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TO: Members of the Student Representative Assembly
FROM: Sefa Otchere, Vice-President (Finance)
SUBJECT: SRA 23H Report
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Bonjour SRA!

Je ne suis pas français. Nonetheless, I trust this report finds each and every one of you in good health. This marks the inaugural entry of what I anticipate will be a series of informative reports. I'd like to kick things off with a lighthearted dad joke to commemorate this moment. So, if you would indulge me for this moment: **"When does it rain money? When there is change in the weather."** You skimmed it, didn't you? I know you did, don't lie. Moving forward, I'd like to express my gratitude if you've taken the time to read through this report and if not, well, I hope to win you over in the future. On a more serious note, I am genuinely thrilled to share my recent endeavours with you all. So, without further ado, let's dive right into it.

SUDs:

During August, I had the privilege to attend SUDs alongside fellow members of the Board. Despite my primarily internal-facing role, this event, in my capacity as VP of Finance, presented a unique opportunity to connect with other student unions. It also served as a platform for fostering stronger relationships with institutions like Western and the University of Toronto.

Welcome Week:

The transition from August to September marked the commencement and conclusion of Welcome Week. It's safe to say that none of us expected the whirlwind of activities and engagement that unfolded. The campus buzzed with enthusiastic participation from the entire university community. For me, it was about finding ways to contribute to the collective experience, whether assisting the VP Admin in distributing snacks to the representatives or flipping pancakes for our incoming first-year students. It was a fantastic event, and I extend my gratitude to everyone involved.

Finance Committee:

On September 11th, the AVP Finance, in collaboration with the finance committee, kicked off the first of four Transparency Weeks. This week centered around crucial topics like the Student Life Enhancement Fund (**SLEF**), Sponsorships and Donations

(SPON&DON), and Student Fees. We were delighted to witness an impressive turnout of approximately 300 students, which might have been partly due to the enticing snacks on offer.

The next Transparency Week is slated for November, with a focus on housing, personal finance and scholarships & bursaries (**Award Spring**). We aspire to build upon the success of the previous Transparency Week.

Moving forward, on October 3rd, the Finance Committee and AVP Finance introduced the Courtesy Cards, which were received positively by our community. Despite a few initial discrepancies, these were promptly resolved. I would like to extend my gratitude to both the finance committee and the AVP Finance on a job well done for both the courtesy card and financial transparency week

Clubs Training:

On September 18th and 19th, Clubs Training took center stage. From a financial perspective, clubs were actively engaged. I, along with the Clubs Accounting Clerk, provided insights into essential procedures such as club budgeting, the application process, purchase orders, and other relevant aspects for clubs throughout the year. I would also like to give a shout-out to the clubs admin and the clubs accounting clerk for their outstanding contributions and unwavering commitment to the success of the club's training. Your dedication and your efforts are truly appreciated. Thank you for your exceptional work!

VPA Collaboration:

With the invaluable assistance of the VPA, I am currently planning meetings with the PTMs to discuss matters related to uniforms and or “swag”. My goal is to have these items ordered and ready by the end of the month.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Otchere', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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