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To: Students' Union Council

Re: Vice President Operations & Finance 2020/21 Report #18

Dear Council,

It's great to see everyone again! I cannot believe that we only have three months left before the end of this year. I am looking forward to all the work that is going to get done before April 30th. A number of my projects are hurling towards completion, so I will update you on those as more details become solidified. I will happily take any questions. For now, enjoy a short services and business update.

Services Update

Alberta Student Leadership Summit

The Alberta Student Leadership Summit is a five-day event hosted through our LEAD Centre. This year has an especially incredible lineup of speakers on a host of interesting topics on sustainability, community organizing, leadership fundamentals, and governance. Students can access the summit for free if they cannot afford the optional donation ticket price. If you haven't already, check out uas.u.ca/asls, and sign up for one of the talks. I am so excited by this opportunity for learning and engagement!

Business Update

Temporary Closure of Dewey's

We have made the difficult decision to close Dewey's for the Winter semester. Dewey's has always served as a central social gathering place on North campus, so naturally this wasn't an easy decision to make. But it was straightforward in the sense that student safety is always our number one priority. Our staff have been doing a fantastic job at keeping our spaces clean and sanitary, and for that I would really like to thank them.

The primary problem is that we don't have the ability to ensure that guests at Dewey's are in the same household or bubble. Since public health orders are clear that indoor social gatherings between multiple households aren't safe, we just want to do our part in keeping students safe.

Opening and closing a restaurant takes a fair bit of effort and resources, and we cannot foresee what COVID case numbers and restrictions will look like in the upcoming months. The plan is to keep Dewey's closed for the Winter semester, but we are always open to student feedback on our decisions. Essentially, serving students while prioritizing their safety is our goal.

As always, if you have any questions about the contents of this report, or simply want to talk, please feel free to reach out! Stay safe and healthy.

All the best,

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