

Date: 21/09/2021

To: Students' Union Council

Re: Vice President Operations & Finance 2021/22 Report #11

Dear Council,

I'm happy to be seeing you again. I hope you've all had a great start to your semester and have been keeping safe and healthy. Is anyone taking any cool or interesting classes? Or, let me rephrase that. What is the best course you've taken so far? Mine has to be Sociology 224: Sociology of Deviance and Conformity. The course focused on how "deviant behaviour" is defined and the factors that influence us to conform or break societal norms. The first five people to message me will get a prize!!

Quick plant update, I got three new plants to add to my collection. Two Peacock plants (Calathea Makoyana) and another Ficus.

U-Pass Update

Arc distribution started Monday, September 13th, 2020, and will continue till October 1st, 2021. As of Friday, we have distributed over 20,000 Arc cards. Communications have been going out to students through our social media, newsletter, UASU website, and the University U-pass website. We also have ads up on SUTV and the LRT signage and posters around SUB. Once you get your Arc card, you can activate it by going to ualberta.ca/upass. The turnaround time for the Arc card to become active is around one day but could take up to a few days. Arc distribution will end on October 1st. After October 1st, Arc cards will be the only form of valid transit fare and just need to be activated once. We are focused on ensuring a smooth transition over to Arc cards.

Here are the dates, times, and locations for Arc card pick-up, as of now. Note that these times and locations are subject to change:

September 13-24: Cascade Room - Lower level SUB, 9:30 am - 5:30 pm

September 13 - October 1: CAB InfoLink desk, 9:30 am - 5:30 pm

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Starting September 13th: Campus Saint-Jean, La Réception (Pavillon McMahon), 8:30 am - 4:40 pm

Sustainability and Capital Fund

SCF Green Fund

The Sustainability and Capital Fund committee (SCFC) has been working hard to finish up the 2021-22 SCF Green Fund application this year. The application is nearly complete and will go out to students in the next few weeks. On top of finishing up the application, SCFC has begun to determine how adjudications will work this year and the requirements needed to receive funding. We are building from what we learned last year and incorporating some new ideas to ensure that we are evolving and improving.

SUB Planning Committee

Applications for the SUB Planning Committee closed on Monday; thanks to everyone who applied. We are now in the process of shortlisting candidates and conducting interviews.

Finance Committee

Finance Committee first started out working on the terms of reference for the Fee Governance Review committee and getting them approved. Now, we are in the process of reviewing the mandates of our current DFUs. What are mandates? Why are mandates important? Mandates are a way to keep the organization or DFU in question accountable. It's easy to see why this is important if we imagine what would happen if a DFU decided to spend its money on something completely unrelated to its mandate. Who will ensure that DFUs are fulfilling what they promised and not acting unreasonably? That's where mandates come into play. It's about accountability and transparency. I'm happy to report that our review has been going well and is almost completed.

Student Equity Survey Working Group

As I've previously mentioned, a student equity survey was in the process of being developed to gather demographic data for all university students on equity-related characteristics to support and report on the university's goals, objectives, and strategies related to building a diverse and inclusive community. After integrating the feedback received from students, the survey is now completed and will be distributed in the next few months. A distribution plan is yet to be finalized.

If you have any questions about anything in this report, please do not hesitate to reach out. As always, I'm always down to grab a coffee and chat.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'EK', enclosed within a light blue rectangular border.

Emily