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Hello everyone,

August has been a whirlwind of a month. I've done everything in my power to ensure that our other Executives are getting the resources that they need to succeed. It has been a challenge to detach myself from Fresh Fest but I'm extremely excited in the direction that our VP Student Affairs, Riley Miller, Cheri, Tracy, and everyone on the Fresh Fest committee has chosen this year.

From an Operations and Finance perspective, the ULSU conducted the first summer GA meeting in several years. We were able to pass money for the flooring behind the bar, the installation of a new liquor control system, and a pressure washer. The Zoo has a number of new and innovative menu options. Cheri and Randy have both proposed the idea of microwaves outside Rockermans. I truly believe that the ULSU is becoming a "learning" organization that rewards and promotes innovation in what we do. I'm extremely excited for the possibilities that lay just beyond the horizon.

SUDS 2017

SUDS 2017 was an interesting conference that the entire executive attended at the UBC campus. The sessions weren't as helpful as they could've been but I refused to let that stop me from taking as much as I could from this conference. I talked at length with the architect of UBC's The Nest, Michael Kingsmill, after his session to learn as much as I could about a future building for the ULSU. I networked with many student executives outside of Alberta as I could; including the presidents of student groups on campus. I deeply inquired into the nature of "deferred maintenance" for BC and I tried to contrast that with what Alberta determines as "deferred maintenance".

I was somewhat unimpressed at the behavior and conduct of certain delegates at this conference. We attended this conference on student dollars and if the conference sucks, then it means that it is our responsibility to take the most out of our sessions. For example, I spent my entire lunch asking Michael Kingsmill dozens of questions. I think I actually annoyed him. But I did everything I could to not waste student dollars.

Touch Screen Television Stakeholder Consultation

I reached out to John Claasen in Facilities for his input regarding the installation of digital kiosks/touchscreen tv's in the Students Union Building. He stressed the importance of security for these TV's (the Students Union Building and The Zoo means that the TV's



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may run a higher risk of damage). I also talked with Kal Toth who mentioned that he would like to consolidate touchscreen tv's for the entire U of L campus.

My primary concern is that I'm trying to install these tv's because I feel as if the U of L is behind the times. In my recent trip to Calgary NSO, I noticed that touchscreen tv's were everywhere in the Bow Valley college. I don't want this project to become wrapped up in the bureaucracy that sometimes presents itself in University operations.

Meetings

CIBC, Nesbitt Burns Consultation	August 1st
Meeting with Carrie for Foodbank	August 2nd
Meeting with Kristin Krein about 7 Cups	August 3rd
General Assembly Meeting	August 4th
Campus Leader Meeting	August 8th
Bookstore Meeting for Board Games Night	August 10th
Exec Action Plan	August 14th
Call with Artrageous Advertising	August 17th
SUDS	August 18th-20th
Security Meeting with John O'Keefe	August 23rd
ULSU Presentation with ORS and RA's	August 29th
Lunch with AVP Leadership and GSA	August 30th

Thank you for taking time to read my report! If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me @ su.finance@uleth.ca or you can reach me on my office phone @ (403)329-2292. Thank you very much.

Regards,

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