

FINANCIAL REPORT

FOURTH QUARTER 2014/2015

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MUSLIM STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

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ABSTRACT

The fourth quarter for the Muslim Students Association came to an end on April 30th, 2015. At this point in time, all executives and their respective directors reached the end of their responsibilities with the organization. The incoming team of the MSA will take upon the mantle and start their terms from May 1st, 2015.

This quarter fell in the winter term of the academic year. During this time, a large portion of the student population was present on campus. As a result, the MSA was successful in planning and executing many successful events. However, it must be noted that the month of April is exam month; hence events during this month were limited. Nevertheless Alhamdulillah, the MSA can attest to completing 50 years of serving Muslims at the University of Toronto.

This report will initiate with messages from the VP Finance and Accounts Director reflecting on this year, followed by detailed event descriptions hosted by the MSA, followed by the income statement respective to this quarter. Finally, the finances of the Orphan Sponsorship Program are described, followed by its respective income statement.

Message from the VP Finance

It has been my pleasure to serve you, the Muslim Students, by providing detailed records of our financial on goings. Over my two term tenure, we've created eight Quarterly Reports and two Jummah Documents.

If there any mistakes in these reports, I ask you to forgive myself and all that have worked on them. Insha'Allah they are beneficial for the readers and the organization as a whole!

Shafquat Arefeen

Message from the Accounts Director

This year has passed by so quickly and the moments I've had in creating these reports will be greatly missed! Inshallah, as the incoming VP Finance for next year, I aim to continue the legacy of these reports that were originally initiated by the current VP Finance, and improve them even furtvher.

I would like to express my endless gratitude to Shafquat Arefeen, VP Finance, for holding my finger and guiding me along this journey and allowing me to discover my strengths and weaknesses as a person. I had set out with the aim of bringing transparency to the organizations' finances and Alhamdulillah these reports have been an avenue to do so. I ask for Allah's forgiveness if I have erred in any way and hope he rewards you and me with Paradise. Ameen.

Wassalamu alaikum
Osama Iqbal Ahmed

EVENTS IN THIS QUARTER

February 1st to April 30th, 2015

IN THIS QUARTER, THE MSA HELD THE FOLLOWING 22 EVENTS:

OSP FUNDRAISING LUNCH

FEB 6

The Orphan Sponsorship Program (OSP) organized its fundraising lunch to help it reach its goal of raising \$77,000 to sponsor orphans from around the world and to locate potential donors. Every dollar went towards the sponsorship of orphans.

ANNUAL MSA SKI TRIP

FEB 19

The MSA held its annual ski trip to the majestic Blue Mountain ski resort.

THE DIVINE LINE

FEB 21-22

This weekend workshop was an introduction to Traditional Islamic Calligraphy. Over the course of the 2 days, students had the opportunity to learn about the development of Islamic calligraphy, the materials and tools of the art, and practical steps to write the Thuluth script.

COFFEEHOUSE SERIES: A DISCUSSION ABOUT RACE IN AN OPEN SPACE

FEB 24

The directorships of Community Affairs and TMV organized an open dialogue about issues of race, faith and justice. It was a safe, inclusive and accessible environment for anyone who wanted to participate in a discussion about personal experiences, learn about historical and religious significance, and ways to empower through individual and community education and activism. Ausma Malik was specially invited to take part in the discussions as well. Snacks and beverages were made available throughout the event.

VIGIL IN SOLIDARITY:

#WITHMUSLIMS #AGAINSTHATE

FEB 25

The MSA in association with The Muslim Chaplaincy and various other student clubs held a vigil in solidarity to commemorate all those that have suffered or died due to hate crimes and islamophobia.

FIQH OF A WOMAN

FEB 26

This sisters-only class explored the fundamentals of Women's Fiqh that every Muslimah needs to know. It covered the precepts pertaining to Hayd (menstruation) and Nifaas (post-partum bleeding) from a Shafi'i perspective. This material is considered as essential knowledge for every Muslim woman due to the detriment caused by the ignorance of it. Having a thorough understanding of this topic is critical for other facts of worship and their validity. It was followed by an open Q&A session.

