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Vice-President External Monthly Report

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**Vice President External: Thanh Ma**  
**Report to the Board of Directors**  
August 2016

**This Month in Review:**

August 5<sup>th</sup>: Meeting with Martin Kelly from Student Life  
August 11<sup>th</sup>: Trades & Technology Committee  
August 16<sup>th</sup>: SAC Hiring Committee  
August 16<sup>th</sup>: Trades & Technology Committee  
August 17<sup>th</sup>: SAC Hiring Committee  
August 18<sup>th</sup>: Meeting with Kyle Baillie

**Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA)**

As a delegate for UFV Student Union Society for CASA, I attended the Policy & Strategy Conference at the end of July. I will be writing a formal report on this conference as soon as I receive the appropriate information, decisions and statistics from the conference from CASA.

Other upcoming important dates for CASA include Advocacy Week will be November 14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> in Ottawa and the CASA Annual General Meeting will be held at Acadia University in Wolfville, Nova Scotia in spring.

**Volunteer Database Updates**

Last month, we had a total of 134 volunteers collected from various events and opportunities. The collective up-to-date total is an amazing **151** volunteers! The decline in number growth from volunteers has been the cause of the late summer semester, with the low attendance of students on campus. We have not been advertising these positions, but instead we have been emailing the current database with opportunities to volunteer for all the events in Welcome Week along with the upcoming events in the fall semester. This was done to assure that we do not send *too* many emails out to our database. So far, the responses are working, however; we are proactively working on different methods to motivate volunteers to come join us with our events.

**Committee Updates**

The Advocacy Committee, the Equalities Committee and the Engagement Committee have now been up and running. The Advocacy Committee has met a total of 2 times, the Equalities Committee has met a total of 3 times, and the Engagement Committee had their first meeting this week. The current committee members are beginning to learn their roles to playing a huge part in our success this year.

## Food Bank Update

### The Point System

Since the last update on the Food Bank, the Advocacy Officer and I worked together to research and develop a new method for those who use the food bank. Before, it was a hamper system where food was pre-selected and placed in boxes and picked up. After receiving feedback from several individuals, they had mentioned that this limited their food options and many of the choices for the hamper did not meet their dietary restrictions and had to be discarded. For example, this is especially likely for those who are vegan, vegetarian or diabetic as food options tend to be more expensive.

Knowing this, we have come to the conclusion that many food bank visitors tend to be those who have dietary restrictions, and the costs for food to accommodate to these health concerns are generally more expensive.

The Advocacy Officer, Alyson-Gher White and I have developed *The Point System* in order to effectively provide to these needs.

The Point System works similar to a shopping aspect, where a specific amount of points are allocated per person. This recreates more of a recreational aspect and removes the stigma of the food bank itself. For example, one person would receive 30 points which is equivalent to 30\$ over the span of two weeks. The items in the food bank are labelled with the instore price rounded to the nearest dollar and have a limit on each item to avoid running out of stock quickly.

### 4 Month Update

Within the last 4 months, there has been a total of 21 visits in the food bank. After implementing the food bank system, it has been running smoothly. However, the snacks of the juices tend to run out more quickly and the Advocacy Officer and I assume it is because we cater to students who do not have time to make full meals.

Month	Amount of Visits	Amount of People	Additional Notes
1. May	3	2	New to Food Bank, no point system.
2. June	8	5	Point system newly implemented. Running smoothly.
3. July	7	6	Seemed to run out of snacks frequently.
4. August	3	3	Seemed to run out of juices more frequently. May be due to heat.



## Welcome Week Update

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# WELCOME WEEK

**TUESDAY SEPT. 6TH**

<b>Lunch BBQ</b> 11:00am - 3:00pm CEP	<b>CEP U-Join</b> 11:00am - 3:00pm CEP Atrium
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**WEDNESDAY SEPT. 7TH**

<b>Lunch BBQ</b> 11:00am - 3:00pm Outside the SUB	<b>Abbotsford U-Join</b> 11:00am - 3:00pm SUB Great Hall & Atrium	<b>Oxfam Oxfam</b> 2:00pm - 5:00pm UFV Green
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**THURSDAY SEPT. 8TH**

<b>Carnival</b> 11:00am - 3:00pm SUB Green	<b>Paint Night</b> 7:00pm - 10:00pm SUB Atrium
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**FRIDAY SEPT. 9TH**

<b>Movie Marathon</b> 10:00am - 6:00pm SUB Great Hall
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**MOVIE MARATHON**

**U-JOIN**

**BBQ**

**PAINT NIGHT**

**CARNIVAL**

**OXFAM OXJAM**

**WELCOME WEEK**

**COME HANG OUT WITH 9000 OF YOUR NEWEST FRIENDS**

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