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**To:** Students' Union Council

**Re:** Vice President Operations and Finance 2022/23 Report #1

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Dear Council,

I'm very excited to be writing my first ever report! I hope you have all been getting some rest and enjoying the handful of sunny days we've had so far!

In the last couple of weeks I've been in the midst of transition with shadowing meetings and introducing myself to the managers and staff who I'll be working very closely with this year. We've been back from retreat for a week now, and even with being involved on Council for two years there was still much for me to learn about this organization. I'm still continuing to learn a lot about my role and will continue to be in the next little bit, but I have officially been in the office for one week on Friday!

Although it's been only a week, things are already ramping up for us! I've spent time creating my strategic plans and actions for the year ahead. I want to approach the SU's businesses and services through a sustainability lens with all three pillars in mind: social, economic, and environmental. My goal is to increase accessibility and accountability of the UASU with a focus on governance and support for student groups on campus. I want to further work towards reconciliation with an emphasis on educational programming, and lastly to revitalize the Students' Union Building to make it the "living room of campus" and welcoming to students once again. I will keep you all updated on the status of all of my projects this year!

Other than that I've been focusing on Asian Heritage Month! Two of my fellow Arts councillors last year, Nicole De Grano, Serena Yabut, and I had arranged a student spotlight series for the UASU Instagram page to highlight Asian excellence on campus. I wanted to do the same thing this year and give more opportunities for Asian students to be able to highlight their achievements. So please be on the lookout for those graphics in the coming days of this month!

I also got the chance to go on a tour of the DentPharm building, which was super cool! They talked about possible study spaces for students in the building, gender neutral washrooms, and the multiple accessible entrances. A lot of structural work has been done, but there is still a lot to do in the building. I look forward to seeing the building come together.

Well, that's all from me! I'm very excited to get to know and work with all of you! Feel free to reach out anytime if you have any questions or if you just want to have a chat. We can always grab some coffee together. We're going to have a great year!

Best,



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