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**MONTHLY REPORT** 

## Meeting attendance, media appearances, and Professional Development:

- General Faculties Council
- General Faculties Council Committee of the Whole (x4)
- Management Meeting (x4)
- Board Finance Committee
- UofL Board of Governors Meeting
- QIP Meeting
- Meeting with U of L Library for QIP Funding
- Board Orientation Meeting
- ULFA Meet & Greet
- GSA Meet & Greet
- Executive Council Meetings (x4)
- Daily Scrum Meetings and Weekly Team Huddles
- SU Building Planning Meeting
- Fresh Fest Budget Meeting
- General Assembly Meeting
- Media Training (JGR Communications)
- Meeting w/ President's Exec to discuss ULSU Priorities

## Work in Progress:

- COVID-19 Financial Support Micro Bursary
  - I'm still working on the terms of reference for this \$5,000 budget line that we have made. Students have given us a lot of feedback on what's costing them during this pandemic or rather opened our eyes to the loss of income that students are facing after losing employment during the pandemic. I am hopeful the grant's terms of reference will be approved in early June and we can begin disbursements shortly after.
- First steps for Students Union Business/Building Revitalization Committee

- We are evaluating the terms of reference for what the committee should look like in terms of analyzing and planning how we should renovate and revitalize the SUB. We're in the very early steps of this process and I believe we will use the whole 21/22 term to finalize a multiyear plan that future members of the GA and EC can reference in the years to come.
- QIP Proposal with U of L Library
  - I think this proposal is one that is low hanging fruit in terms of supporting students, with the help of the U of L Library and QIP funding we're looking at replenishing their stock of computers. This discussion also led to further discussions with the U of L library and how to make education and resources at the U of L more accessible and perhaps it would be strategic for the ULSU EC and the management team of the library to meet on an annual basis to discuss student needs.

## **Closing Remarks:**

This initial month in office has been equal parts turbulent and rewarding. As always there are confidential matters that I cannot disclose in these reports that we as an EC often have to respond to, I have found these tasks to be the most draining and least productive aspects of my role; I'd describe them as necessary evils. However, for the remainder of the job and especially the first one month where the EC spends a good chunk of its time meeting stakeholders and strengthen relationships and attempting to reach out to forge new ones, has not only been rewarding but reassuring that these next 11 months, no matter what the Alberta Government, Upper Admin, or COVID-19 throws our way we have people and resources in our corner that we can consult. I'm really excited to finish the projects that I have started this month and have other very exciting. In terms of job satisfaction, I must say I really enjoy the freedom and autonomy that comes with this role and the trust students have placed in me to act in their best interest. I look forward to fostering an even better relationship with the GA come this fall once we are on our regularly scheduled meeting cycle.

As always if there are any questions about my report or you wish for more information about the contents of the meetings, I am more than happy to fill you in. If you ever have any questions about the ULSU, my role, or the General Assembly, or ideas as to how we can better serve students I am always open and willing to listen. I am best reached via email at the moment as the office is a bit inaccessible for me, feel free to email me anytime at su.finance@uleth.ca.

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