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AVP Finance

TO: Members of the Student Representative Assembly
FROM: Jess Anderson, AVP Finance
SUBJECT: SRA 19Q Finance Committee Report
DATE: February 18, 2020

Dear Members of the Assembly,

After a very busy start to the winter semester, the Finance Committee has accomplished a lot of our core year plan objectives and we are excited to continue forward and complete the remainder of our goals before the end of the semester! Our updates are as follows;

PROGRESS ON YEAR PLAN:

OBJECTIVE 3:

This objective is all about the Student Life Enhancement Fund! As you all were aware, SLEF voting took place from January 27th to February 7th and encouraged students to vote on the top 8 SLEF ideas that were put forward. The Finance committee did an amazing job at promoting the voting period on social media (thank you to all SRA members that also shared our graphics/videos!). We were also able to table twice to help encourage students to vote as well as provide a midterm relief with coffee, hot chocolate and brownies in Thode and MUSC! The results from voting have come in and taking into consideration the costs of each project and the top ranked ideas, we will be *recommending* the following ideas be implemented;

- Better Seating in MUSC Outside of Clubs Space
- Update 1st Floor Thode Washroom
- Better/New Power Outlets in HSL
- New EFRT Radios and Packs

This wraps up the Finance Committee's contribution to SLEF and these ideas will be put forth to the next level of approval!

OBJECTIVE 2:

To follow up on the last finance committee report, Objective 2 has been completed. The Finance Committee, Myself and the VP Finance (Alex Johnston), put forth a formal recommendation at SRA Meeting 19P that the SRA send the OPIRG Fee to referendum. At the 19P meeting, the SRA voted in agreement to send the fee to the March 2020 (Spring) General Referendum. With this being said, the finance committee has accomplished their objective of thoroughly reviewing all 5 Non-MSU groups finances and financial transparency in adherence to bylaw 5.

OBJECTIVE 4/ FUTURE DIRECTION:

As the finance committee has just finished up reviewing all of the Non-MSU groups, we have begun undertaking an additional objective of further exploring the results of the Student Choice Initiative (SCI), in hopes of creating a comparative report regarding various Ontario University's experiences with SCI this past year. We have divided up the major/comparable universities amongst our committee and have begun dedicating our meeting times to further research. In the coming weeks we hope to summarize our findings in a formal report that the future AVP Finance and VP Finance can use as a reference in future financial proceedings.

SUCSESSES:

The Finance Committee is compiled of 10 dedicated SRA and MSU members that continue to amaze me with their sheer amount of passion and dedication towards to committee and overall representing their constituents. The committee continues to maintain excellent communication that allows us to accomplish tasks effortlessly, and cover for one another when other obligations arise. Additionally, a recent success was receiving 381 votes for SLEF, thus increasing voter turnout by about 13% from last year!

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me via email!

Sincerely,
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