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REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT (FINANCE)

Submitted for: 2024-10-24

For the period of 2024-09-20 to 2024-10-24

OCTOBER REVISED OPERATING BUDGET

- Finalizing revised 2024-2025 Operating Budget (made hundreds of adjustments) now projecting a surplus for this fiscal year instead of a deficit.
- Finalized budget to be approved by the Board of Directors next week.

ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT

- 2023-2024 Audit still in progress going well.
- Accounting software update planning in the planning stage to take place once the audit is complete.
- Accounting form automation in progress testing and troubleshooting the new webform.
- Upgrading our systems so that we can now receive payments by credit card.

RESERVE FUND

• Monitoring monthly reports on reserve fund investments - no issues.

STUDENT FEES

- Student fees collected by McGill have been received by SSMU and transferred to the corresponding funds.
- Funds for independent student groups and Services to be transferred this week.
- Several fees expiring in Winter 2025 renewal motions to be discussed today.



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CLUBS FINANCES

- Presented Club Finance and Audit Workshop.
- Most club bank accounts and signing officers have been successfully set up at this point.
- All club credit cards from the past fiscal year are being canceled this week, and applications for new ones processed.

SERVICES FINANCES

- Student fee transfers to be finalized this week.
- Service Finance Coordinator hired.

FUNDING COMMITTEE

- Revised and posted the Funding Guidebook for 2024-2025.
- Application portal now open first committee meeting this week!
- Goals for this year:
 - Avoid early depletion of funds.
 - Stricter follow-up on post-funding reports.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

 Has not met yet this year - recently hired the Finance Commissioner, needs to complete onboarding and training before moving forward with the committee.

STUDENT INSURANCE PLANS & COVERAGE

• Will be meeting with the insurance provider soon to receive updates on last year's usage statistics.



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HIRING

- Service Finance Coordinator hired.
 - This will significantly improve the efficiency and thoroughness of oversight of Services financial operations (currently done by VP Finance in addition to regular duties causing a significant administrative burden)
- Finance Commissioner hired.
 - o On track to get the Finance Committee up and running.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS

- Funding Applications now open!
- Seeking one more councilor to sit on the Funding Committee, and still recruiting members at large.
 - Contact fundcom@ssmu.ca or finance@ssmu.ca for more info if interested!