Date: 10/08/2021  
To: Students’ Union Council  
Re: Vice President Operations & Finance 2021/22 Report #8

Dear Council,

Hello Hello! I hope you have all been keeping well these past two weeks. It is crazy to think that we are now in the second week of August and that summer is almost over; honestly, where did the time go? I am sure many of you, including myself, have begun preparing for classes to start in September and are wondering what campus might look like in the fall. If you have not done so already, I encourage you to read our update on COVID advocacy and a safe return to campus here.

For this week's plant update, I'm going to shake things up. Did you know that Sustain SU has a community garden? It just started to open back up. You should drop by if you get the chance. Until then, here are some photos that I took of the garden:

VP Dixon and I have been exploring different funding and fundraising opportunities for the Period Equity initiative and Aboriginal Awareness Week. Things are looking quite promising, but we will keep you all updated as we move further along in this process.

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**Fee Governance Review Committee (FGR)**
We had our first Fee Governance Review committee meeting this week. As per our timeline, we spent the first meeting identifying internal issues. From there, we have come up with a brief outline of how we intend to address those internal issues. We plan to address reporting by creating accountability and support measures. Additionally, we will work on policy and bylaw changes to address the complexities and inconsistencies that currently exist in our bylaws. Consultation and communication are going to be a big part of this process. If you have any specific questions about FGR, please feel free to reach out.

**Student Equity Survey Working Group**
Last year, a student equity survey was in the process of being developed to gather demographic data for all university students on equity-related characteristics to support and report on the university's goals, objectives, and strategies related to building a diverse and inclusive community. A draft survey was developed and was brought to focus groups for feedback. We had our first meeting of the year last week, where we looked at specific feedback and discussed how to interrogate them and modify the survey.

This was a brief report, so if you have any questions or want to chat, don’t hesitate to reach out. As always, I’m always down to grab a coffee and chat.

All the best,

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