

Vice President (Finance & Operations) REPORT TO COUNCIL

August 18th, 2016 to September 14th, 2016

INTERNAL

Ethical Investment Policy:

-Working with the Policy & Bylaw Review Committee to draft a comprehensive ethical investment policy that will come before Council at our next meeting. It aims to ensure that the DSU is investing our assets in ethical companies and not anywhere else. If anyone has any questions/concerns surrounding the policy please reach out!

Part Time Staff Training:

-Had a very successful Part Time Staff Training regimen! Much more inter-departmental training was had, as well as more subjects covered for all staff (Anti-O, Mental Health Crisis Intervention, security procedures, etc). This will be the best trained staff the DSU's ever seen!

DSUSO:

-Had a great meeting with the Coordinators of DSUSO regarding their integration with our other staff. Excited to see what the two of them put together this year out of their many plans!

We're also searching for new members of the DSUSO Steering Committee - if you or someone you know has a passion for all things sustainability reach out to dsu.sustain@dal.ca to learn how to get involved!

Treasurer Training:

-First Treasurer Training takes place Monday (Sept 12). Excited to see meet all the folks managing student funds and to get them off on the right foot!

Any societies that haven't signed up can find the dates on <http://dsu.ca/societytraining> and more will be added soon!

OPERATIONS

Food Service Plan:

-Continuing to examine potential food service models for services in the SUB. This has meant conducting lots of outreach to colleagues and professionals across Canada to try to bring a model that best fits the DSU to Council.

Renovations:

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-Renos are done!! ...For the most part. Marco (our Contractor) will likely still be around for weeks to complete smaller details of the renos (such as landscaping). If you haven't had a chance, take some time to check out the new Atrium, Grawood and Loaded Ladle digs!

Compensation Report:

Working to adjust pay brackets for full time staff based on the compensation report we've received from Grant Thornton that was commissioned by the previous executive.

UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

Tiger Patrol:

-As Tiger Patrol gets up and running again for the year, I've been working with Security to ensure that their new plans to address past complaints are effectively institutionalized.

The service was also promoted to our first year students in their O-Week packs on a nifty business card!

Budget Advisory Committee:

-We've submitted our two nominations for student representatives on the Budget Advisory Committee. Justin Pon (a Weldon Law student) and I are the two names submitted. We expect to hear back soon as the Committee will be underway later this Fall.

SERVICES

Health & Dental Plan:

-We've changed the Dental Plan! Benefits for students have increased for the 2016-17 year to be in line with the dental plans of other Universities in our region. Detailed info on our coverage can be found at the Health Plan Office (rm 344) or online at www.studentvip.ca.

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PROGRAMMING & EVENTS

Orientation Week:

-O-Week was a great success! Many great events were had and an awesome introduction to our school was given by everyone involved. Registration went very smoothly, however pre-registrants appeared to be down from previous years - financial implications remain to be seen.

Community Day:

-Had a great time participating in Community Day with Dal students and staff. Had the opportunity to work with the folks from Habitat for Humanity and no one was injured!