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PRESIDENT'S MONTHLY REPORT

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GENERAL UPDATES FROM THE PRESIDENT

1. Letter to UFV

One of the main projects that I have been working on currently is the letter to UFV on behalf of students requesting a reduction in their fees and tuition. At this point we have completed the following:

- Collected information from students to create ask
- Met with Dr. Joanne MacLean to discuss the student concerns
- Obtained detailed breakdown of UFV Student fees collected
- research conducted into other universities COVID response
- Demand letter written and presented to UFV executives in joint executive meeting
- Response received from Alisa Webb regarding fee breakdown and reallocation

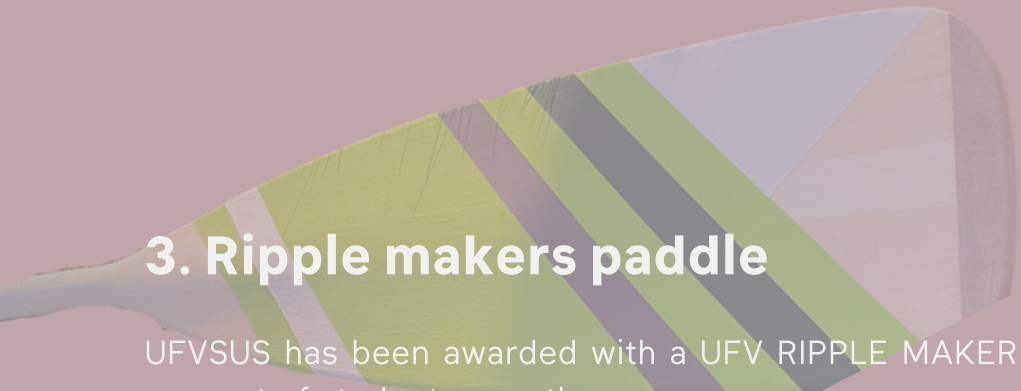
Next steps of the process are

- write a response to the information provided by UFV VPS
- Conduct research into the option of course evaluations over prof evaluations
- book meeting with James Mandigo to discuss proposal
- Create marketing campaign to inform students of all the information and to gain support and traction

2. Strategic Planning

The strategic planning is progressing continuously. Members of SUS and the Executive team met to finalize mission, vision and values. The new SUS mission statement will be voted on and finalized in this board meeting.

In the remainder of this calendar year, we will continue to build the skeleton of the final document so that we can obtain feedback and input from several key groups within SUS while also having the chance to get feedback from our SPC (strat plan committee). We have also made the decision to let the students know that we have learned an advisory board would be more useful and switch.



3. Ripple makers paddle

UFVSUS has been awarded with a UFV RIPPLE MAKER PADDLE for their ongoing support of students over the years.

4. Sexualized Violence Prevention policy

Committee work has begun for the revamp of UFV's sexualized prevention policy. This group is made of many diverse stakeholders including myself and the UFVSUS VPE, Raj. Over the remainder of the life of this committee, we will continue to workshop the various parts of the policy that need work. Including focusing on a survivor centric model. More updates will be provided as they come along

5. Website

After much back and fourth with Jelly Marketing, we have come to the conclusion that we will simply be starting the new website over and using square space. For a plethora of reasons, the past system that was being used to complete the website didn't work. Due to this, we have taken a different approach on getting it done that includes working much more collaboratively among the team.

The executive team recently completed their executive Giphys which will go onto the new site and they **ARE SO COOL!**

6. New programs

As part of our ongoing efforts to increase accountability, efficiency and collaboration, we have been trying out different systems. Earlier this year we adopted Bamboo HR. which has been a game changer for attendance and employee management. We rely on slack for on going communication that is seperated to different task channels. Our most recent addition to the list has been ASANA and it has proved to be very effective for project management.

7. Hiring committees

I am currently sitting on several UFV SACs that are focusing on new hires. The process has been very educational and the university has expressed it's gratitude to the student representation that is being provided by SUS on important issues

8. Esposito Family Centre for Innovation and Entrepreneurship

Our newest ongoing partnership with the EFCIE has been very exciting with many opportunities being discussed. One key area that EFCIE and UFVSUS will be making an impact together is through our future Advanced Leadership Program. As Dr. Jon Thomas has endless contacts that would be wonderful speakers for the program. The longer term goal is to be able to transform ALP into something that closely resembles the UFV President's Lecture series

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