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**To:** Students' Union Council

**Re:** Vice President Operations & Finance 2021/22 Report #1

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Dear Council,

I cannot believe this is our first official Students' Council meeting! Whoop Whoop. I hope you've all had a wonderful two weeks and congratulations on getting through exam season. I also hope you've taken some time to relax and enjoy the sunny weather we've been having. This is by far my favourite time of the year. The sun's out, birds are chirping, and I can finally start gardening again! If anyone is a fellow gardener or lover of plants, please send me any tips and tricks you may have.

The last couple of weeks were all about transition and getting used to the role of VP Operations and Finance. Along with the rest of the exec team, I spent all last week at retreat and learned a whole lot about all things related to the Students' Union as well as our respective exec roles. Before retreat, I spent a lot of time shadowing the VP Ops-Fi at their meetings. I've also had the chance to meet with a few managers and staff that I'll be closely working with this year. This has helped me hit the ground running, and I'm very excited to officially get started this week.

Although I've only been in this role for two days, I've spent some time prioritizing my goals for the year and developing specific action plans for each goal. Throughout my term, I plan to explore ways in which we can maximize our businesses and operations while prioritizing EDI, sustainability, and building relationships with staff, student leaders, and all of you. VP Dixon and I have started to plan the next steps for the Period Poverty initiative, specifically exploring different funding opportunities and securing some sustainable products. I've also been finishing up the last few details in regards to the SCF Green Fund project allocations, which has been super exciting. I will keep you all updated throughout the year about the status of my projects.

Well, that's all from me! Once again, I'm very happy to be here. I'm looking forward to getting to know all of you and I know that we have a great year ahead. Feel free to reach out anytime if you have any questions or if you just want to talk. I'm always down to grab a coffee and chat!

All the best,



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