



EXECUTIVE REPORT - PRESIDENT

MEETING DATE: JULY 14, 2013

Item:	<i>Executive Progress Report: May – July</i>
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Purpose of Report:	<i>For Receipt</i>

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Council receive this report.

Portfolio Progress:

- *The Internal Team for 2014/2015*
 - o *Meghan Mann- Ally Western*
 - o *Kyle Simons- Pride Western*
 - o *Nicole Goodbrand- Health and Wellness*
 - o *Lindsay Clayborne- Food Support*
 - o *Surer Mohamad- Ethnocultural Support*
 - o *Rashita Apsani- Women's Issues Network*
 - o *Tamara Spencer- Sexual Health and Consent*
 - o *Uyen Nguyen- Purple Voices*
 - o *Melissa Simone- Learning Skills Services*
 - o *Kelly Simpson- Student Appeals Support Centre*
 - o *Cathy Li- Accessibility*
 - o *Ron Bertolo- Teaching Quality and Awards*
 - o *Jessica He- Enviro Western*
- *All Coordinators have worked hard to start the year off with clear visions and plans for the year. Each is starting to put together plans and pick their executive committees. We have not gone through official training with them yet due to staffing changes in the volunteer services department. This training will be done in September to give the coordinators more information and resources for the year.*
- *Food Support has been operating successfully all summer.*
- *Pride Western is participating in the Pride Parade on July 27th.*

Projects, Opportunities and Issues:

- *We have facilitated some preliminary discussion on multi faith space on campus with different student groups on campus as well as campus partners and administrators. This will continue to progress over the year*

- *We have been working closely with Angie Mandich, Associate Vice Provost Student Experience on student wellness on campus and specifically how students interface will campus recourses. We helped coordinate two focus groups to garner feedback. These will hopefully result in some action in the future.*
- *Sam Krishnapillai, the Vice President Internal 2013/2014 started work on a staff and faculty handbook intended to ensure that every administrator, faculty member and staff on campus is able to direct a student to a resource if they are ever asked for help. This was a project adopted from a handbook at Cornell University that we will continue to work on throughout the year.*
- *Western is currently looking to update their student code of conduct as well as two supplementary policies on hazing as well as sexual violence. We have been involved in meeting on this and will see this project through the year.*
- *As a platform point we are looking into the possibility of having more nutritional information available to students regarding various campus eateries. We have done some outside research on this topic so far and are setting up some meetings this week to look into implementation.*
- *International Week planning is underway. We are looking to get more student groups involved this year as well as have more domestic students become more globally minded and attend that wide variety of events this week.*
- *In conjunction with Student Health Services, the Student Development Centre and the Student Experience office, we have decided to amalgamate our social media presence in terms of 'wellness' on campus to one account. This project is coming along nicely and should be up and running for September.*
- *This year for Purple Fest, in addition to the 'fun' programming, we are also hoping to include a variety of 'academically' oriented events. These events will range from academic to helping students with the transition between years but the ultimate goal is to provide students with a meaningful way to prepare them for the year ahead. This will also be in collaboration with the Student Success Centre and various other campus partners.*
- *The USC Advocacy officer and I have been working on a strategy to increase our internal advocacy capacity across campus. With this we are working to put together a student advocacy caucus to bring our many student advocates into one room and have them share ideas, collaborate and to streamline our messages and advocacy efforts across campus. With the approval of this idea from members at the summer council weekend, we will move forward with planning for the year.*
- *The 2014/2015 council tasked us with completing three policy paper this year on International students, Teaching quality and public private partnerships. Council decided at the summer council meeting to switch out the public private partnerships paper for a paper on fair trade. This came at the request of a student group to write a paper and was passed by council at the meeting. We will continue to work on these over the summer.*

Upcoming:

- *We are going to be spending the rest of the summer looking into the Peer Support Centre in terms of its space, our current usage of it and the inventory in the space. The*

centre can provide more value to students on campus and it is a goal this year to ensure that we are able to provide that value through effective use of our student space.

- *We are working with the administration to establish a mental health working group this year. This group will aim to provide our campus and our students with a more comprehensive and adequate strategy for mental health resources on campus.*
- *We are looking to have a presence of the Peer Support Centre and Network during orientation week this year. As a result we are hoping to have programming on USC day as well as during One Love and leading up to this year's One Love event during orientation week. We are currently working out the details for the way to make this day well received by first year students and orientation leaders.*

Sign-Offs

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