

Date: 09/15/2022

To: Students' Union Council

Re: Vice President Operations and Finance 2022/23 Report #10

Dear Council,

Hope you had a good two weeks and are settling into your classes! Here's what I've been up to in the last two weeks:

Break The Record

Joannie and the rest of the Execs have been hard at work for BTR. We're trying to get as many students out as possible on September 23rd. We have a little over a week to get 6500 students to show up at the world's largest dodgeball game, and we need your help to do it! If you haven't already, please RSVP on BreakTheRecord.ca and if you're willing to help and volunteer for BTR message me or Joannie! The first person to show me that they RSVP'd will get a prize!

National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

The Residential School Memorial Planning Committee has been regularly meeting and finalizing the ceremony portion of our event. Though in addition to the memorial, we will be selling official Orange Shirts at SUBMart. They are directly purchased from an Indigenous-owned business and all the proceeds of the shirts are going to Orange Shirt Society. We also wanted to provide folks with another option of still donating, but maybe on a sampler scale. We will also be donating all the proceeds from any orange slushies at SUBMart to The Indian Residential School Survivors Society.

Counterparts

VPF of AUFSJ

I met with Jaochim, the VPF of AUFSJ, to catch up on the CoFA meetings he missed. He took a break over the summer, but they'll be running a FAMF campaign this year, so that's on the forefront of their minds at the moment. It's going to take up a lot of his time as VPF in the coming months!

Registrar's Office

The Execs met with the Registrar's Office for the first time in a while, and this time with Norma Rodenburg now being the Acting Registrar! The whole office has been rearranged, so we had some introductions and once again went over our roles. We talked a little about our Exec goals for the year and also followed up on some of our advocacy points and different projects that we plan to accomplish!

DIE Board Tribune Selection Committee

The selection committee met last weekend after having interviewed a couple new candidates to sit on the board. As of Saturday, we chose two new candidates to become DIE Board tribunes! I will be bringing the motion on the consent agenda for Tuesday's meeting.

University Commons Project Steering Committee

This committee partly oversees the University Commons Project. I got the chance to get a tour of the inside of the building back in May, but we went over timelines and future designs for the building at yesterday's meeting. I'm also in the middle of planning a tour for Council and the rest of the Executive

to come see the inside and give the student perspective on what we'd like to see in the University Commons.

EDI Steering Committee

This committee, as I mentioned in previous reports, is focused on improving the internal EDI practices of the SU. We are currently in the process of creating a toolkit and gathering different resources that can assist us in improving our accessibility and inclusivity within our own events and programming.

Finance Committee Meeting

Finance had a three hour long meeting last week! It was our first in-person meeting as a committee and we went over a lot of the improvements that we are planning to make within fee governance. We have a lot of work cut out for us, but I'd just like to thank everyone who came and contributed to the discussion! It was an extremely fruitful conversation and I'm excited to see where we go as a committee in the future.

Other than that, I'm taking NS 110: Historical Perspectives in Indigenous Studies this semester and I'm super excited for it! If you have any questions about this report or just want to grab some coffee, please don't hesitate to reach out!

Best,



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Verbal Report

Highlight some things in my report but also new things

WOW, NSO, TAWOW

- New Student Orientation Tour, help out with Pancake Breakfast, emcee the President's Address, visit all our different student groups at Clubs Fair and meet a bunch of other students
- First in person TAWOW in a couple of years! We tabled with Danni, our new FNMI specialist, and got a chance to welcome and meet many first year Indigenous students!

Health and Dental Plan

- I understand this is very disheartening and frustrating for students Blackout period until Sept 12, students will not be able to make claims but they still have coverage. File a claim afterwards

ISA Office

- Able to move in as of Aug 30th!

Dewey's Menu

- New Dewey's menu is now live! UASU fries

The Daily Grind

- Open tomorrow!

Finance Committee

- Haven't met yet, but hopefully we will have a long meeting

Discussion Period

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