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To: Students' Union Council

Re: Vice President Operations and Finance 2022/23 Report #19

Dear Council,

I hope you all had a good two weeks, this is what I've been up to:

Indigenous Celebration Week

I'd first like to congratulate Danni, our FNMI Specialist, VP Fogue, and the rest of our services staff for organizing and putting together all of Indigenous Celebration Week last week! I was able to attend some of the sessions and events they organized, and it was absolutely amazing! I heard nothing but great things from students and other University community members regarding this project, and I want to commend them and all of their success!

Legacy Fund Committee Allocations Meeting

The Legacy Fund Committee met for the first time on Wednesday to go over the proposed disbursements for the Legacy Fund applications. Joannie, Abner, Simran, and I were able to get a further glimpse into the initiatives and work that our Golden Bears and Pandas sports teams are doing! I look forward to seeing them come to fruition.

Art Committee

The Art Committee met for the first time this semester last week. We had discussions as to the future plans of choosing student art to be put in SUB by April. We're continuously working with a Fine Arts Professor to make this project happen. We also discussed putting up more Indigenous student art in SUB as well, and we plan to integrate this into the SUB Renaming Committee's process and get art put up in the SUB rooms we plan to rename into Cree.

SCFC

The Sustainability and Capital Fund Committee met last week to go over the applications we've received for the Green Fund thus far. We're making our way through the adjudication process, and have followed up with some of our applicants with further questions the committee had regarding their applications. I'm aiming to finish these adjudications within the next two meetings of SCFC and be able to support student-led sustainability projects on campus.

EDI Steering Committee

The Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Steering Committee is our internal focused committee dedicated to enhancing and expanding the EDI practices of our organization. It is made up of many different staff members from different departments. I will be taking over the chair role of this committee, and have been meeting individually with each staff member sitting on the steering committee to get a better sense of the next steps and goals we can take regarding EDI within the organization.

Health and Dental Plan Committee

Joannie and I have finalized our student-st-larges who will be sitting on the Health and Dental Plan Committee. We're just waiting on their confirmation of interest to still be on the committee, and then we can be good to go in starting the work of looking over the Health and Dental plan. We are also

looking for 2 councillors to sit on this committee, so if you're interested in the Health and Dental Plan and want to see some changes for next year, let us know!

Finance Committee

Finance Committee has been meeting every week still, and continuously been receiving reports from our core managers, the heads of all of our departments. We had a presentation from our Marketing and Communications department last week, and tomorrow we'll be receiving one from our Research and Advocacy department. We've passed a set of budget principles that will be on the order papers for Council discussion on Tuesday, and I look forward to hearing your feedback!

Sustainability Committee

Sustainability Committee met earlier this week to go over our plans for consultation of the sustainability recommendations. We plan to set up a one month long consultation period and meet with various stakeholders within the University community regarding our recommendations. We hope to take their constructive feedback and implement changes for the following couple of months.

SUB Planning Committee

SUB Planning Committee was able to meet for the first time officially having reached quorum! Unfortunately three of our members didn't attend our last three meetings, so we will be recruiting for more students to sit on the committee. This committee does a lot of important work and ultimately determines the future of SUB, so if you're interested in being a part of this committee, please nominate yourself!

RATT/Dewey's Tour

Joannie, Gurleen, and I were able to receive a tour of the back of house of both Room At The Top and Dewey's! As someone who used to be a server, I've always wondered what their kitchens looked like. They have a really good space that serves a lot of students everyday. If you get the chance to go to Dewey's sometime, I recommend the Quad Burger with SU fries, or their chicken and waffles!

Students' Union Building

To ensure the safety of the building, whilst also ensuring 24 hour access to SUB, starting tomorrow evening (Friday February 3rd), access to SUB will be via ONECard only between 10pm and 6:30am.

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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