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Contribution Hours: 178

Events, Meetings, and Conferences Attended:

- Executive meeting about Student Staff Positions
- Governance Orientation Meeting with GSA executives and University Secretariat
- TAO demonstration/phone call
- UPass Consultation Meeting with Carrie Takeyasu and the City
- CAUS Teleconference
- Open House Stakeholder Meeting
- HR Consultant Meeting
- TAO Kick-Off Meeting

Descriptions of Notable Meetings/Events:

Executive meeting about Student Staff Positions

We met as an executive team to discuss the direction we wanted to take the student staff positions in for the upcoming year. As two of our executive members previously held positions as student staffers, we believe that we are in a good position to evaluate what can be done better with the positions. The actions surrounding these positions will likely be further flushed out with detailed job postings and in-depth interviews with candidates to make sure what we are looking for is reflected in the candidate. This meeting helped to shed a lot of light on the multitude of perspectives

Government Orientation Meeting with GSA Executives and University Secretariat

Jodie Gallais called a meeting for this month with herself, Sheena Olsen, Vicki Grisack, the GSA executives, and the ULSU executives all present. This meeting was an early formality to cover the structure of the University and the various committees that we all held responsibilities with. Although a lot of the information has been covered before, it was nice to have a more formal overview with a lot of the people we will be working with over the next academic year.

TAO Demonstration/Phone Call

Early in the month I had the pleasure of being a part of a phone call conversation and presentation with Jennifer Ellis-Toddington from Counseling services, Alex Arosenius from TAO, Drew Martin from Student VIP, Cheri Pokarney, and Shelley Tuff. Alex provided us with a demonstration of the software used by TAO as well as the therapist-perspective view of the application. Some questions were raised by the attending stakeholders with regards to implementation and logistics, however; overall it was a very positive conversation that promised more open conversations in the future. I reached out to the lead for TAO at McGill University,

where the program has been running for some time now. After a few emails, it seems that student satisfaction with the program at their university is high and that they have been able to run the program alongside their counseling services without many issues.

UPass Consultation Meeting with Carrie Takeyasu and the City

I was able to attend a meeting covering the progress of the UPass program up to this point with Cheri Pokarney, Jordan Miles, Carrie Takeyasu, and three transit directors from the city. The meeting was very positive and all parties involved seemed to be satisfied with the program, how it was progressing, and how all stakeholders were handling it. A few concerns were raised about the transition period around new semesters for students, where the system will take some time to upload all the new ID cards to the computer. Scott Grieco, the Transit Operations Manager suggested letting drivers know this may be a problem when September comes around and giving a little leeway to students whose cards won't work. The city also brought up the idea of having machines on campus where students could load their cards to the computer, circumventing the mentioned problem almost entirely.

HR Consultant Meeting

Near the end of the month, most of the executive team met with Chris from UpSourcedHR to go over the consultation process that has been in process for a number of weeks. Overall, we were very satisfied with the results. He highlighted that there were a lot of areas in which some staff members identified new tasks that were not previously covered by the old job descriptions. This whole process helped us to gain a better understanding of the competencies of the staff and possible training that might be worth considering in the future.

TAO Kick-Off Meeting

This meeting was hosted by Amanda Radalinsky, the client success manager for TAO. She outlined some more administrative structures of the program and discussed with us what we think would work best for our campus. We covered multiple modules within the programs available which Jennifer from counseling assured us were prominent issues facing students at the campus. The meeting served as a useful in-depth coverage of the program and how it will work with all stakeholders on campus.

Thank you for taking the time to read this, and feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have regarding my report.

Best Regards,

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