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To: Students' Union Council
Re: Vice President Operations & Finance 2020/21 Report #9

Dear Council,

Happy to be seeing you again. I hope you are all healthy and thriving. These few weeks have been busy! I’ve started to prep for my classes in the Fall. One thing that I have always found helpful, particularly when it comes to studying, is to colour code my schedule. That way, I can visually see what needs to be done and give myself an allocated amount of time to do so. I would love to hear any study tips that you have.

Plant update: I got two succulents at a farmers’ market last week.

Businesses and Operations Update:
Things have started to ramp up as we prepare for the semester to begin. Here are our updated hours of operations. We will assess things for the month of September and may make adjustments for October depending on how busy we are.

SUBmart
*As of Sept 1st
Mon-Fri, 7:30am-9:00pm
Sat, 10:00am-5:00pm

Daily Grind
*As of Sept 1st
Mon-Fri, 7:00am-9:00pm
Sat-Sun, 8:30am-4:00pm

SUBprint
*Fall hours are already in effect
Mon-Fri, 9:00am-5:00pm

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Dewey's (That's right...Dewey’s is BACK!!!)
*As of Aug 30th
Mon-Tue, 10:00am-6:00pm

*As of Sept 1st
Mon-Tue, 10:00am-10:00pm
Wed-Thu, 10:00am-11:00pm
Fri, 10:00am-midnight
Sat, 3:00pm-midnight

**U-Pass Update:**
In our last council meeting, I mentioned that a lot has been going on behind the scenes regarding U-Pass. Working with ETS these last few weeks has been less than ideal and incredibly frustrating. I was hoping that things would have been resolved by now, but unfortunately, that is not the case. Nevertheless, the U-Pass program is returning in the Fall. I know that many students, including myself, rely on transit to get to campus and daily necessities like getting to the grocery store or a doctor’s appointment. This year, we will be transitioning from the traditional U-pass stickers to an Arc card, as you might have seen in our Instagram reel that we posted this week. We were expecting a shipment of Arc cards from ETS this week, but unfortunately, due to a miscommunication between ETS and their Arc card vendor, distribution is currently delayed. We are incredibly disappointed with this news, especially with the semester starting in less than two weeks. We are working very hard to resolve this issue.

**Period Equity:**
VP Dixon and I have been working incredibly hard on the Period Equity initiative and have a few exciting things to share.

**At-Cost Products**
The first exciting thing is that all of the menstrual products sold at SUBmart will now be sold “at-cost”. Meaning that all of the menstrual products in SUBmart will no longer be marked up in price. But what does that actually mean? We’re not making money off of periods.

**Sustainable Menstrual Products**
As we announced last week, we now provide Ruth biodegradable pads in our dispensers. If you don’t already know, Ruth provides a sustainable, biodegradable, disposable menstrual
product alternative made with renewable materials. We will also be providing Natracare products in SUBmart starting next week! Natracare is another sustainable menstrual products alternative that contains zero plastic. We are super excited that we can provide two sustainable options to traditional menstrual products this year.

**Dispensers**

We have now put up another dispenser in the Students’ Union Building (SUB). It’s located on the main floor of SUB, just outside the bathrooms by the bookstore so that everyone can access it. VP Dixon and I have been in conversations with Campus & Community Recreation (CCR) about installing dispensers in their building in hopes of expanding the Period Equity initiative across campus. I’m excited to say that we will be installing two dispensers in Van Vliet this year!! We are still in the planning stages of this project and will continue to update you as we make progress.

One last thing! I have council discount cards for everyone! You can come by my office and pick one up :)

Please reach out if you have any questions or want to chat.

All the best,

Emily