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To: Students' Union Council

Re: VPOF 2018/19 Report

Dear Council,

Can you believe this is the last Council meeting! This year flew by yet felt like a lifetime all at the same time. I hope you are all proud of what we as a Council have accomplished this year, and have learned a lot along the way. Here are my final updates:

Budget

The budget is up for approval this meeting, and I am looking forward to hearing the discussion that comes with it. The good news is that we managed to breakeven, as I mentioned last meeting, and I do feel the budget reflects principles. However, I know that not all of you are business students, or may not have budget experience. I wrote a document called "SU Budget 101" which is attached to the order paper to help you make sense of what a budget is, what is significant about this one in particular, and what your role as a Councillor is with it. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions for the document or the budget, please let me know before our meeting and I can resubmit it for the late additions. I hope you find this useful!

Things to note

- The Dewey's strategic plan is almost completed, and is in its final editing stage. I am very excited to see this implemented over the next couple of years.
- I adjudicated another round of 27 Teaching Learning Enhancement fund grants this past week, awarding ~7 allocations to some exciting projects that will hopefully help enhance out classroom experience.
- I will be helping out some more with Get Out the Vote as the provincial election is quickly approaching. If you have not helped out at all yet, talk to Councillor Raitz about how you can get involved with this incredibly important issue.
- The transition is coming along nicely although I need to learn how to let go...easier said than done.
- We will be meeting with all of the WUSC stakeholders next week to figure out a way forward with better committee succession plans and clearly defined roles from each party to ensure the success of the program.

- SERC met last week to make recommendations on how to be most sustainable when purchasing SWAG or when promoting things in general. It was a great meeting but unfortunately, we ran out of time before finishing. We may be able to meet one more time before the end of the term, but the more likely scenario is that the project will be transitioned to my successor.

Closing words

I do sincerely appreciate all of your hard work, dedication, and feedback throughout the year. You helped strengthen the organization, and challenged me on a personal level to become a better leader and I am grateful. I hope you take the lessons you have learned throughout the year and apply them in your life in whatever you choose to pursue, and that you look back fondly on your experience with the UASU. Good luck with final exams, and beyond!

Best wishes to all,

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