**Vice President Report 2024**

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**OVERVIEW**

**Role**

Moving into 2024, the role of Vice President, which is still quite new, was largely ambiguous. I knew going in that it was very much a support role, and unlike directors, would not have ongoing structured requirements. Rather, the role became a ‘step in where it is needed’ position. It must also be made clear that amongst the unknowns, there were some expectations such as the administrative work in the beginning of the year and initiating the First Year Program. However, once these were underway, the VP role was mainly supporting the society and being there when needed.

**Tasks**

*Start of year*

The start of 2024 was quite a hectic one. Whilst we had the craziness of O-Week and trying to be present on campus during those times, we also had other issues to deal with. The main one was banking and switching from one provider to another. This took a team effort from the executives (particularly the Treasurer), but in the end I think we have improved the administration for the incoming executives.

*First Year Program*

I think the main, and most rewarding element of the Vice President Role is the First Year Program. I developed the application process initially to have a form and interview round. Unfortunately, this year, for reasons unknown, we did not get as many applications as we would have liked. Regardless, we still filled each spot and had a great team of eager first year students. After an initial meeting to get them set up, it was amazing to watch them flourish in their respective portfolios, and it has been exciting to see them eager to continue their roles within the society. My role was to act as a sounding board for any issues, and I was always happy to answer any questions they had. Each and every one of them got involved in events and was always happy to give a helping hand. I am very pleased with how the program ran in 2024.

**Overview**

Overall, I believe the role of Vice President is, and still requires, a lot of development and growth as the needs of the position become more apparent. Every society needs a different VP, who is involved and takes on their role in a unique way. It is apparent that this year’s society was one that had strong leaders, strong portfolios and therefore did not require the interference of executives in too many cases. Whilst I can say the role was not what I expected, and not necessarily a super busy one at that, I am very honoured to have served my term as Vice President alongside such an amazing group of people, and I hope the next individual in my position ends up feeling the same way.