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To: Students' Union Council

Re: Vice President Student Life 2022/23 Report #16

Mandatory Non-Instructional Fee

Myself, Julia and Abner have been meeting with the University to talk about the Mandatory Non-Instructional Fee. We also had a separate meeting with Athletics, and Campus Community and Recreation to discuss their fees. We want to make sure our advocacy is student shaped so that we will be bringing this as a discussion item to the council. I suggest you all get a little familiar with MNIFs before we discuss them with you all and ensure we have a fruitful conversation.

Dean of Students' Advisory Committee

DAC is chaired by the Dean of Students and provides an opportunity for students to ask questions and give feedback on programs, services, and initiatives coordinated through the Office of the Dean of Students. We had some updates from the Dean; the Board of Governors approved the revised Sexual and Gender-Based Violence Policy suite. "SVP 2.0", i.e. improvements. Also approved the Student Conduct Policy suite which replaces part of the Code of Student Behaviour. There will be an education and training rollout to support the new policies. Andre will be stepping down as DoS as of January. Associate Dean Helen Vallianatos will be Acting DoS starting January. The Discussion Items included a DoS Strategic Plan Consultation. Discussed what students need from DoS Programs and Services. Participants identified a range of needs including communication, support, information, financial aid, information, motivation, culturally appropriate support/information, belonging, empowerment, etc.

ARRC Update

One of two of the ARRC Recommendations that I am working on is to advocate for the creation of a dedicated Indigenous student gathering space at Campus Saint-Jean. I am very happy to say with the support of Cindy Gaudet we have been able to get a commitment from CSJ to work on this recommendation. The gathering space will be in la Bibliotheque Saint-Jean. We are gonna continue to consult with the UofA community to ensure there's consistency with Indigenous Spaces on Campus. I continue to work with Residence Services on

Black History Month

Christian and I have been meeting with the new EDI Coordinator on planning Black History Month next year. We are planning this alongside DoS, although will also be consulting with other student groups on campus. We want to do a panel for discussion + breakout sessions where individuals can engage in conversation. The focus will be on racial trauma and how it can manifest in your body, space, implication, etc. We are still in the planning phase, but I am looking forward to sharing more with you folks.

Quick updates

- The National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women.
 - I participated in the ceremony organized by NASA. I read two of the names of the women who were killed.
 - I also made a SGBV Policy video update on the uasuexecutive Instagram page.

- Discussion Space Optimization
 - Abner and I met with Lara McClelland, AVP -Integrated Planning & Partnerships
 - We discussed the next steps in regard to the University's space optimization and what student engagement looks like
 - Looking forward to some of the initiatives that have been in the work with you folks soon

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