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Julia Nam SSMU Legislative Council February 9, 2023

President

- EdUS has created a Motion for Mandatory Equity Training
 https://docs.google.com/document/d/1e-kyPbE_qj_ZzuKfahdM5yCoDoJ3cdSqUo7A3r0
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 - -The motion is to establish mandatory training for all execs and reps of the council, making it part of their portfolio/signed deal in their contract
- EdUS had a council retreat on January 20-22, 2023, for Council bonding time; it went really well. We plan to do it every year and potentially add to future workshops.
 Therefore, we are currently writing a planning report so that next year's council can have some reference documents
- EdUS Elections 2023-2024
 - EdUS hired a new CRO (Chief Returning Officer): Macy Riddell. She signed a contract until December 2023 (till the Fall elections next year)
 - EdUS has initiated the nomination as of January 16 and got extended to February 3rd; Campaigning Period will start from February 4th-10th
- The Dean of the Faculty of Education will be giving EdUS money to support initiatives like grants for students
- ISA (Internship & Student Affairs) is looking into getting CPR training for students in teacher programs (within seminar courses)

Vice President of Academic Affairs

- EdUS had its last PedTalk with Mr. Terry Price, which was held on December, 2nd
- Another PedTalk is being planned with the following professors and course lecturers:
 - Dr. Chestnutt on February 9th at 6 pm via Zoom
 - Rachel Thorne (TBD in the second week of March) via Zoom

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- Dr. Bronwen Low on March 31st at 2:00 pm via Zoom
- EdUS is currently working on a complementary course handbook for Education Students to help students choose their courses
- EdUS formed a Valedictorian Committee, sent out application forms, and interview questions have been finalized

Vice President of Communications

- EdUS Council Merch has been distributed to council members
- EdUS General Merch sales are doing well
- EdUS is currently planning and deciding on Grad Merch
- EdUS posted this year's council members on our website and social media
- EdUS's most recent Listserv was sent out on January 30th
- EdUS is planning on creating an agenda for the next academic year (2023-2024) for the students of the Faculty of Education, so that students do not have to purchase one at the store.

Vice President of External Affairs

- EdUS is hosting a Career Fair will on Wednesday, February 8th, from 1:00-5:00 pm in the SSMU Building
- EdUS had a Grilled Cheese sale, and Career Fair Information day on January 24th, EdUS raised \$308, which will be donated to mobilizing for Milton Parc
- EdUS had a Virtual Education Career Fair Info Session held on Tuesday, January 31st, from 6:30 - 7:30 pm
- EdUS had Virtual and In person CV Drop in on January 27th, January 30th, February 3rd, and February 6th

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Vice President of Finance

- Education frosh finances are being finalized this semester due to complications within other student associations
- EdUS is working on the annual budget and will be uploaded it at the end of this month on our website
- EdUS insurance got renewed on January 25; insurance is up-to-date!

Vice President of Internal Affairs

- EdUS has decided the Graduation ball will April 22nd
- EdUS got their permit a vendre et servir (liquor licence) for Detention Den
- EdUS will have a skating event with PTOT on February 16
- Education will have one team for Fac-O
- EdUS is currently planning an apartment crawl with VP Externals
- Education Frosh
 - -Budget is finished
 - -This year, we were under budget. Therefore, we made a motion for a lump-sum payment for Frosh Coordinators (divide salary for roles in the future, the incentive for participation)- It unanimously passed
 - -For the future, we plan to lower frosh tickets for next year and give compensation by roles

Vice President of Student Wellness

- VP Wellness met with Loren, SSMU's new Mental Health Advocacy Coordinator, to request the following
 - -To have a local wellness advisor specifically for students on stage, in addition to our regular faculty of education wellness advisor
 - Students have increased access to the wellness hub

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- Develop a better insurance plan for counselling from SSMU (their plan right now only covers 80% of up to \$500, which is only 2–3 sessions, then students have to pay upwards of 150%/session to continue counselling).
- EdUS will be adding a list of wellness resources on our website
- EdUS plans to do another care package for the week of Jan 30-Feb 3rd and plans to hand out 250 flowers on Valentine's Day in the Education Building
- EdUS implemented a "Take What You Need" basket in the Education lounge for students to take any products they may need. These change every month.
 - a. Things we have put in them are period products, lube, condoms, chocolate, motivational stickers, plant seeds, reusable straws, pins, and pens.
- EdUS made a Craft Corner in the Education Lounge that will keep on being stocked with arts and crafts supplies. We encourage students to come to play, craft, relax and clear their minds during breaks.
- EdUS had planned visits from Student Wellness Hub Animal Therapy for midterms that went really well last semester, and plan to do it again this semester
- EdUS will be hosting a wellness week on March 20th

If there are any points of inquiry, please feel free to contact me:

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Respectfully submitted,

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