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To: Students' Union Council

Re: Vice President Operations & Finance 2021/22 Report #5

Dear Council,

Hello Hello! Can you believe that we are in the last week of June?? Summer is flying by quickly - maybe a bit too quickly. I hope you are all thriving and spending as much time outside as possible. In my last report, I mentioned that I have made it my mission to get twenty-five plants by the end of the summer. It is my summer project. I am happy to report that I have gotten one, only twenty-four more to go. It is a Kalanchoe, and from what I have read, it is a pretty low-maintenance plant. Here it is! I love it.



As you might know already, the UASU has partnered with Elev! Elev is an app created by U of A students that will help find student-friendly housing options, which is a problem that many students have faced. The app launched Friday last week.

Fee Governance Review Committee

For the past few weeks, I have been working on the creation of the Fee Governance Review Committee. We have a responsibility, as an organization, to be transparent and responsible with student fees. Unfortunately, our current fee structure in Bylaw is inconsistent and

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difficult to understand. Lack of clarity and common understanding can lead to miscommunication between affected parties. The creation of the Fee Governance Review Committee will help us address the complexities and inconsistencies in our bylaws to ensure effective, efficient, and transparent oversight for student fees. The Terms of Reference have been brought to Finance committee, and you will see them today. I highly encourage you to think about if you want to sit on this committee. I believe that it will be engaging and rewarding! Please reach out if you have any questions.

Period Equity

Ruth Menstrual Products

As VP Dixon and I mentioned at the last council meeting, we have been in discussion with Ruth about a potential partnership. Ruth is a company founded by University of Alberta students that creates biodegradable, eco-friendly pads. After a few weeks of negotiations, I am very excited to report that we will be working alongside Ruth. We hope to have the eco-friendly menstrual products ready and available by August, just in time as students return to campus.

Equity, Diversity, Inclusivity, and Indegenitiy

Aboriginal Awareness Week

VP Dixon and I have continued to work on the implementation of Aboriginal Awareness Week. We plan on holding the event in January. We will have an Advisory Committee, which will work to plan out the events that will take place during the week. Along with VP Dixon and I, a member from the Aboriginal Students' Council, First Peoples House, the FNMI specialist, and an FNMI student at large will sit on this committee. Applications for the Aboriginal Awareness Week Advisory Group will be posted within the week. The Advisory Committee will also direct the work of the Staff Coordination Committee, which will oversee the logistical side of things. Both committees will be meeting regularly from now until January to ensure that this week is a success.

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity Task Force (EDIT)

Applications to the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity Task Force closed last week. We had over thirty applications from a diverse group of students.

Art Committee

VP Dixon and I have been working on putting together an Art Committee. This committee is responsible for creating an artwork collection for display throughout the Students' Union Building and overseeing the display of the artwork. In addition, this committee may also

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oversee and manage a SUB Art show. We are looking for two students at large to sit on this committee. Applications will be posted within the week. If you are interested, I highly encourage you to apply and spread the word.

Noteworthy Meetings

International Students' Association (ISA)

VP Monteiro and I met with the VP Finance and VP Internals of the ISA last week. We discussed our respective projects and goals.

Association des Universitaires de la Faculté Saint-Jean (AUFSJ)

I had my monthly meeting with the AUFSJ VP Operations and Finance. We discussed our various projects and their advocacy.

Materials Engineering Students' Society

VP Dixon and I met with the co-presidents of the Materials Engineering Students' Society this week. We discussed a few projects they are working on to expand EDI within their faculty- they are doing some great work.

Chancellor Peggy Garritty

The entire executive met with Chancellor Peggy Garritty this week.

The chancellor chairs the University of Alberta Senate and services as a member of the Board of Governors.

If you have any questions about this report or want to chat, please feel free to reach out! I am always up to grab a coffee.

All the best,



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