

**Date:** 25/01/2022

**To:** Students' Union Council

**Re:** Vice President Operations & Finance 2021/22 Report #20

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Dear Council,

I hope you've all been keeping well, healthy, and settling into your classes. I know that shifting back to online learning hasn't been the easiest transition so please know that I'm here if you need any support. What are your classes/semesters looking like? This semester I'm taking a cell biology course that looks at human cells and their specialized functions.

As I mentioned last Council, it's currently budget season, which means I've spent the last couple of weeks working on budget principles. I've come up with the initial draft and sent them to Finance committee for review and feedback. Once we've incorporated feedback from Finance committee, they'll come to Council for approval.

Here's the general timeline for things. With some possible changes depending on the speed with which certain phases pass through Students' Council, Executive Committee, and Finance Committee, this is the timeline that we will follow for the budget process. This timeline is based on Standing Orders and Bylaw, so we'll try to stick to it as closely as possible.

**January 15th:** Deadline for submission of budget principles to Finance

**February 15th:** Deadline for Finance's submission of budget principles to Council

**March 15th:** Deadline for Council's approval of budget principles

**March 31st:** Deadline for Exec to submit final O&C budget (reflecting principles) to Finance

**May 1st:** Deadline for Council's approval of operating budget

### **Black History Month**

With February just a few weeks away, we're wrapping up our projects planned for Black History Month and putting on the final touches. I've been having frequent updates and meetings with our Marketing department, and things are looking good! Fundraising for the Violet King award has been going well, and it looks like we'll make it to our goal. I'm very much looking forward to February!

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## **Bulk Foods**

We initially planned on launching the bulk foods section in SUBmart during the second week of January, but then classes were moved online. So we've decided to move the launch date to the last two weeks of February and do a soft launch of the program. Once students are back on campus in late February/early March, we'll ramp up our marketing and communications to engage with students as much as possible.

## **Period Equity**

### **Campus St. Jean**

I'm very excited to say that a dispenser will be going up at Campus Saint-Jean!!! VP Dixon and I are stoked about this. Working together with AUFSJ, we've secured a location on their campus and are now in the process of ordering products for their dispenser. We're hoping that everything will be finalized within the next few weeks, but we'll continue to keep you updated.

Feel free to reach out anytime if you have any questions about this report or if you just want to talk. I'm always down to grab a coffee and chat!

All the best,



Emily