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ISLAMIC AWARENESS WEEK 2015: #WITHMUSLIMS #AGAINSTHATE

MAR 9-13

Islamic Awareness Week (IAW) hosts a weeklong of workshops held to promote awareness of Islamic knowledge and principals. It aims to reconnect Muslims with their faith, and allows others to become more knowledgeable of Islam and Muslims. This years' theme was #WithMuslims #AgainstHate.

IAW 2015: MERCY TO ALL MANKIND

MAR 10

This exciting lecture given by Sheikh Ibrahim Hussain delved into the character of the Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessing of Allah be upon him) and the rigorous trials and tribulations he endured which gave the listeners a better understanding how he encompassed unconditional compassion, love and mercy to the entire creation.

IAW 2015: SOUL FOOD

MAR 12

This was a special edition of The University of Toronto Muslim Chaplaincy's Soul Food series.

IAW 2015: POWER, MEDIA AND ISLAMOPHOBIA

MAR 9

This was the first of many workshops during IAW. With increasing acts of violence, extremism and terrorism right here at home as well as abroad, Muslims are constantly in the spotlight, especially in the media. Sister Khalidah Ali was invited to introduce the discourse of Islamophobia, from its initial roots to its putative expansion, portrayal in the media accelerating its propagation, and the highly plausible affiliations with the global systems of power.

IAW 2015: FINDING MEANING IN DIFFICULT TIMES

MAR 11

Brother Rizwan Mohamed was invited to facilitate the discussion on practical and spiritual avenues in which we, as individuals, can find meaning in the context of work, school and recreation. This was a coffeehouse discussion and so all attendees comfortably voiced their opinions.

IAW 2015: A NIGHT OF ISLAMIC ARTS

MAR 13

This was the final event that brought Islamic Awareness Week to a successful end. It was held to display and show appreciation for fine Islamic art.

EVENTS IN THIS QUARTER

February 1st to April 30th, 2015

TOGETHER:

A MUSLIM JEWISH DAY OF SERVICE

MAR 13

This event was held in collaboration with various other student clubs on campus. The aim was to develop a deeper understanding between the Muslim and Jewish faiths, and have a platform to ask meaningful and insightful questions. The day was facilitated by Muslim Chaplain Amjad Tarsin and Rabbi Aaron Katchen. It started off with volunteering at The Scott Mission, where a full meal was served to about 250 people in need. This was followed by Muslim Jummah Prayers at The Multifaith Centre, after which there was group reflection and discussion about events of the day. The day came to an end with a Jewish Shabbat observance and dinner at the Wolfond centre, again with a period of reflection and an opportunity to ask questions.

OSP ANNUAL DINNER 2015: NIGHT OF GRATITUDE

MAR 20

This year, OSP set its goal to \$77,000 in order to sponsor 151 orphans from over 24 countries. In order to come closer to this goal, it held its glamorous annual dinner which featured halal entertainment and delicious food. Alhamdulillah OSP raised over \$6000 from this dinner.

CAREER SUCCESS WORKSHOP

MAR 23

This workshop was aimed towards those who will be graduating soon or intend to seek employment in the near future. A panel of experts was invited from various fields to speak about their careers and give advice to the attendees. It was an excellent opportunity to network and ask questions.

INVESTIGATING WESTERN MEDIA BIAS

MAR 19

Subjective or objective? Is there really a discrepancy or bias in the way that mainstream media outlets portray certain issues, based on the religious identification of the individuals involved? Does the mainstream media push forth certain narratives in the way that it frames "the West" and "the rest"? Through this event, the Students for World Justice Committee sought to explore these ideas, and examine the ways in which we are to be critical consumers of the media. Guest speaker, Abdullah al-Andalusi, was invited to speak on the topic after which there was a question and answer session. Free food and refreshments were available throughout the event.

RISE UP! KNOW YOUR RIGHTS!

MAR 20

An important workshop held in the midst of turbulent times to inform Muslims of their rights as Canadian citizens. Ihsaan Gardee of the National Council of Muslims (NCCM) was invited to speak about your basic legal rights and responsibilities as a citizen and resident in Canada.

