Vice President Finance Report to AMS Council
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Collective Bargaining
- The collective bargaining team, Uli Laue, Keith Hester, and myself, met throughout this month to prepare for the last round of collective bargaining.
- With support from Ross Horton and our lawyer we were able to adequately assess all of the proposed changes and move forward with the process.
- We will be meeting on Monday and Tuesday of this week to continue and hopefully reach a tentative collective agreement with COPE 378.

Health and Dental Plan
- The committee met earlier this month to make decisions on the plan benefits for the coming policy year.
- Plan benefits have mostly remained unchanged except for 3 benefits. Starting in September 2013, students will be able to receive one fluoride treatment per year, drug exception cap has been doubled and vision care coverage has also been increased.
- We are also addressing a student concern regarding communication of plan benefits and the establishment of a drug exception cap.

Finance Commission
- Criteria and plan for budget approval was determined
- Received budgets and are in the process of approving them.
- Reviewed grant applications
- Completed outstanding reimbursements for previous applicants
- Summer Term 2 Financial Hardship Subsidies have been issued to the Registrar’s Office.

BAGB
- Attended BAGB meeting held on July 9th from 6-9PM
- BAGB recommended several policies to Council for approval
- The Board had a discussion regarding its role and preliminary action items

Sustainability
- Met with Sustainability Office staff to determine action plan for the remainder of the summer
- Re-developed Job Descriptions for most Sustainability Office positions
- AMS Sustainability website will be migrated to save hundreds of dollars per year

Whistler Lodge
- All Whistler Lodge Service report responsibility has been transferred to my office
- Determined a Service Model development plan as presented to Council
- Met with UBC administration for support and acquired several resources to aid in the process
- Completed data gathering and making additional inquiries on outstanding issues
- Developed a student survey to better understand students’ wants regarding the Whistler Lodge
- Held several meetings with AMS staff to fully understand the details of the Whistler Lodge operation.
Other

- Interviewed two potential candidates for UBC Registrar vacancy
- Addressed issues and questions from auditors.
- Visited Victoria, BC to attend part of the Lobby Days programming
- Developed and implemented a financial management tool in the form of a pre-authorization process for all Student Government expenses