

OFFICE OF THE Vice President Operations & Finance

Date: 06/15/2021To: Students' Union CouncilRe: Vice President Operations & Finance 2021/22 Report #4

Hi everyone! How are you all doing? I hope you have a great two weeks, even with all the rain we have had. I have made it my goal to get at least twenty-five new plants by the end of this summer. Some might say that twenty-five plants are too many. But, I say, is there such a thing as too many plants? We can agree to disagree.

We have now officially been in our roles for a month and a few days. Time is moving fast. VP Dixon and I have begun planning for Aboriginal Awareness Week. We are in the process of project management and drafting what the week could potentially look like. This project is extremely important; we will update you throughout the summer.

UASU Website Update

Our UASU website is currently being updated. We are focusing on the accessibility of information and a much more user-friendly experience. As of now, we are in the process of user testing the potential website. I had a chance to test it out last week, and it is looking great; I am excited for it to launch!

Period Equity

VP Dixon and I have been working very hard to complete our one-year plan regarding free menstrual products on campus. I am excited to say that it is nearly finished. We intend this to be an external-facing document.

Ruth Menstrual Products

VP Dixon and I have had a meeting with Ruth, a company that creates eco-friendly, biodegradable menstrual pads. As VP Dixon and I have mentioned, we want to approach the Period Poverty initiative with a lens of environmental sustainability. We are now in the process of negotiations with Ruth about a potential partnership. No decisions have been made yet, but we will give you an update once a decision has been reached.

Noteworthy Meetings

President Bill Flanagan

The entire Executive team met with President Bill Flanagan this week. This was an introductory meeting where we introduced ourselves, shared our goals and priorities, and discussed how we can best represent students this year.

Graduate Students' Association

We met with the Graduate Students' Association last week for an introductory meeting. We had the opportunity to meet our counterparts, share our goals, and discuss how we can support each other throughout the year.

Augustana Students' Association

President Ley, VP Monteiro, and I met with the president of the Augustana Students Association and a few of their executive members. We had a great discussion about Augustana campus, their initiatives and goals for the year, and how we can collaborate throughout the year.

Students' Association of MacEwan University (SAMU)

Along with our CRO, I met with the VP Operations and Finance and CRO of the Students' Association of MacEwan University. Their election processes are up for review this year. We met to discuss our own processes and answer the questions they had.

If you have any questions about this report or want to chat, please feel free to reach out!

All the best,

- GK

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