

THIRD QUARTERLY REPORT

November 1st 2018 - January 31st, 2019

University of Toronto
Muslims Students' Association



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ABSTRACT

The third quarter of the MSA covered the period from November 1st - January 31st, 2019. Students were wrapping up the first semester and as such, the MSA organized several de-stressing events and socials before finals season in December. After a short winter break, students came back afresh for a second semester in January. Council members renewed their intentions for joining the MSA and planned several successful events during this period.

EVENTS IN THIS QUARTER

Eleven Events held by MSA



October 29th - November 2nd: UofT MSA Charity Week 2018

Charity Week is an annually organized international student-led initiative to fundraise for children around the world through Islamic Relief. This was a great way for students to catch up with friends as well as help a really great cause since all the proceeds are donated to charity. The events included board games and snacks, a dodgeball tournament, team trivia night, and an escape room.



November 2nd: MSA Formal Dinner: The Secret Garden

This was the most exciting MSA event of the year, held at the DoubleTree Hilton Hotel. The Formal Dinner was a great opportunity to rekindle friendships, make new ones and let loose after an exhausting midterm season.

Moreover, Nouman Ashraf, Assistant Professor at the Rotman School of Management, was the keynote speaker for the event. In addition, The first issue of the Muslim Voice magazine was also officially launched at this event and its exceptional pieces were showcased.



November 24th: Towards Sacred Activism: A Brief Talk and Book Signing

This event was presented by SeekersHub Toronto in partnership with the MSA and the Muslim Chaplaincy and was held in Hart House. Imam Dawud Walid gave a brief talk about activism from the lens of the Islamic tradition and gave ample time for discussion. In addition, he also sold and signed his new book, "Towards Sacred Activism." Everyone was welcomed to join and to collectively learn and seek to understand and internalize perspectives on social change and activism from their rich intellectual heritage.

November 26th - December 9th: Winter Clothing Drive

This clothing drive was a collaboration between the Muslim Students' Association, BORDERLESS, A New Perspective, Because We Care, U of T Cards 4 Humanity, Gen Home, Middle Eastern Students' Association, and the University of Toronto Refugee Alliance. From November 26 to December 9, University of Toronto student clubs collaborated on a winter clothing drive to ease the transition to winter for families in need of warm clothing. Many boxes were placed within the different colleges in the campus where students could drop any used clothing item. The drive was a huge success as 24 bags and 4 boxes of clothing were collected altogether. The clothing would be going to New Circles Clothing Bank that serves low-income and newcomer families in North York region.



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Eleven Events held by MSA



December 3rd: Ladies Destress: Yoga Night

This was a relaxing yoga session taught by Mindful Moments instructor, Melissa Campagnolo, at the Multi-Faith Centre whose aim was to ready both the mind and the body for the upcoming final exams. This was to ensure that all the ladies were well-prepared, at ease and were taking proper care of themselves in order to be in the right mindset before the finals began.



December 5th: MSA's Girls' Night In

This was the last sisters' event of the semester where girls got to apply face masks and henna while watching a movie and relax with some popcorn and food at Wilson Hall in New College.



January 15th - March 26th: The Women's Circle

This year long Women's Circle was with Sr. Mozynah Nofal this semester where the group would be reading and studying the Qur'an, engaging in reflections/discussions and even having some tea and sweets together at the Emmanuel College Prayer Space. This weekly circle provided a space for Muslim Women on campus to develop spiritually and grow their sisterhood bonds



January 18th: Road to the Future: Meet the Alumni

MSA has a long history of many committed council members and volunteers that have gone on to pursue different career pathways. This event, held in the OISE, was to help current students' network and learn important skills from the MSA Alumni that can help them find their future career.

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Eleven Events held by MSA

January 18th: Skate into the New Semester

This was a skating social in Nathan Phillips Square for all the MSA family to come, unwind and relax as they headed into the new semester.



January 22nd: Building Resilience in Faith Communities: Muslim-Jewish Circle

Hosted by the UofT Student Life Programs & Services, this event explored resilience in relation to faith and psychology, developed and enhanced protective factors for personal well-being, and identified community resources that support resilience.

Intended for all UofT students, this workshop discussed building resilience through positive psychology, Muslim-Jewish dialogue, and community building in order to better cope with everyday stressors, including Islamophobia and Antisemitism.



January 30th: The Jail Killing of Soleiman Faqiri: Documentary and Panel

This event was held in the Hart House Debates Room and consisted of a screening of a documentary by The Fifth Estate that exposed how brutally Soleiman Faqiri was treated during his very short stay in jail, followed by a panel discussion on the inhumane treatment of people with mental illnesses in our jails. Soleiman Faqiri was a 30 year old man with dreams to aspire to, goals to achieve, and a family that loved him. This man battling mental illness was refused medical care, placed in solitary confinement, then beaten to death. Organized by the Justice for Soli campaign, the UofT Somali Students' Association, and the MSA, the panel consisted of many esteemed members such as Sabreena Ghaffar-Siddiqui, Imam Yasin Dwyer, and Yusuf Faqiri.



Funding Sources

Every year, the MSA reaches out to various funding bodies at the University in order to gain funding. This year, it has utilized the following:

UTSU Funding



The University of Toronto Students' Union (UTSU) provides club funding every year to recognized student clubs. The MSA sent representatives to UTSU training sessions in order to be eligible for funding and submitted its funding application in October. The Clubs Committee reviewed and approved MSA's application, allocating \$7,500 in funding for the first semester. The second half of the funding will be received at the end of the school year.

THIRD QUARTER INCOME STATEMENT

UofT Muslim Students' Association - St. George
For November 1st, 2018 to January 31st, 2019

Revenues

Formal Dinner Ticketing	1,573.37
Charity Week Donations*	10.00
TMV Sponsorship	700.00
Jumaah Donations	3,038.30
Iftar*	110.99
OSP Brunch*	55.00
OSP Games Night**	60.00
UTSU Funding	7,500.00
Sisters' Night Out Ticketing	4.00
Total Revenues	\$13,051.66

Expenses

Council Meeting*	326.67
Formal Dinner	8,705.08
Frosh*	90.41
Muslim Women In Politics*	65.00
Office Supplies	30.58
Plan Fee	62.59
Sisters' Heart to Heart*	162.57
TMV #1	2,028.35
Towards Sacred Activism	35.06
Winter Clothing Drive	13.33
Total Expenses	\$11,519.64

Net Income

Net Income (Profit)	\$1,532.02
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Notes to Income Statement:

* Denotes revenue acquired and expenses incurred for an event being held in the next quarter (November 2018 until January 2019).

**OSP Donations received by the MSA account are transferred to the OSP account at the end of the school year.

EVENTS IN THIS QUARTER

One Event held by OSP

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.



THIRD QUARTER INCOME STATEMENT

Orphan Sponsorship Program
For November 1st, 2018 to January 31st, 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
Total Revenues	\$ 42,736.05

Expenses

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

Net Income

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

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