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To: Students' Union Council

Re: VPOF 2018/19 Report

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Dear Council,

Hello all! Life is coming hard and coming fast, as per usual. 2019 isn't showing any sign of slowing down. The office has been buzzing with all our different projects on the go, from GovWeek to budget season. Here are some updates!

### Student Spaces Plan

We will be voting on the Student Spaces Levy at this upcoming Council meeting! It's very exciting, but the work is far from over. The Executive Campaign Crew has been working hard on consulting with students and developing a value proposition that aligns with the mandate of the UASU and the context in which it thrives, particularly in regards to the deferred maintenance issues we heard about last meeting. We will be running a deferred maintenance awareness campaign at the end of January to get students thinking about the issue, how it affects them and how they can help. I will give you some fun specifics in my oral report. Also, I know that Council has been very supportive of this throughout the process, for which I am very thankful, but I will be requesting help during the campaign too! The more manpower we have the more successful it will be overall. Hell ya for strength in numbers.

### Vegan options at RATT

Although my platform point of getting more veg options at the bars was accomplished in early fall, there is always room for improvement. They are working with the new catering kitchen to get more, fresher options too. I am happy to announce that they will now be serving curry, and let me tell you, it is GOOD. Also, it's on special right now for \$8, so go try it and let me know what you think.

### Some other things

In attempts to keep this report short, here's a TL;DR of some other things that are on my plate right now:

- Budget season
  - That's right! Time to set the financial future of the UASU. I am currently working on creating budget principles that will guide the overall budget. We will be going over them in Finance Committee before they are ultimately approved at Council.
- SERC
  - SERC is working on doing an audit of the SWAG that the UASU and student groups give out to see if it is the most effective and sustainable way to engage with students.
- SU Catalogue
  - I am working with marketing to get this out to student groups. Essentially it will be a resources that we can use every time a student group asks "what can the UASU offer to help host events?" It's a catalog of all the resources, venues, deals and perks we can offer with associated pricing.
- French Bar posters
  - Mes amis de CSJ, des affiches pour vous inviter a nos soirée de karaoké et trivia seront prête bientôt!
- Flair Air partnership
  - We now have a dope partnership with Flair Air in which they are giving away free flights to the winners of RATT's trivia nights! Our social media people have done a great job advertising this too, as we had 13 teams show up last Tuesday!

### Closing words

As always, shoot me an email if you'd like to set up a meeting. I will be in touch lots over the next little while as this whole student spaces plan rolls out for support. Also, GOVWEEK. Come. Tell your friends. Be ambassadors and leaders :)

Kind regards,

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