

**Date:** October 31, 2019

**To:** Students' Union Council

**Re:** Vice President Operations & Finance Report # 10

Dear Council,

I've been hard at work with negotiations, event planning, creating advisory committees, the PERKS Beata test, and some other things I'm looking forward to showing all of you soon! Keep reading for this month's dive into the specifics!

### **The Businesses**

#### **Breakfast at The Daily Grind**

So were trying to see if we can bring breakfast to The Daily Grind! Don't know if ya'll recall la' Express's breakfast sandwiches, but it'll be almost identical to those. At the moment, we all like the idea and thing the students want breakfast back, but we're trying to find ways to lower the costs as much as possible to keep it reasonably affordable for students. The main challenge is that the sandwiches would be made free each morning in our catering kitchen and brought up each morning to be served for the first couple hours of the day. Still, we hope to have this new option be a reality soon!

#### **Bar Burrito Opening Soon (for realz)**

I know a lot of you have been asking about when this place is going to be open and why it's behind schedule, and the answer is... it's complicated. However, the new timeline we have is about the end of the first week of November. Despite the otherwise disappointing news, I do have a bit of a positive update to let you know about. Since they'll be opening after the expiry date of their coupon from the handbook, we told them they should be extending the offer so students can have the opportunity to capture those savings. After talking to the BarBurrito franchise, students will be able to use their handbook coupons unit December 15th! Sometimes, its the small wins that count.

### **The Committees**

#### **The Business Advisory Group (BAG)**

At this point, I imagine some of you have likely seen ads for this on our social media accounts. The Business Advisory Group is preparing to finally start, and we're looking for eager students to help advise the operations on student ideas and opinions! There are NO councillor positions on this so y'all are going to have to submit an application if you want to join this team. Heres a bit more about it if you're curious:

(BAG) will advise the University of Alberta Students' Union (UASU) in its effort to ensure that its business operations are meeting the needs of its undergraduate student membership. To do this, members will aid in the reviewing of operations and propose recommendations on how to improve operations to increase student satisfaction and overall profitability. Members will

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provide feedback and concerns based upon the students' experience interacting with the UASU's diverse business operations. Members will Provide this advice and feedback to senior management in charge of the UASU business operations through the Executives and relevant managers as appropriate.

### Finance Comittee

Finance comittee has been busy going through DFU fee approvals as of late. As of now, we have approved the following DFUs: Aboriginal Students' Council (ASC), Student Legal Services (SLS), Campus Food Bank (CFB), and the Alberta Public Interest Research Group (APIRG).

### The Collaborations

#### Sustainability and Capital Plan

As I'm sure many of you are aware, Akanksha, Marc (the GM), and I have been hard at work developing this new fund's framework. We reviewing consultation farmworks, project ideas, and of course a question layout. Consultation should be starting by the time you read this and we would all be happy to take more questions about it in Council.

#### ASA sponsorship, business development, SUTV, and more

I have begun early conversations with the Augustana Students Association (ASA) about how they can diversify revenues to become less fee reliant. While in its very early stages, I'm hoping the UASU will be able to support them in some of their rather innovative and expansive goals. Keep an eye out for updates on this pice n future reports as I think there are some very excit=ing things we can partner on here!

### The Follow-Ups

#### United Way

I've been working closely alongside the United Way to plan two of their events for the coming year: their yearly kick-off party and their Warp-up event. It looks like they'll be using our spaces, SUB Stage and Dewy's respectively, for the venues as well as Horowitz catering for the food and drinks.

The first event that's happened is the United Way Coffee Day, where all proceeds from small drip coffee and small slushies will be donated to support the United Way all day October 15. This year, the UASU raised almost \$900 dollars though our coffee day! Next up, the United Way ran the annual Kick-Off Event where they will have speeches and a cultural dance performance on SUBstage around noon. This also went very well and the UASU made a one-time donation of \$1000 to support the local United Way Campain! Wishing them the best as they move towards wrapping up this year's events!

### Dewey's Bash

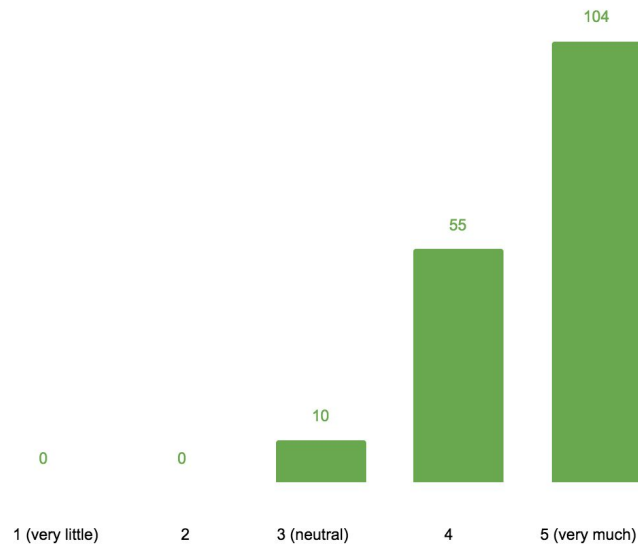
The Dewey's Bash went so well! Huge thanks all who came!

Anecdotally: students **loved** it!

According to the data: students **still loved** it!

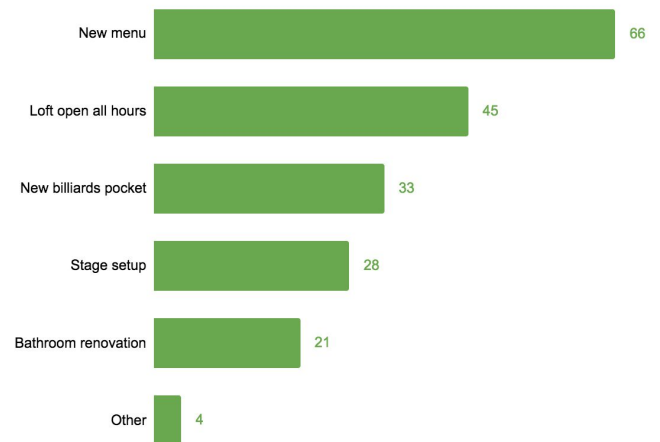
Dewey's Bash Customer Survey: Menu Tasting

"How satisfied are you with the tasting?"



Dewey's Bash Customer Survey: Satisfaction with Changes

"What's your favourite change?"



### Campus Food Bank Trick or trEAT

Had a great time helping out the Campus food bank recently with their annual Trick or trEAT event where volunteers go out to the local community and knock on the door to ask for food donations to help support those with food insecurity.



### SU Open House and Academic All-Canadian Breakfast

SU Open house was so much fun! It was great to meet so many bright prospective students and introduce them to their future UASU!



If you ever want to meet to discuss ideas, concerns, or just talk, you can shoot me an email and I will do my best to find a time to meet!

Cheers,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Luke Statt".

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