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October was a big month here at the USU!

Running in its second year, Someday Soon Musical Festival had Manning House buzzing with energy as we welcomed a stellar line up of artists and thousands of members. The festival is part of our continued efforts towards ensuring a vibrant and renewed student culture on campus. None of what we do to serve our members will be possible without the hard work of USU staff, we are indebted to them for their dedication.

We are aware that the cost-of-living crisis is severely impacting our members. The USU is working with our university partners to create programs and initiatives that caters to the diverse needs of our members. We have been able to support thousands of students through FoodHub and our affordable food initiatives and will continue to advocate for better support and wellbeing services.

I am also excited to hear that the Disability Community Room housed in Manning has been handed over to key student organisations. A space long overdue that will serve the diverse needs of our students.

Finally, a massive congratulations to all the USU Clubs and Societies that received an award for all their hard work in our C&S Awards night! We all appreciate the enormity of work and effort that goes into each Club and Society serving our members, and for that we are abundantly grateful.

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