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**Midterm Report
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GOALS AND PROGRESS

SA Green and Sustainability Initiatives

1. Research what achievable change can be made.

The research performed led me to looking at other school's initiatives, as well as what we (The SA) have and have not done yet. We are still pricing out garbage cans such as the ones you would see at the front of Superstore. Waste receptacles that clearly delineate recycling by type and trash. We also donated to the p

We have full high efficiency lighting throughout our building, paper recycling, and automatic lights. The bathrooms are a place where we could look into doing more, but with upcoming necessary renovations, that isn't an option at the moment.

2. Reduce paper usage by 30%

Further looking in to this matter has made it seem like a less than reasonable goal. See, we'd have to do things like purchase ipads for each executive office, and by the time you look at the carbon footprint one ipad has created out of non-renewable resources, you'd spend forever trying to make that up in paper. I have abandoned this plan. However, there is still room for conversation about reducing our usage, and being conscious consumers.

3. Implement composting at the Farside and the Lift

This has been done and is going swimmingly.

4. Introduce the soup program/generate awareness of Food Bank

This is an ongoing process. We have a sign at the Farside now, but this has been a part of my classroom visits as well. Disseminating information among the student population is not easy. We simply don't have guaranteed effective way to ensure its dissemination.

5. Continue spreading awareness of the SA and what it does

This is again, an ongoing process. We do this through all of our events, initiatives, classroom visits etc. I think it has been going well. My classroom visits are picking up steam also, and that I think bodes well. Especially given that we have good news to deliver.

Important Meetings

1. In June we donated 150 to the garden box for seeds and maintenance. This was as per a request from Nick Schultz, who works under Jason Mudry.

2. June 27+28th we represented the student body on the hiring board for the new Dean of Arts and Sciences. We were well respected, and Dr. Jane Mcneil ended up receiving the position.
3. CACUSS was also attended in June. It is from attending this that the Soup Program came into being.
4. Meeting with Jim Brinkhurst started ongoing discussion about getting the city to help with interpretive signage around the college. Contact has been made, but no further developments are available. Doesn't seem likely to happen at this point given budgetary cutbacks.
5. Meeting with indigenous services brought us to the idea of having an indigenous craft day in the Forum. A way for people to make a gift instead of having to buy one. It plays into our monthly green initiatives.
6. Monthly green initiatives are not getting any play at all... that should be noted. My table days to promote them have been cut short or canceled for one reason or another. Additionally, I haven't made it to DSB at all. This needs to be made a priority. At least once monthly.
7. Jessica Correa, founder of Random Acts of Green visited in September. Her presentation had 9 attendees and was received well.

SUMMARY

After a few months in the role, and two months into the school year, I am searching for ways to bolster my office's initiatives and goals. The green initiatives are not going well, and I would like to add more to their promotion personally. Our marketing personnel is doing a wonderful job, as is the rest of our staff. We are very lucky to have the team that we have.

Ultimately I feel that the goals are being met, however, as mentioned in the previous paragraph, I would like to see more from me in this role. I believe I can comfortably say I have a feel for it after this time, and can see room for improvement.

Going forward I intend to continue classroom visits in to the new year, spend more time at DSB, and continue to backup my fellow execs.