

Date: 11/24/2022

To: Students' Union Council

Re: Vice President Operations and Finance 2022/23 Report #15

Dear Council,

I've been sick for the majority of the past two weeks, so my report will be shorter this week, but here is what my week looked like:

MNIF Joint Advisory Committee

Joannie, Abner, and I attended a Mandatory Non-Instructional Fee (MNIF) Joint Oversight Committee last week. This meeting was scheduled for longer than usual to keep us on schedule with the committee work plan, as the three of us had a lot of questions regarding the MNIFs that we wanted clarified. We also went over principles of the relationship that the University and the UASU has in terms of this committee, and the role that we play with MNIFs.

ARRC

I've mentioned in previous reports that one project I've been working on is the ARRC recommendation to change a portion of the room names in SUB into Cree! I've still been meeting with Chantel, the Chair of ARRC and VP Internal/External of the Indigenous Students' Union, to get this recommendation accomplished. Though I'm also working on another ARRC recommendation: The SU shall increase the prevalence of Indigenous art within its collection and create a mural in SUB. We're in the process of determining what that will look like in collaboration with the Indigenous Students' Union and the Otapasinahikew Art Club!

TBAC

Abner and I both sit on the Tuition Budget Advisory Committee (TBAC), and we had our second meeting last week. We both received more information regarding a lot of our questions from the last meeting, which has been shared with the ISA Council and will be shared with Students' Council as well! Melissa Padfield, the Deputy Provost of Students & Enrolment, will also be coming to our next Council meeting to present on tuition, so please have some questions ready for Tuesday! She will also have already finished presenting to the International Students' Association Council by the time this report is released!

Chancellor

Abner and Christian were away this week, but Joannie, Gurleen, and I met with Peggy Garrity, the Chancellor, on Monday! We talked about the progress on some of our projects, mine specifically the renovations planned within the Students' Union Building. We also discussed the Sexual Violence Policy finally being passed at the Board of Governors, which major props to VP Fogue for all of her work on the policy! Peggy also played such a large part in getting this passed, so we thank her for all of her support!

Sustainability Committee

Sustainability committee met last week to go over and assign the recommendations to respective committee members to finalize. I'm excited to be primarily focused on the Economic Sustainability Section, and a couple of Social and Environmental Sustainability recommendations!

Honorary Degree Recipient Reception

Joannie and I got the chance to attend an Hors d'Oeuvres Reception to celebrate the granting of Honorary Degrees to Elmer Ghostkeeper and Jalal Bsrzanji!

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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