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RESIGNATION AND TRANSITION OF VICE-PRESIDENT EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND VICE-PRESIDENT FINANCE AND OPERATIONS

SACKVILLE, NB — On the evening of Monday, January 16, 2017, Tina Oh and Alex Lepianka announced to the Students' Administrative Council (SAC) that they would be resigning from their positions as Vice President External Affairs and Vice President Finance & Operations respectively, effective immediately. In Oh's resignation, she cited systemic racism and oppression that she has faced as a representative of the MASU. Lepianka resigned in solidarity with Oh. Additionally, Matt Fyfe also stated his intention to resign as Bike Co-op Coordinator.

Following the unexpected resignations of Oh and Lepianka, the SAC voted in unanimous favour to accept the resignations as they were presented, rather than requiring further bureaucratic process. "Although I have not personally faced or witnessed any racism during my three years with the MASU, I have full confidence the organization will take the necessary steps to address Oh's concerns" says Councillor-at-Large Osama Al Nammary. Councillor Maureen Adegbidi noted the valuable contributions that have been made to the MASU by both Oh and Lepianka over the years.

The Executive of the MASU will be presenting an action plan to the SAC next week for approval. In the interim, President Ryan LeBreton will be taking over the day-to-day responsibilities of both roles. "It is unfortunate to see two Vice Presidents leave, however we will ensure that these vacancies do not result in a loss of services or operations" says LeBreton. To maintain a strong and viable presence for Mount Allison students within both the provincial and federal advocacy organizations of which the MASU is a member, the Executive will be nominating new delegates to each organization.

Any questions or concerns can be directed to masupresident@mta.ca.