

# FOURTH QUARTERLY REPORT

February 1st, 2019 - April 30th, 2019

University of Toronto  
Muslims Students' Association



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# ABSTRACT

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The fourth quarter of the MSA covered the period from February 1st - April 30th, 2019 and is the final one of MSA 2018-2019 quarterly reports. The MSA organized the most number of events during this quarter as council members wrapped up things for the school year.

# EVENTS IN THIS QUARTER

## Seventeen Events held by MSA



### February 1st: MWC Toronto February 2019 Open Mic: Healing through Storytelling

This was an open-mic event held with the MWC Toronto in remembrance of the 2017 Quebec City Mosque shooting. Held during a challenging time, this event hoped to provide a space to heal through storytelling, sharing experiences, and reclaiming our own narratives. It was open to all Muslim-identified artists and activists who shared their complex narratives through their own choice of performance art (e.g. storytelling, spoken word, rap, dance.)



### February 11th - 15th: Destress Week 2019

This week of events was designed to help everyone unwind, take a break from studies and hang out with the MSA family. There were many fun events such as a Sisters' Baking, Games Night, Theology Class with Smoothies and Milkshakes, and a Brothers' Social and Barbering.



### February 13th: Know Your Rights & Responsibilities: Online Event

This public livestream event, brought by the Candian Muslim Lawyers Association, was for Muslims who wanted to learn more about human rights in relation to Islamophobia in the Canadian context; legal rights and responsibilities, including laws, policies and how to engage with authorities; and other community resources.

### February 16th: Women's Winter Retreat: Godly Hearts Where True Love Grows

A weekend long retreat for women students, the Winter Retreat sought to provide sisters a time and space to spend time in reflection, worship and sisterly bonding in the Canadian Winter Wonderland at Five Oaks. Centered around the connections between faith and love, the retreat program focused on the various types of love we experience through our faith: God, our community/humanity and self compassion. Attendees were encouraged and inspired to explore the meanings of these types of love, and how to grow them in their lives.



### February 27th: MSA Annual General Meeting 2019

This annual meeting went over the many initiatives the MSA undertakes such as organizing Jummah prayers, hosting education classes, social events, publishing a student run magazine, managing an orphan sponsorship program, etc. Moreover, this was also the chance to collect feedback, ask questions and provide ideas for the future.



### March 1st: InterFaith Dialogue

Held in collaboration with Power to Change, This was a night of interfaith dialogue, delicious food, deep conversations, and wonderful company which was open to all students from all faiths



# EVENTS IN THIS QUARTER

## Seventeen Events held by MSA Continued

### March 1st- March 22nd: MSA Elections

Elections were held for various positions in the MSA for the upcoming year. Candidates who were looking to join and lead could apply and voting was carried out.



### March 4 - 8th: Islam Awareness Week

Islam Awareness Week was a week-long campaign to spread awareness and educate and clear misconceptions about Islam. The aim of this campaign was to introduce the religion of Islam to the University of Toronto community, to address misconceptions, and questions that Muslims and non-Muslims have about the Islamic faith. It was an invitation for both Muslims and Non-Muslims to discuss topics that are not typically spoken about on a regular basis. The primary activity of the Islam Awareness Week (IAW) project was conversation on topics that will encourage intra and inter faith dialogue. The project aims to provide a week-long opportunity for all those who are interested, to engage in conversations about faith and the Muslim-Canadian Identity. This year's theme was "A Peaceful Path."



### March 6th: Countering Islamophobia - Discussion Panel

This discussion panel was held in order to address and begin tackling the problems Islamophobia poses to Muslims both in communities, and to ensure that both Muslim and Non-Muslim students are aware of strategies to better deal with and recognize instances of Islamophobia. Since Islamophobia is an issue that both, directly and indirectly, feeds off of bigoted tensions, it requires that minds band together to speak on strategies that deal with its specific instances; as this helps both Muslims and non-Muslims in being more informed and present in dealing with such an issue. Held in the Multi-Faith Centre, the discussion was headed by 5 speakers of whom include Professor of Islamic Anthropology Zulfikar Hijri from York University, Haniya Sheikh from the Silk Road Institute and the Department of Justice, Ali Manek from the Canadian Muslim Vote, CBC Journalist Steven Zhou and Br. Rizwan Mohammad, who has worked extensively with the NCCM and CCMW.



### March 8th: Who is Prophet Muhammad?

In collaboration with My Voice Canada, this event was held to provide a safe and welcoming space to learn about Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him). For the first hour of the event, scholars spoke about Prophet Muhammad, and reflected on his social impact, his role in interfaith dialogue, his prophethood and the continuity of his message from previous messengers. For the second hour of the event, the floor was opened to the audience, so that they could ask questions and receive answers from the scholars. Our scholars were Dr. Katherine Bullock, Dr. Shabir Ally, Br. Arssal Shahabuddin, and Dr. Munir El-Kassem. This event was open to everyone from all faiths and was held in the Victoria Chapel in Victoria College.

