Office of the Vice President (Operations & Finance)

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To: Students' Union Council Re: VPOF 2018/19 Report

Dear Council,

Hello all! Hope you had a great reading week and are feeling refreshed and ready to tackle the final bit of the semester. Things at the SU have been going well and chugging along; here are some updates:

Executive Campaign Crew

The ECC will be conducting consultations over the next 2 weeks, with the intention of presenting our findings to Council at the December 11th meeting. At this point, in response to consultations we've done, we have pivoted our vision towards the campus-wide "student spaces" fee, so the consultations they'll be doing will be will be focused setting the parameters around use of funds and process. Processes such as, how funds are handled, how projects are prioritized, how SU needs are balanced with campus needs, etc. Keep an eye out for an e-introduction to your ECC member responsible for consultation for your faculty if you have thoughts about this.

Dewey's Branding

I held a focus group with the student SU staff last week on Dewey's, it's brand image and strategic future. It was incredible. Such good feedback, ideas and comments. This data will be used in the creation of Dewey's Strategic Plan, as I mentioned in Council a couple of meetings ago. We are also including a couple of survey questions in our upcoming annual survey, who's results will be available by mid december and will be incorporated into the report. I am currently working on setting priorities, and recommendations so that bar management can use it as a guiding document for years to come, but also being flexible to new Executive input. I will keep you updated!

Odds & Ends

I have had a busy past couple weeks with some of the committees I sit on such as SERC and the Strategic Planning Committee. The former has set a goal to do some research into SWAG that is given out, and it's environmental impact, which should be interesting. Our catering staff have been putting on VIP tastings to our top catering

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clients, and it has been wonderful. They hosted a trial run of these tastings for the SU staff and I must say I was thoroughly impressed. We're talking steak grilled on salt blocks, banana flambe, the works! We've been getting great feedback from customers. Well done to everyone involved! Horowitz Catering has a bright future.

Shout outs & Office Hours

Thanks to the 5 people who job shadowed me over the past week; it was a lot of fun! If you're interested in running for a position, feel free to message me at any point. Furthermore, I will not be scheduling a specific time for office hours, but you can set up an appointment with me by emailing me.

Kind regards,

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