

Good afternoon, USC!

Here are your updates for the week of August 16th-20th

Important Information:

Staffing:

As part of the decision for the USC to close Print Productions, Maja Anjoli-Bilic is in the position where her unionized work no longer exists. As part of the process laid out in the collective agreement, Maja has decided to bump into the position of Coordinator, Purple Store. Maja will be starting her training and trial period in this new role on Monday, August 9th, 2021. There will be more information to come as we work through this process.

Parking:

On September 1 all campus parking lot gates will be lowered and Parking & Visitor Services will resume collecting fees for parking services. Access to parking areas will once again be with active paid permit or pay-as-you-go visitor parking.

Work From Home Stipend:

We are excited to announce that the work from home stipend will continue to the end of August!

Departmental Updates:



The Purple Store

Lululemon has arrived at The Purple Store!

We are excited to announce our newest partnership. Starting this week, we will be offering a clothing line exclusive to The Purple Store. Visit us [online](#) to check it out!

PEOPLE AND DEVELOPMENT

Wellness Program:

Just a friendly reminder that if you would like access to a Headspace account you can enroll for free using this link! Headspace is a wonderful app that has guided meditation sessions, workouts, podcasts, and playlists created to help you focus while doing work!

<https://work.headspace.com/universitystudentscouncilofwesternuniversity/member-enroll>

FINANCE Please reach out to the Finance team regarding deposits and payments. We will do our best to accommodate your financial needs in a timely manner. AP cheques will continue to be mailed, be sure to include an address.

July 2021 financial reports have been sent out this week. We are preparing for Orientation week. We are here to issue Purchase Orders and deposit cheques as needed. Please ensure approvals are in place.

INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Remember to be suspicious of any email, text, or phone call you receive asking for a new or changed etransfer. 2021 has so far been a banner year for fraudsters, with successful Funds Transfer Fraud attacks -- i.e. fake emails from the "CEO" to the Finance Department asking for money to be sent electronically to pay off an "invoice" -- increasing 28% and the average funds stolen nearly doubled from the prior year. These types of attacks are also increasingly targeting small businesses. In 2021, there was a 57% increase in attacks against organizations with under 250 employees.

(Source: <https://www.helpnetsecurity.com/2021/08/03/ransom-demands/>)

PRODUCTIONS: We will be welcoming some part-time staff into the building for furniture moves and space refreshing. If you need part-time staff assistance with moving items or installation, please continue to contact workorders@westernusc.ca so that we can appropriately triage your request.