### March 19th: Games Night at Snakes & Lattes

During the busy midterm season, the MSA held this event to provide a night of de-stressing and relaxing as attendees played games and hung out with the MSA family.



# EVENTS IN THIS QUARTER

## Seventeen Events held by MSA Continued

### March 21st: Religion and the Environment

This event fostered multi-faith dialogue surrounding the environment, a topic that is too often overlooked from a modern faith perspective. We challenged the siloed view of the environment as a secular issue and came to a common ground with other faith groups. Our end goal was to present attendees with faith-based environmental knowledge and highlight the connections and shared responsibility among different religions in order to encourage environmental consciousness in their daily lives. Our

keynote speakers were Dr. Simon Appoloni (Lecturer of Environmental Studies at UofT, research focus on Christianity and the environment), Dr. Tanhum Yoreh (Professor of Environmental Studies and Religion- research focus on Judaism and the environment), Dr. Deborah McGregor Associate Professor, Canada Research Chair in Indigenous Environmental Justice, Ustadh Amjad Tarsin (Muslim Chaplain and Islamic Educator).

### March 22nd: Annual Dinner: A Brighter Tomorrow

This dinner was held in collaboration with the Orphan Sponsorship Program - UofT. The event showcased great speakers, wonderful people, and deliciously exquisite food and all proceeds went towards sponsoring orphans. It was an evening filled with humility, compassion, and togetherness and gratitude to our donors.

### March 27th: Open Mic Night: An Expression on Muslim Identities

This Open Mic Night was centered around the celebration of the expressions of the diverse Muslim community. A night when ideas and thoughts come to life for the greater University of Toronto campus to revel in. We were also joined by Toronto spoken-word artist Timaj Garad.

### March 28th: Sisters Try Painting

Held in the Multi-Faith Centre, this event was a de-stress event for all sisters to come and showcase their creative minds as they paint.

### March 29th: Farewell Dinner: A Night in a Souk

This was the annual farewell dinner held at The Buttery to reminisce with friends, launch the final issue of The Muslim Voice Magazine and send the year off with heartfelt farewells and see-you-agains.

### April 4th: MSA Film Fair

Held in the Media Commons Theatre in Robarts Library, this event aimed to bring an array of movies, documentaries and short films put together by Muslim and Non-Muslim artists and filmmakers from all around Toronto. It featured "The Long Way Home Documentary", highlighting Human Rights abuses in the name of "War on Terror".

# FOURTH QUARTER INCOME STATEMENT

UofT Muslim Students' Association - St. George  
For February 1st, 2019 to April 30th, 2019

## Revenues

CPSIF	1,500.00
Divine Trust Donation	100.00
Fob Deposit	75.00
Games Night	29.00
Jummah Donation	1,728.92
OSP Annual Dinner	2,986.82
OSP Donation**	50.00
OSP Jummah Lunch	177.63
SIF	1,100.00
TMV Issue #3	700.00
UTSU Funding	7,500.00
Winter Retreat	7,590.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 23,537.37</b>

### Notes to Income Statements:

\*Denotes revenue acquired and expenses incurred during the previous term.

\*\*All OSP donations received by the MSA account are transferred to the OSP account by the end of the school year.



## Expenses

Alumni Event*	166.18
Annual General Meeting	17.20
Charity Week	80.67
Council Meeting	322.05
Destress Week	126.62
Divine Trust	1,000.00
Farewell Dinner	3,100.64
Formal Dinner	25.00
Frosh*	86.04
OSP Games Night*	150.86
Islam Awareness Week	642.64
Islamophobia Panel	256.08
Ladies Yoga Night	125.91
Office Supplies*	172.48
Open Mic Night	118.65
OSP Annual Dinner	1,519.84
OSP Brunch	82.00
Plan Fee	63.06
Sisters Try Baking	65.81
TMV #2	1,587.65
TMV #3	1,593.30
Website Fee*	354.82
Winter Retreat	8,701.91
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 20,359.41</b>

## Net Income

<b>Net Income (Profit)</b>	<b>\$ 3,177.96</b>
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# EVENTS IN THIS QUARTER

One Event held by OSP

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## November 21st: OSP Games Night

Capping off the term with a wonderful time of fun, games, and good memories, the OSP games night was the perfect prelude to the upcoming exam season. We brought in a variety of board games for all tastes, as well as some delicious pizza and chicken wings for our attendees. After a few hours of fun board games, everyone got together and formed teams with their friends for a friendly trivia competition to end the night.



# FOURTH QUARTER INCOME STATEMENT

Orphan Sponsorship Program  
For February 1st, 2019 to April 30th, 2019

## Revenues

Jumaah Donations	324.50
Personal Donations by PayPal	3,977.00
Personal Donations by Cheque	38,240.00
OSP Games Night	195.00
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 42,736.05</b>

## Expenses

Human Concern International (HCI)*	24,300.00
Islamic Relief (IR)*	10,080.00
Islamic Circle of North America (ICNA)*	6,300.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 40,680.00</b>

## Net Income

<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>\$ (2,056.60)</b>
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Notes to Income Statement: \* Denotes a semi-annual donation to partnered charity

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