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To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Students' Council

Hello Council!

This report is coming to you live (well, not live) from my new report template, yay!

OPEN HOUSE

This year, I was on the planning committee for the Students' Union's presence at the University of Alberta Open House. The Open House was this past weekend, and I had the time of my life! We had notebooks, donuts, buttons, and a wheel at our table to could spin to learn about the amazing things we offer and win a prize! I got to stand at our trade booth all day and talk to prospective students in high school about the power of the student voice and everything we do to advocate for students. My voice was gone by the end of the day, but it was so worth it to get to share our successes to the future students, and have them interested in student governance and student leadership early on.

It really gave me the boost I needed as well. As we round the six-month corner, I have been reflecting a lot on what I've accomplished so far this year and how much I still have to do in an increasingly short amount of time. Getting to tell these high school students about what we do really energized me and made me remember why we exist and who we're fighting for. And shout-out to VP Kwan for taking me out for pho after!

THE LANDING HIRING

Aside from my position on The Landing Board of Directors, I am also on the Finance and Administration Committee, which oversees staff hiring. We have been searching for a new Executive Director for the service, and interviews are being conducted this week and next, and things are going well so far. This is a change in leadership from The Landing's previous structure of having a part-time manager, as it is now a standalone service and received a very generous grant from the Government of Alberta to continue all the great work it already does.

SUSTAINABILITY AWARENESS WEEK

This week was Sustainability Awareness Week, put on by the Office of Sustainability and partners. I had a great time handing out cupcakes during the launch on Monday and letting people know



about all of the exciting programming for the week (55 events!). I just wish I wasn't so busy this week so I could have attended more events ☹

GENDER POLICY ADVOCACY

I have been doing lots of work implementing the SU's gender policy in my work, and starting to advocate for these changes. I am submitting a large proposal to the GFC Executive Committee for their December meeting, asking them to make practice fit policy. To explain more, there is a Harassment and Discrimination Policy at the University of Alberta. It gives protection to those who fall under their "protected grounds" classification, and gender identity is one of those protected grounds. I am asking the University to follow their policy and change gendered language in the Code of Student Behaviour and the University Calendar, as well as convince the Registrar's Office to change the way they track gender in student files.

This proposal, if passed through GFC, will come to the Board of Governors through their HR committee. This is a long process that hopefully will be passed by the end of my term, and will be slowly implemented over the next few years, as editing these official documents takes time. I have been consulting The Landing, Student Conduct and Accountability, and the Dean of Students, and will continue to consult with relevant parties over the next month as I prepare the submission to University governance.

DENTISTRY FEE CHANGE

A few students in the Dental Hygiene program have brought to our attention a significant increase to their equipment fees compared to last year. We are looking into it to see what type of consultation was done with students prior to implementing the fee, where and when it was officially passed, and what the difference in price covers compared to previous years of the program. VP Rahman and I met with the students, and are now investigating for them.

In solidarity,

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