certificate Number: 88(and your seven-digit student number)
- Change of Coverage Period Deadline: September 20, 2023
- Blackout Period: Please allow 1-2 months for your insurance to begin. If you utilize any services covered under the plan during the Blackout Period, please keep the receipts and claim your expenses once the period is over
- For more information about the UMSU Health and Dental plan, visit: https://studentcare.ca/rte/en/IHaveAPlan_UniversityofManitoba_Home
- *Never hesitate to forward me any Health and Dental Plan inquiries at VPFO@UMSU.ca*

External Events & Meetings Attended

September 8 – Commerce on the Quad
September 10 – Board of Director's Retreat
September 11 – Free Breakfast
September 11 to 15 – Bison Bash Market



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September 11 – Meeting with Studentcare representative

September 12 – Free Breakfast

September 12 – Bisons on the Quad and Dunk Tank

September 12 – Karaoke Night at VW Social Club

September 13 – Bison Bash Pool Tournament at IQ's

September 14 – Meeting with Business Managers

September 14 – Governance Committee