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To: Students' Union Council

Re: Vice President Operations & Finance 2020/21 Report #20

Dear Council,

Happy to be seeing you again after a month. I hope you all had a positive election season. Elections are incredibly challenging, and a test of stamina for anyone running or on a team. Congratulations to everyone involved, regardless of how you view the outcome!

Due to my heavy involvement with the U-Pass campaign, this will be a brief report.

Free Menstrual Products Update

VP Kidd and I are so proud to announce that the first free menstrual products dispenser was put up on Wednesday! It's a significant milestone in our journey as a Students' Union to end period poverty at our institution, started by last year's President Akanksha Bhatnagar. A few interesting things to note:

- This is actually a shoe cover and hairnet dispenser, which cost about 20% of the price that a menstrual products dispenser does
- The dispenser holds about three times as much product as a traditional menstrual products dispenser
- The dispenser and all products it's filled with (and extras) were paid for by sponsorships and donations collected by Akanksha, myself, and VP Kidd

Like I said, this was a remarkably brief report, written in the heat of elections so as to not appear on the late additions. Lots of other work has been going on with the budget creation process, DFU's, the U-Pass contract and SmartFare implementation, and so much more. Please ask if there is anything in particular you would like to know, and I will happily elaborate.

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

All the best,

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