

Date: 07/21/2022

To: Students' Union Council

Re: Vice President Operations and Finance 2022/23 Report #6

Dear Council,

I hope you all had a good two weeks!

UASU Cares

I've been having a couple of more meetings with internal staff regarding the updates to UASU Cares. My goal is to expand the directory and target it towards BIPOC and International students. So far I've received nothing but positive responses from other stakeholders on this project, I'm just working on the steps to ensure we'll be able to accomplish our goal!

SUB Planning Committee

We just finished wrapping up all of the interviews for the SUB Planning Committee! We've finalized all of the members who will be sitting on the committee, and we'll be having our first meeting soon. I can't wait for this committee to finally get started!

SUBStage Renos

The SUBStage revamp is officially underway! If you haven't stopped by SUB lately, here's a photo of what it looks like today. The walls are currently being painted, and the SUB living room is already looking brighter! If you remember the whole plan from a couple of Council meetings ago, we're also getting rid of a lot of furniture and replacing them with new ones. We're also getting a water fixture, and I can't wait to see what everything will look like all together!



StudentCare: Mental Health Services + Request for Quotes

We've been meeting with StudentCare for the past little while to talk about our Health and Dental Plan! As I mentioned in my last report, for the next couple of weeks, Marc, Joannie and I will be getting a couple of presentations about the various additional programs StudentCare offers as potential add-ons to our current Health and Dental Plan. This week we received our second one that focused on their Mental Health Services add-ons. Our health and dental plan currently has the EmpowerMe add-on that focuses on short term, solutions based issues.

We've also had another meeting with StudentCare to change providers. We're now going to be under Green Shield Canada who is Canada's only national not-for-profit health and dental benefits carrier. With this change we're going to be saving students \$1.2M this year!! This is incredibly exciting and going to be amazing for students!

Period Equity

Last week, Joannie and I had met with some of the relevant stakeholders for our future plans for the Period Equity Initiative. As all of you may have seen from Marc's presentation, we are looking at taking a two-pronged approach to the initiative with the hopes of tackling the issue of period poverty head on to directly support low-income students while also addressing the need for emergency menstrual products by washrooms. We're still in the process of figuring out the best method to go about this strategy, so expect more updates in the future!

Meeting with CAC Chair

On Monday, I met with Adrian, our CAC chair, to talk further about the goals that the Finance Committee has this year and what our year is going to look like. We discussed potential changes to our standing orders and mandate if needed, and overall it was a productive meeting. I have high hopes that the Finance Committee will accomplish a lot this year!

Counterparts

KSRSS VPF

I met with Olivia, the Vice President of the Kinesiology, Sports, and Recreation Student Society. We discussed our goals for the year and what we'd like to see from the Council of Faculty Associations Finance and Administration Working Group. She is looking to hopefully run a FAMF campaign this year. The first person who can tell me what FAMF stands for by the start of Council on Tuesday wins a prize!

FAUnA VPF

I also got a chance to meet with Chido once more, the Vice President of Faculty of ALES Undergraduate Association, she had a couple of questions regarding the last Council of Faculty Associations Finance and Administration Working Group and the audit process!

Other than that I was finally able to watch Everything, Everywhere, All At Once. It was a very interesting movie, not at all what I expected, but entertaining nonetheless! I also went to Calgary last weekend for the day and had dinner with my parents to celebrate their anniversary. We ate Korean BBQ, I definitely recommend trying it if you haven't already! 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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