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OFFICE OF THE
VICE PRESIDENT (OPERATIONS & FINANCE)

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To: Students' Council
Re: Report to Students' Council

Whhyyyyyy hello there council,

Fancy seeing you here again ;) I've got a little more material than usual to cover in my report, so I'll keep my ramblings to a minimal, even though I know you all love them so much. The mild luxury that is a bit of time to plan for the year during the summer is quickly winding down. I can see the madness that is September on the horizon. It's exciting, but scary at the same time. Kinda like jumping into the next episode of Stranger Things, of which I'm dangerously addicted. Anyways, here we go!

Training Improvements

Acting on one of my campaign promises of increasing staff support at our businesses, I've have multiple meetings with our business management team. I'm excited to announce that, in addition to a revamped, more through training package for employees, are hosting full fledged training sessions for all new staff. I'll be actively participating in these and ensuring that the staff is aware that they are a part of the SU family as a whole. I passionately believe that each server at Dewey's plays as large a part in serving students and any other employee, and they need to know that.

Goodbye to Robyn

I am now officially the only Robyn at the SU! Our executive coordinator, Robyn Fenske, left last week to pursue a career in her field. She secured a teaching position in northern Alberta, and we're all very proud of her, but sad to see her go. On the same note, we all welcome our new executive coordinator, Kristen Stoik. Kristen has a ton of student governance experience from her time at MacEwan, and will kick butt in her role.

Orientation Preparation

We're officially two weeks away from orientation and week of welcome! Wth right?! UASU Events is in full swing to make sure that orientation is as great as always, and that we have tons of events to welcome students of all stages back to campus. We've got Mother Mother performing in Dinwoodie on Wednesday the 7th (!!!!), a comedy show, headphone disco and the SUB Block Party is back for another round on Friday the 9th. Us exec were even roped into the planning this last week. The orientation team had us film an introduction to the university video; we're excited to see how it turns out! We're also hard at work getting our

President's Address speeches finalized, which I am super excited for. I still remember Saadiq's speech with his cat in the hat outfit from my first year!

Myer Horowitz Renovations

This week in MHT news we have conversations on the scope of the project, as well as lots of work on the fundraising end. On the topic of scope, we had another steering committee meeting that was heavy on the technical end. To be honest, I wasn't able to follow a lot of the technical theatre talk; I mean I don't have a theatre background at all! But our programming and venues manager, Brennan, was right in there making sure all was covered and I trust his judgment above all. On fundraising, we have started two internal committees. The first is a weekly fundraising meeting that our Director of Student Life, Sirina Hamilton, and I sit on and invite relevant staff to each week. Sirina and I will be spearheading the fundraising and have had a few preliminary meetings. The second committee is a larger fundraising planning committee. This committee has a larger number of staff and serves to keep all departments in the know. Lastly, I'm very excited for tomorrow's media release! We'll be accepting a generous grant from the Government of Alberta, and announcing our next step in the renovations! I hope to see lots of you there.

Stay golden,



Robyn Paches