VP Internal Affairs

Report to the General Assembly

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Overview of the Portfolio

- First Year Affairs
- Communications
- Interfaculty Relations
- Alumni Affairs
- Events
What’s my position all about?

From the SSMU Constitution:
The Vice-President (Internal Affairs) shall exercise the following powers and perform the following duties:

- To engage in regular consultation with the Society’s Members;
- To coordinate the Society’s relations with faculty, school and other student associations and to facilitate communication among these groups;
- To coordinate events, programming, and services for first year students;
- To manage the programming of activities and events of the Society;
- And to manage the Societies communications and student engagement strategy.
Some Areas of Focus

- Diversify SSPN programming
- First Year Council
- Listserv
- Social Media revamp
- Tighter faculty relationships, increased collaboration
First Year Affairs

- Weekly FYC meetings once elections conclude
- Planning various events by first years for first years; social, academic, relaxing
- Looking to collaborate with various on first year oriented campus organizations
- Currently election period
- Questions?
  - Email me and/or fyc.president@ssmu.ca (after elections)
  - Contact the FYC Instagram or Facebook page @ssmufyc
Communications

- Responsible for listserv and social media + revamped design of both
- The SSMU handbook (published 6000 copies) and were all gone in about two weeks!
- SSMU information flyers were made available digitally
- More focus on social media content and increasing online reach
Events

- **Student’s Society Programming Network (SSPN)**
  - SSMU’s event planning committee - currently hiring
  - Back 2 School event successful (Sep. 19)
  - Halloween events (Oct 13 & 26!)
  - Frosh Crash Pads and help with some other events

- **What’s New?**
  - We have started rolling out post-event feedback forms after our events. After our Back 2 School event a post event feedback form was sent and about 10% of attendees replied.
  - For SSPN we are looking for a wide range of students from most (ideally all) faculties to better represent.
Interfaculty Relationships

- Trying to increase SSMU-Faculty relationships, fix bonds
- Met with faculty associations (EUS, AUS, MUS), and MCSS (reached out to more lol). Planning to meet with all
- Traveling Office Hours, where I do my office hours in different faculty offices everyday (my office hours are 2:30-4PM everyday, might change to accommodate faculties) to ensure SSMU is more accessible and strengthen ties between faculties and SSMU. So far, MUS and AUS has confirmed, and EUS is looking favorably, but is yet to confirm. I will also be reaching out to SUS about it. The official days will be announced soon!
More!

- Alumni Affairs
  - MASEC
- CKUT Board of Directors
- Senate Committee on Physical Development
- Senate Committee on Student Services
Thank You!

Have a great semester!!

Reach out to me at internal@ssmu.ca