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To: Students' Union Council

Re: Report to Students' Council

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Hey Council!

Welcome to my report. I hope you've all had a great week. It's certainly been exciting for me, and I have some things I'm thrilled to report on.

### 1. Housing for Students Who Parent

The HSWP committee met to discuss where we are at as a group. They have been having moderate success in their in-person focus groups, and a fairly robust response rate from their online surveys. The Students' Union was able to help with the committee by providing the university with some of the information from our 2017 Student Survey. In particular, we shared data that shows that FNMI undergraduates are nearly 4x more likely to be a Student Who Parents than non-FNMI undergraduates. This highlights a need for specialized supports for FNMI student parents. The university is also hosting a second focus group with new questions to collect more data from Students Who Parent. This group will meet on Thursday, September 20th in the Glacier Room at Lister Centre from 6-8PM.

### 2. Newton Place Residence Association

I have met student representatives from the Newton Place Residence Association and we anticipate we will find a full team of representatives by the end of the month. In the meantime, Residence Services has stepped in to help the representatives staff The Nest, the student commons in Newton Place. I'm looking forward to working with the NPRA to help them ensure a full executive roster and a robust election in Spring 2019.

### 3. CFSS Working Group

The CFSS Working Group convened for a half-day retreat this week to discuss the structure and format of the report to the community. The full list of priorities for Campus Safety and Security is quite extensive, but we identified a couple key priorities for student safety that we would like the university administration to follow up on. In particular, we recommended increases in security measures in HUB mall, as well as increased commitment to the recommendations outlined in the Sexual Assault Recommendations and Implementation Committee's Report to the Community. The full follow up email to administration can be viewed [here](#).

#### 4. Green and Gold Day

VP Ripka and I spent some of our morning at the AUFSJ Barbecue before heading back to Main Campus to help out at the Green and Gold day festivities in Main Quad! It was a really awesome opportunity to see so much UAlberta pride and cheer, and I had a great time chatting with Michael Phair, Chancellor Stollery, and President Turpin. September 14th is now officially Green and Gold Day in the City of Edmonton! Happy Green and Gold Day!

#### 5. Closing

I'm really looking forward to a meeting with some students who have conducted research on providing feminine hygiene products for free on campus. McGill already has a plan to provide menstrual products to their students, and has begun collecting a fee from students to pay for the products, using the surplus revenue their fee generates to pay for more dispensers and to subsidize more expensive menstrual products like the Diva Cup. Lastly, tomorrow is the City Wide Welcome for newcomers to UAlberta! It will be awesome to meet new students, and to help showcase what the SU has to offer to newcomers to Edmonton.

Until next time,



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