EVENTS IN THIS QUARTER

February 1st to April 30th, 2015

MSA EXECUTIVE ELECTIONS AND CANDIDATE FORUM

MAR 25

The Spring 2015 Elections Committee opened up nominations for candidates to apply for executive positions on the MSA next year. Candidates could only be nominated for these positions if they had a minimum of two votes from existing members. In addition, there was a candidate forum held in which they had to prepare a 3 minute speech that outlined their aims and action plans for next year, after which they were questioned by the current executives of the MSA and the general audience. The recording of these speeches were made available on social media to facilitate the election process. Thereafter, a weeklong of voting was held where members cast their votes in a ballot. The results were announced in the Annual Spring Dinner.

MSA BOOT CAMP: SISTERS' SELF DEFENSE WORKSHOP

MAR 31

This free sisters-only event, sought to demonstrate the skills and knowledge of both verbal and physical safety tactics, and other fitness techniques of self-defense. It was taught by representatives of Sister Fit; a Health, Fitness and Self-Defense program for Muslim women in the GTA.

SLEEP-OVER THEMED GIRL'S NIGHTS!

MAR 27

This was the last MSA Sisters' event for the year. A fun-packed themed sleep-over was organized to have fun before exam season.

OPEN MIC NIGHT!

APR 1

The Muslim Students' Association and The Muslim Voice Magazine, in collaboration with the Muslim Writers' Collective, held an Open Mic Night. All were welcome to express themselves in the way they were most comfortable in a safe and inclusive space.

SPRINGING FORWARD: ANNUAL FAREWELL DINNER

APR 2

This was the final big event of the MSA this year. A night of appreciation was held for all the volunteers who were both directly and indirectly involved with the MSA. Certificates of appreciation were awarded to these amazing volunteers. The dinner was provided free of cost to all the attendees. In addition, results of the executive elections were announced and all those elected formed the incoming team of the MSA for the year 2015-2016.

INCOME STATEMENT

UofT Muslim Students' Association - St. George

For Quarter End April 30, 2015

Revenue:	
Jummah Deposits	404.10
Ski Trip Revenue	3,879.08
RIS Ticket Revenue	45.00
Sundaes on Mondays	15.00
Bank Rebate	\$19.00
Syria Relief Donations	526.40
Muslim Chaplaincy Jummah Donations	621.41
University of Toronto- Students Union Long Term Funding	10,800.00
OSP Dinner Sponsorship	2,786.00
Firm Ground Ticket Sales	224.79
Hoodie Sales	30.00
Engineering Society Club Funding	749.73
Total Revenue	\$19,350.78

INCOME STATEMENT

UofT Muslim Students' Association - St. George

For Quarter End April 30, 2015

Continued

Less:

Event Expenses

Big BBQ	54.57
RIS Tickets	3,995.00
Ski Trip	3,662.86
OSP Games Night	104.50
Muslim Chaplaincy Symposium	212.44
OSP Fundraising Lunch	553.90
Internal UofT Qur'an Competition	232.17
Syria Relief Donations	526.40
OSP Annual Dinner	2,153.00
Vacuum for Prayer Mats	169.49
CoffeeHouse	46.18
MSA Elections	47.02
Self Defense Workshop	250.00
Career Success Workshop	356.98
Sandwich Run	151.71
Fiqh of Women	138.07
Spring Dinner	784.58
Open Mic Night	32.96
Bank Fee	125.00
Firm Ground Ticket Sales	1,100.00
Islamic Awareness Week	191.43
OSP Funds	331.51
The Muslim Voice Issue 2	2,293.90
The Muslim Voice Issue 3	1,553.75
Tug of War Movie Screening	190.69
Sisters' Sleepover	205.14
Brothers' Iftar	239.21
Total Expense	\$19,702.46

Net Income (Loss)

(\$351.68)

INCOME STATEMENT

Orphan Sponsorship Program

For Quarter End April 30, 2014

Revenue:	
Personal Donations	35,440.41
Juma Deposits	500.31
OSP Lunch	920.00
OSP Dinner	3,149.03
Credit Card Donations	527.05
Plan Rebates	19.00
Total Revenue	\$40,555.80
Less:	
Expences	
Rejected Cheque*	1,080.00
Projects	224.79
Plan Fee	30.50
Total Expense	\$1,335.29
NET INCOME (Loss)	(\$39,220.51)

* The bank deposited the cheque (3rd quarter), held it for processing, but when they checked the donor's bank account, there wasn't enough money/overdraft protection, hence it got rejected (4th quarter)



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