

Date: June 13, 2019

To: Students' Union Council

Re: Vice President Operations & Finance Report # 4

Dear Council,

It's a short opening letter this week as I have a full length report, but I'd encourage you to read to the very end, I've '**planted**' a bit of a surprise in my report this week.

The Executive Compensation Package

After the work done by ECRC last year and a month of review by this year's Finance Committee, there were still concerns around a couple of the compensation points last council meeting. As such, I took some time to further flesh out the content for the child-care supports point with some data and comparisons to other organizations. The new draft will be taken to Finance Committee for another review which will hopefully include the input of councilors who showed particular concern last meeting. If it passes again with the new amendments during the meeting, a motion will be added onto the late additions for Students' Council to reaffirm.

Executive retreat: finalized the Executive Goals Document

Last week the executive team got together for a day to finalize the first draft of our 2019/20 executive goals document. We have put a lot of thought into what we have included and look forward to getting Council's feedback on our priorities for the year. Look forward to hearing questions from all of you!

Meetings of Note

ARRC

ARRC met last week and received a great presentation from a staff member of LEAD. The presentation, called a Treaty Acknowledgement Workshop, was to discuss the purpose and meaning behind treaty acknowledgments. I found the presentation to be very interesting and helpful, and am thankful to the chair for setting the workshop up for the members of ARRC to attend.

The First Sustainability Task Force Meeting

The Sustainability Task Force met for the first time last week. We went over our plans for the team during the summer as we try to build a committee that can help guide the Students' Union towards more sustainable practises. Councilor Dixon was chosen as the new chair (Congratulations!) and we set out a future meeting schedule as well as what the mandate and focus of our team will be.

Meeting with the Registrar's Office

The executive team met with the Registrar's office last week to go over our plans for the year and hear about what their priorities were. Through our discussion, we found some common

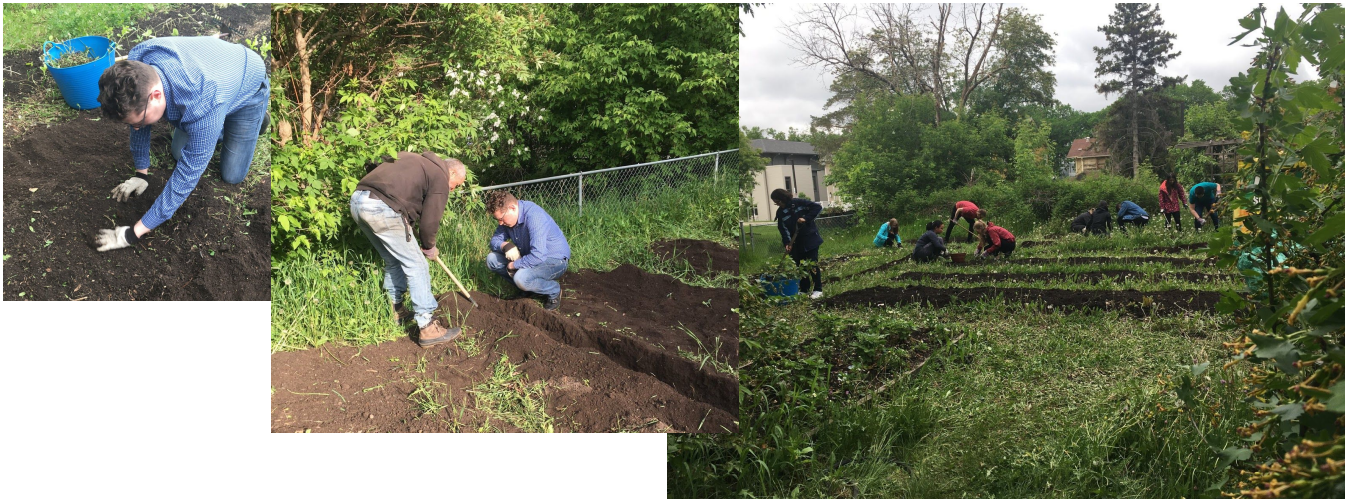
ground to work together on initiatives and I look forward to seeing what we can do over the next 11 months.

Meeting with the Dean of Students Office

Similar to our meeting with Registrar's office, we met with the Dean of Students and his office to discuss focuses for the year. There were a number of interesting intersections between our goals and it'll be interesting to see what comes out of the next meeting.

Campus Gardening Party

So I attended the Planting Party last week and it was AWESOME! I had a great time gardening and planting fruits and vegetables in the community garden here on campus with a bunch of amazing people, and definitely look forward to attending the harvesting party in the Fall! Also, I got to flex my botany knowledge (I actually don't have any) and won a prize with one of the trivia questions! So if anyone wants a free reusable bag, just tell me you read this report and ask me for it! There's only one through, so act fast!



If you ever want to swing by and talk, my office hours this month will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3pm-4pm or by request!

Cheers,



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