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Report of the Education Representative to SSMU

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General:

- EdUS meets this semester every other week on Wednesdays at 6:30.
- We have a full council this semester and are working on a lot of projects and events
- Education students are on stage this semester and we are keeping a close eye on the pandemic to make sure that all our constituents are staying safe

Elections:

- We had our elections last month. Constituents voted on council positions, a referendum questions and some changes to our constitution
- Most notably, we voted to make our Equity Commissioner a voting member of council (Which passed!)
- Some of our council seats have been filled (including my successor and our president)
- We also had the “Education Improvement Fund” and “Career Advising Fund” up for approval, both of which passed

COVID-19:

- As many of our students are currently on the front lines in stage, we have created a program to offer financial support in the event that a student catches the virus and become unable to support themselves
- The “COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund” right now has provided financial aid to around 10 applicants; the money has been used to reimburse them for groceries, and other necessities after they provided proof that they caught the virus at their field experience school
- Currently monitoring the vaccination situation for our students on stage

Finance:

- Our amazing VP Finance just finished our 2017 audit and is working on 2018 (our past VP Finances have dug her into a hole and she has done so much work to get out of it)
- Student Fees have been sent out to our two other sub-student associations (MEdUSA and SAPEK)

Events:

- We just had our Wellness Week, with great attendance and participation of zoom and non-zoom events
 - We had a step competition, a cooking class, wine and “virtual tour of Italy”,

etc.

- Our FYRE (First Year Representative of Education) Committee are superstars and have planned amazing online events every month and have gotten tons of first years involved
- Our Grad Ball Committee is looking to possibly plan some sort of online concert/social event, but it's looking like the main thing we will do for our grads is to provide them with discount codes to different Education-retailers (bookstores, craft stores, Teachers Pay Teachers, etc.)
- Our VP Academics have planned a host of workshops and "Ped Talks" including:
 - 12th of Feb: Professor Shaheen Shariff "the intersection of education, law and policy"
 - 18th of March: Dr Howard, "A Little Black History is Not Enough"
 - 22nd of March: Philippa Parks, "Surviving Your First Year of Teaching"
- Our VP External planned our amazing career fair with attendance from over 50 school boards across Canada and several different opportunities for Q&A Panels, interviews, and one-on-ones

Committees:

- EdUS had a brand new committee which came about from my position on the Daycare Board of Directors: EduBabies
 - This committee is a storytelling initiative that creates dynamic and engaging book readings by education students for the SSMU Daycare
 - We've gotten great feedback from the Daycare Director and are looking to expand! Possibilities include sending our stories to the Montreal Children's Hospital and other avenues
 - If anyone is interested, we are always looking for volunteers! This is the best feel-good initiative we have, and anyone can do it there's no need to be in education! Contact me if you want to get involved

SAPEK:

- Not too much to report from here, they are still looking to alter the Constitution somewhat and had their elections around the same time as us
- They filled the position of the president for next year as well as VP Finance

MEdUSA:

- MEdUSA has been super active planning workshops and events, and they have been pretty well attended by our faculty
- They also had their elections and we were able to fill most of their council

That's all!

Respectfully Submitted,
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