

**Date:** 10/13/2022

**To:** Students' Union Council

**Re:** Vice President Operations and Finance 2022/23 Report #12

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Dear Council,

Hope you had a good thanksgiving! I was away from Wednesday to Monday this week, but here is what I've been up to:

### UComm Project Steering Committee

This committee consists of various stakeholders all around campus, whose sole purpose is to steer the direction of the University Commons Building. We talked about the feedback session and tour that Students' Council got to go on, and although we only had 15 people on the tour, they were still very impressed with our questions and feedback for them regarding the building. Thank you all who came and contributed to the tour! Here is a picture of Council on the tour!



### Period Equity

Joannie and I have been meeting with Jay, the head of our IT department, to figure out the logistics of our two-pronged period equity strategy. It's becoming a larger and longer process than we thought, but we're close to nearing the end of the logistics aspect. We're still collaborating on this with the Registrar's Office, and finalizing our procedures. We hope to alter the approach of this initiative going forward and hopefully improve the sustainability of the program!

### Student Legal Services

One of the Finance committee's largest responsibilities is to conduct annual reports of our Dedicated Fee Units. I had a meeting with Marko, the Executive Coordinator of Student Legal Services, to go over some of the details of the annual reports and to answer any of the questions he had. The first person to send me the name of a DFU other than SLS will win a prize!

### 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 survey to gather information and perspectives from all around the organization. We're also compiling a lot of different resources that can assist us in guiding the improvement of our accessibility and inclusivity within our own events and programming.

### SCFC

The Sustainability and Capital Fund Committee met for the first time yesterday, and I got elected chair! We have a lot of catching up to do in regards to our work of adjudicating Green Fund applications, but I have a lot of plans for this committee and I'm excited for the work we're about to do!

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## ARRC

The Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Committee met to discuss our strategic plan for the year and what we hope to get accomplished! I will be working on the following ARRC recommendations: The SU shall ensure adequate funding for elders and Oskapewsak (Elder Helper), the SU shall name a portion of rooms in SUB to acknowledge the ancestral space on which it sits, and the SU shall increase the prevalence of Indigenous art within its collection and create a mural in SUB.

## Finance Meeting

Thank you to everyone who came to our lengthy Finance Committee meeting on Tuesday! We talked about Type C and D fees in depth, specifically surrounding definitions of each fee, proposal requirements for the creation and renewal process, and termination guidelines. Finance is making such great progress on our Fee Governance Review this year and I'm proud of the work we've already done thus far!

## BPSA and Ravina

I had a chance to meet with Ray, the President of the Black Pharmacy Students Association, Ravina Sanghera, the Assistant Dean of Students, alongside VP Fogue and VP Fotang, to talk about their initiative of trying to destigmatize mental health and increase accessibility to a culturally competent therapists. This is a great initiative that is being started by BPSA and highlights the importance of having access to those services.

Other than that, I was able to have a restful weekend after an incredibly busy September! 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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