

Date: 03/30/2023

To: Students' Union Council

Re: Vice President Operations and Finance 2022/23 Report #21

Dear Council,

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

Budget Creation

I've been continuously meeting with all of our core managers to make last minute changes to the final operating budget for next year. We're almost done and in our final stages, the only thing that we have left to do is make changes to the actual budget format itself. One thing I really wanted to do this year is to make the budget more transparent while keeping it digestible for all students to read and go over. Doing this also means that it's taking longer than it usually does to create and send to the Students' Council. Hopefully we can come to Council with a more robust budget this year with a plethora of improvements.

EDI Steering Committee

Our Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Steering Committee met this week and I gave a presentation on where we're currently at in the organization concerning our internal EDI practices. We had a lot of good discussions on things that all of our individual departments do to promote EDI in our workplace. We're creating a new work plan for next year to ensure a good transition for the committee, and build off the work we did this year, such as surveyed the entire organization on their opinions on our EDI practices and where possible rooms for improvements are on that front.

Mandatory Non-Instructional Fee Joint Oversight Committee

Joannie, Abner, and I had two MNIF meetings this week to go over a couple of possible changes to the MNIF structure that we're recommending to the future committee. We're also setting further expectations for the future of the committee to increase transparency of the MNIFs students pay and continue ongoing advocacy efforts on other issues as well that will hopefully be continued by the incoming Executives!

Art Committee

Art Committee met earlier this week to discuss the processes that we're about to undergo in regards to picking the art that's going up in SUB. We will be choosing from the final projects of our Fine Arts students' to go up in SUB by the end of the semester! We're also working on getting art commissioned by an Indigenous artist for it to be installed in SUB rooms in tandem with the name changes into Cree!

Transition

What has taken up most of my time in the past two weeks has been our transition period. I've been meeting twice a week with our incoming VPOF-Elect and a current Business Councillor, Levi Flaman, and there has been a lot of information! Both for him to understand and carry-on for his term, but also for me to remember and write everything down in a way that will make sense to the both of us and hopefully future VPOFs!

Other than that, I've just recently got back from my trip to the Philippines, so I'm playing a lot of catch up! It was great being back in my home country and I've attached a photo of the boats my family and I rode to an island! A fun fact about the Philippines is that our country consists of around 7,640 islands, so it's very common to go island hopping on a beach day!

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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