

September 2020

President's Monthly Report

UFV Student Union Society

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Daily Task list

August

20 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By-law extravaganza meeting
21 st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Off
24 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly all team meeting • Pres and ED chat • U-Pass distribution •
25 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social media content discussion • Call with Craig Toews • C/A Workshop • Meeting with President Joanne • Meeting with team to discuss CASA information • Creation of document for board meeting
26 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WEM • SUS Board meeting • U-Pass distribution
29 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board training
31 st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pres and ED Chat

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September

1 st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WEM informal • U-Pass distribution • Signage creation • Pres & ED Chat
2 nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WEM • Meeting with Larissa Horne – Art project • Event cycle discussion
3 rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic planning session part 1 • U-Pass distribution • Informing UFV of VPE
4 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office 365 discovery workshop
7 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly all team staff meeting • Pres and ED chat
8 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WEM informal • Bylaw meeting • Phone call with David regarding U-Pass
9 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WEM
10 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic planning sessions part 2 • Enactus recruitment brainstorm • Western Regional Speakers -Angela Davis • Drive out to Surrey to pick up calligraphy supplies
11 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special purpose board meeting
14 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pres and ED chat • Student panel prep meeting • Meeting with VPS
15 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with Alisa Webb • Reviewing of former VPE emails • Responding to student emails
16 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WEM • September C/A check in
17 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Off
18 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Off
19 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orange shirt day event • Meeting with VPI/VPS to chat about AGM • SAOC 2020-2021

General Updates from the President

1. *Ready Education*

After attending a webinar demonstrating the value of the app and the uses that other post-secondary institutions found value for their students, I started by bringing the app to the folks at Student Life, then various faculty and professors and lastly, to the leaders of UFV such as Joanne MacLean, Craig Toews and Alisa Webb. The project was then advanced to the BTO and technology services of the school.

In a recent conversation with Alisa, she explained that due to current circumstances with COVID-19 moving everything online, they are currently over capacity and cannot take on an additional project like the Ready Education app. She did explain that the App is exactly what they have been looking to bring to the campus. In the interim, she explained that UFV will either be deleting the current app that they have and no longer advertising that there is an app, or they will be investing in improving the current one. In addition, they are currently working on a new website for UFV that should help make everything more efficient for students. She expressed that the project has not been taken off the table and that they will revisit the matter later next year.

2. *U-Pass*

U-Pass has now been happening since the beginning of September and while there were initial issues in getting the required information and resources to carry out the program and issuing of stickers, we are now at a place where things are moving along smoothly(ish). I have requested that in the near future, we hold a meeting with Alisa Webb, David, members of his team that are hands on with the system, Sheila from Campus card and any other stake holders to establish practices that can be counted on to happen each year, removing the need for the excessive amounts of back-and-forth communication

3. Strategic planning committee

SUS is currently working on filling the positions of the Strategic Planning Committee and is waiting to hear back from the ISC with a student nomination. Following the completion of the committee, we will be sending out all of the official documents including the NDA's for signatures. The team will be bringing forward documents that are prepared in advance for input from the committee rather than asking their feedback from the starting stages of planning to gain the most value from the time spent with the members.

4. What the SUS?!

As part of our commitment to improving Clubs and Associations, the VPS and myself are establishing a presentation called 'What the SUS?!' that is to be used to demonstrate the purpose and value of SUS. This presentation will have input from various areas within SUS including from marketing, events and facilities to ensure that the information that is being shared with students is accurate and properly reflects the work and opportunities available at SUS. I would love to have some feedback from the members of the board as to any areas that you would like to have shown and spoken to in the presentation.

5. ABCS

In a recent meeting with ABCS, it was expressed to us that due to the fact that the organization has historically always operated in a deficit they are wanting to increase the membership fee (for UFVSUS by about 3X). There was an open discussion that happened with the board (myself and VPI attended) and different options were discussed to increase revenue for the organization with the primary reason being for expansion and to pay staff above minimum wage. I would like to have an open conversation with the board at this time to discuss their thoughts on this and how we would like to move forward.

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