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To: Students' Union Council

Re: Vice President Operations and Finance 2022/23 Report #4

Dear Council,

I hope you all had a good last two weeks, mine has been very busy!

Health and Dental Plan Orientation

Joannie and I received an orientation from StudentCare last week. We got to learn a lot about the organization that we work with for the Health and Dental Plan that we provide for students. They offer a plethora of different services that we're looking at getting to know more about, such as virtual health care and a Stepped Care model for mental health supports. It was incredibly interesting and we can't wait to see what the future of our plan holds!

Week of Welcome

We also both got a chance to learn a lot more about what WOW is looking like this year and the plans in place for New Student Orientation. We can't go too into detail at this moment as things are still in the midst of being confirmed, but expect the start of the Fall Semester to be jam packed with activities and events to welcome students back to our campus!

Union Negotiations

For the past nine weeks, I along with a couple of our core managers have been in the midst of negotiating our collective agreement with our unionized employees. I am happy to say we had just wrapped up our meetings, and the agreement will be brought onto the agenda this week for approval from Council, so I will be giving you more information then!

Counterparts

GSA

Earlier this week, the Executive team got the chance to meet with our counterparts from GSA. We shared our goals, and specifically within my portfolio, they seem to be on the same page regarding mental health. We plan to look into the services currently available to all students on campus, and expand them to reach the greater student body. I look forward to continuing to work with the GSA this year!

Vice-Provost's Council and Dean of Students

In addition to GSA, we also got a chance to present and discuss our goals for the year to the Vice-Provost's Council and Dean of Students. They brought forward a lot of really good recommendations and feedback for us, and I cannot wait to collaborate with them in the future to accomplish our goals!

U-Pass Meetings

I've had a couple of meetings over the past two weeks regarding the U-Pass. We're currently in the middle of planning for the busy Fall semester with the Arc Card system to ensure we can get them out to students effectively. Once again, if you are experiencing any problems with the ARC Card or hear any issues that arise from students, please let us know!

Business Group

We had our Business Group meeting for the month yesterday! If you didn't know, business group is the place in which all of the managers and relevant stakeholders of the SU's business come together to give updates on each of their respective businesses. After Friday the 24th, Dewey's will officially be closed for the summer!

Other than that I've also been watching a bunch of TV shows in my free time. I'm currently in the middle of watching Modern Family, so if you have any recommendations shoot them my way! If you also have any questions or just want to grab some coffee, please don't hesitate to reach out!

Best,



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