



Daan Smit
VP Operations & Finance
su.finance@uleth.ca

November 2018

Contribution
144 Hours

Finances
Food for thought
Mental Health Week
Legislative Review Committee

Hello everyone,

This month was a big step forward for the students in our province. Bill 19 has secured affordable tuition for the students for the foreseeable future and predictable tuition for international students. I want to thank the students who have been on the forefront to making this happen.

This month we also enjoyed the term break which is why my hours are not as high as they usually are. Yet, I still dropped in to attend meetings and kept up with emails over the break to make sure the pertinent duties are done.

Finances

We have been trying out a new payment processor, however, the payment terminals have not been as great as we hoped for. Although the rates are much cheaper, if we can't use the new terminals it doesn't help us much. I have been in contact with digitech to get this resolved and they should send us new terminals that are much easier to use than the terminals they gave us at first.

In terms of our budget we are still doing well. We have received quite a few grant applications, but there will still be enough for next semester. At this moment we spent exactly half of our emergency budget. If we approve the same number of emergency grants next semester we will be on point with our budget. This year's council has been very frugal and have made every dollar count for an event as a result we still have enough for amazing events for next semester.

Food for thought

This month I was amazed by the effort some faculty members put in to help students by providing free food. I had the privilege to help out with handing out the food hampers to the line of students waiting for their food. It warms my heart that so many faculty members truly care about the well being of the students. The effort they have put in to the well being of students is mesmerizing. In every food hamper that we gave out, we also put in a pamphlet with information about the ULSU foodbank. We saw a significant



spike in foodbank applications right away. We are glad to see the awareness going out about the ULSU foodbank and I hope that more students who are in need will reach out to make use of the foodbank to help them.

Mental Health Week

As I have mentioned before, being a student can be taxing on your mental health. Combining that with the responsibility of an executive position, will have an effect on a person's mental health. Experiencing this first hand, I had to take some steps to make sure I am staying fit mentally myself. Mental Health Week was a friendly reminder of this. Many students were able to take advantage of all the activities organized on campus. Imogen did a fantastic job at getting mental health week going. I was able to interact with some students when I was tabling in the PE atrium. The compassion from students to support other students lightens my heart.

After tabling I went to the Indigenous Mental Health workshop, where I released some stress and thought about ways I can continue my day to day job with less stress.

Legislative Review Committee

The LRC wants to do a complete overhaul of our Operations Manual, including our constitution. Our constitution will be changed to have a similar outline as the one from the U of C Students' Union. Our current constitution has too much info that is supposed to be in the bylaw section. Something interesting that the U of C SU has is in their constitution is a review committee which is a body that can review the decisions made by the General Assembly and appeal it if necessary. This might be of interest for our institution as well to make our governance even better.

In regards to our bylaws and policies, we are working on cleaning it up with proper grammar and update the wording for it to be relevant for the next decade and more.



Meetings/Events

Budget Advisory Council	November 5th, 7th, 21st, 23rd, 28th, 30th
Student Fee Review	November 5th, 19th
EC	November 5th 21st
GFC	November 5th
Meeting Carrie	November 2nd, 6th
C & C Insurance	November 6th
One on One w/ Kurt	November 7th
Health and Safety Advisory Committee	November 15th
Legislative Review Committee	November 19th
Agility Council Meeting	November 20th
KPMG	November 20th
GA	November 21st



Thank you for reading my report if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me @ su.finance@uleth.ca or (403)329-2292. Thank you very much.

Regards,

Daan Smit
Vice-President Operations and Finance