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Report of the Vice President (Finance)

October 12th, 2017

Finance

Audit

- Approving the Financial Statements
- Met with Fuller Landau to discuss alternate accounting structures
- I would like to reappoint Fuller Landau for next year

Budget:

- SQ

Investment Portfolio

- SRIF- SQ

Club Audits

- the Club Auditors are currently busy giving clubs second chance audits and arranging a mandatory Audit workshop session for clubs
- The workshop will take place on October 28th from 9-5

Committees

Funding:

- Funding applications are open!
- Funding Committee is selected and had its first meeting on October 10th to review and approve applications
- New software - SQ

Fee Advisory Committee

- SQ - meeting coming up



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Executive Director of Enrolment Services Hiring Committee

- Finalized shortlist of applicants and we are now arranging interviews with the candidates

Scholarships and Student Aid Advisory (SSAO) Committee

- SQ

Teaching and Learning Spaces

- SQ

Health Insurance Working Group

- SQ

Health and Wellness Strategy

- Report went to P-7
- There should be an online feedback form to circulate soon

Finance and Audit Committee (NEW)

- SQ - the Club Auditors are currently busy giving clubs second chance audits and arranging a mandatory Audit workshop session for clubs

Health and Dental Plan

EmpowerMe

- This is a new service that we are piloting this year. It provides counselling support for a range of issues in a range of mediums (online, phone, in person etc.)
- This was piloted last year at McMaster and this year there are 200,000 trying it out.
- I have been working with PGSS and the University to determine how we can make this a permanent fixture for all students, regardless of whether they are on the health and dental plan as well as improve pathways to care at McGill
- Will re-examine service utilization during Winter 2017 and see if the university is willing to front the cost or part of the cost; we will run a referenda accordingly



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Health and Dental Committee

- We will likely need to have this committee up and running in the near future as I will be running a possible increase or amendment to the Dental plan due to claims surpassing premiums
- The committee will be responsible for reviewing the plan, coverage comparison, surveys and consultation etc.
- SQ

Other

Efficiency/Other Improvements

- MyInvolvement has a new Finance Branch which we may be able to utilize for all our finance related to student groups (cheque requests, purchase order, funding, etc.)
 - The VP Student Life, Club Admin Assistant, Funding Commissioner and I are working with Campus Life and Engagement (CL&E) to figure out costing and controls
 - Ideally we would be able to launch this for Winter 2018
 - SQ- waiting on MOA to be finalized
- Move to RBC
 - Better rates and better service
 - Finalized this week (phased transition)
 - Clubs will remain at Scotia for now until we can figure out a banking structure that works for clubs, us, and our Auditors
- Examining various accounting software
 - Goals are to streamline processes and make everything digital and cloud based
 - This would mean an electronic invoicing system and eliminating paper

Other Projects

- Foster care support project:
 - Isabelle and I are going to a conference this week and will be presenting to the Joint Board Committee on Equity upon our term
 - Stage 2 of SPF applications

Misc.

- Assisting Sustainability Commissioners with their projects
- Coordination for Legislative Council



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- Lassman photography contract
- Building closure information session

Respectfully Submitted,

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Arisha Khan

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