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To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Students' Council

Hello Council!

Lots of things are currently in motion, so I don't have a ton of updates where things have been resolved or implemented, but a lot is in progress!

GENDER PROPOSAL CONSULTATION

I have spent the majority of my time over the last three weeks consulting different departments and representative groups on my gender inclusion proposal to University Governance. The main ask of the proposal is that the Board of Governors use the already existing Harassment and Discrimination Policy to guide changes to gender identity on campus, including pronouns in documents and changes to the equity statements for staff and students. The proposal will first come to GFC Executive Committee, and I have consulted with the following people so far:

- Volunteers and staff from The Landing
- Deborah Eerkes (Student Conduct and Accountability)
- Nicole Goehring (MLA, Edmonton-Castle Downs)
- Robin Everall (Dean of Students)
- Steve Dew (Provost)
- Wayne Patterson (Human Resources)
- Catherine Anley (Human Resources)
- Lisa Collins (Registrar)
- Wade King (Safe Disclosure and Human Rights)
- Elizabeth Johansson (Non-Academic Staff Association)
- Harsh Thaker (Graduate Students' Association)

My upcoming consultations include:

- Graduate Students' Association Board
- Institute for Sexual Minority Studies and Services
- University Relations
- Association of Academic Staff: University of Alberta

My goal is to get the formal support of NASA, AASUA, and the GSA, as together we represent all members of the university community as their elected bodies. Support in principle will also hopefully come from the various university departments, as they will also be affected by the changes and the logistics of changing practice to fit existing policy. I will include a copy of my proposal to governance at our December 1 Students' Council meeting.

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**LONG NIGHT AGAINST PROCRASTINATION**

After months of planning, LNAP is finally here! The event begins Thursday, November 19 at 8:00pm, and goes until 8:00am the next morning. This is put on by the Centre for Writers and seeks to provide tutoring and other services for students overnight. It's held in Rutherford Library, and is going to be a blast! The Students' Union is offering both in-kind and financial support through the Peer Support Centre, Safewalk, catering, design & marketing, and SUTV. You can sign up at their website and pre-register for the event. I hope to see lots of you there!

LNAP Page: <http://c4w.ualberta.ca/en/LNAP.aspx>

PROTECTIVE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

I got to meet the new Director of Protective Services last week, and I was glad to hear that he is committed to a new approach in the way UAPS works with students, staff, administration, and the community. They are currently in the process of creating a strategic plan for the unit, and asked us at the meeting to provide feedback. The main concerns the Students' Union brought up was the perceived heavy-handedness of officers when dealing with students, many of whom are encountering legal issues for the first time in their lives. I stressed that we need to be more collaborative and create a partnership where students feel comfortable when they see officers, and don't just see them when they commit offences. Some university departments echoed this sentiment, and VP Kwan and I hope to have more conversations with UAPS in the future to see how to best work together across the university.

INTERNAL DEPARTMENTAL PLANS

Over the past month, the different departments of the SU have been developing departmental plans for their units for the upcoming year. This is a practice we've done for a while, and really helps with future planning of different departments and aligning them with goals of the Executive Committee and the Strategic Plan for the Students' Union. The plans I have reviewed so far look excellent, and the 2-5 year goals the units have set for themselves are ambitious yet attainable (I would share more but they aren't public just yet, to my knowledge). I will say that there is a very clear commitment to sustainability in operations, financial growth, and the impact on students in every plan, and I am confident that the SU can continue to serve undergraduate students well, as we've always done.

In solidarity,

Cody Bondarchuk