

Office of the VP Administration
Report to Council: September 27th, 2023

Goal 1C: Nurse on Campus at the Nest

This initiative has started and will be ongoing throughout the term. Dates for this are the following: Oct 4, 11, 18, 25; Nov 8, 22, 29; and Dec 6. They will be boothing from 12 to 2 PM in front of Blue Chip. This will be promoted on social media for early October as well!

Goal 2B: Sustainability Subcommittee

The Sustainability Subcommittee met for the first time this year last week with attendance from multiple constituencies and from our new club members which are Roots on the Roof and the Environmental Policy Association. Topics that were discussed included the Annual Sustainability Priorities and their individual updates.

Goal 2A: Opening Reception of the Hatch

The Hatch has hosted their opening reception for their first exhibit of the year which is a collaboration with ARTIVISM. Each of the following clubs and student groups had their own wall of exhibit: SulongUBC, Ukrainian Student Union, Black Void, Solidarity for Palestinian Human Rights, and more. The reception included an open mic performances and dialogue circles.

Goal 3C: Club Experience Survey 2023

The Club Experience Survey 2023 is scheduled to be released at the first week of October to our clubs and will include questions on communications, Clubs Fair, bookings, and other club-related topics and concerns. This Survey will be released at the same time as the room Shelving announcement, The Commons' rentals, and the Clubs Handbook.

Goal 3E: Clubs Fair 2023

Please join us outside for the rest of the Fair which is for the 28th and 29th. Our event features are food trucks, tote bag painting, and a mechanical bull. We have been able to allocate booths for 275 clubs for all three-days which is an improvement from last year where some of the clubs only boothed for a day or two. In terms of other partners, we have 10 external groups which includes Soapstand/Drinkfill, Translink, Return-It, Princeton Review, and 11 campus groups which include the Graduate Student Society, Campus Nutrition, Common Energy UBC, Student Legal Fund Society, the Ubyyssey, the Calendar and the Student Alumni Council. This is also the very first time that the Office of the VP Students provided us with a sponsorship for Clubs Fair worth \$7,000 and this is a goal that I wanted to personally accomplish this year! A couple of small initiatives we added in terms of marketing this year are: publishing the booth allocations for students to view; creating a graphics template for clubs, asking for consent on photography.

Goal 4C: Reduce, Reuse and Recycle in the Nest

Return-It Bins are scheduled to be delivered to the Nest this week and we are planning to distribute them around the building in the next two weeks. We have also had a meeting with UBC Food Services and Campus and Community Planning to ensure that we are all in the same page with returnable containers on campus. Lastly, the drink refill station is scheduled to be installed for its pilot program this week, and we have happily facilitated a meeting between the Soapstand and UBC Housing to introduce the concept of a soap refill station in student housing.

Other Updates

- **Club Naming Agreement with UBC** - We are in the process of renewing our agreement with the University Counsel in terms of club naming.
- **Sustainability Corridor** - We are in the process of planning for what could be included in the Sustainability Corridor monitors at the Life Basement. This will be open to sustainability-related events from clubs and constituencies for promotions/
- **Prayer Spaces** - The Commons' Lounge will now be hosting the AMS Prayer Spaces which are dedicated to commuter students who need a private space from 10 AM to 4 PM on weekdays. The room is also open for groups to book after 4 PM.
- **Club Waivers** - We have been receiving a lot of questions about club members signing the AMS Waiver. In previous year, this has been done in an honour system where clubs assume that members have filled out the form. This year, we are setting up a system so the Admin Office is receiving the signed waivers online and that we are updating our clubs every month in terms of which club members have filled out the form.
- **Safe Spaces** - Last Wednesday, we were able to work together with the constituencies, the UBC Pride Collective and TransCoalition, Student Services, and Building Operations in establishing temporary safer spaces for our friends and loved ones in the trans community. This came after an announcement from the Faculty of Arts regarding the anti-trans protests across Canada. Aside from the safer spaces, we also re-emphasized the services we offer and created a safety plan that tackled de-escalation and evacuation. In the Nest, we opened up the Hatch Art Gallery, the Common's Lounge, and the offices.
- **ISC Booking** - The Interactive Sustainability Centre is now open for bookings, both one-time occurrence and for recurring. You can book the space online with a two-weeks notice for events!