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To: Students' Union Council

Re: Report to Students' Council

Hi everyone!

Hard to believe this will be my final report to council! It's been such an amazing experience working with all of you, and I'm proud of all of the work we've accomplished together this year. Here's some closing projects and updates that will hopefully carry on into next year.

1. Open Friday Service & Prayer

Thank you to the Muslim Students' Association for hosting the Open Friday Prayer on March 29th. Working with their executive team was a wonderful experience, and I was thrilled to see so many UAlberta students standing up against hate and racism. In other good news, discussions have begun with University administration regarding providing a larger space for Muslim students to pray on Fridays, as well as revisiting and identifying any issues with existing prayer space accommodations on campus such as the HUB Prayer Space.

2. Joint Executive Training

The Residence Associations (HUB, Lister, Newton Place, East Campus, and Residence Saint Jean) are nearly finished electing their executive teams, and we had our first meet up and transition orientation alongside the Residence Life team. There are a ton of amazing ideas floating around, and hopefully we'll get to see the residences making a push for RezFest 2019 in September.

3. HUB Safety & Security

We have received confirmation from the University and the Consultant for HUB that Access Control (locks, ONEcard scanners, unsecured doors) are priority number one moving forward with HUB. We can anticipate a lot of progress being made on this file from now until September, but I think we can feel confident leaving this project with Jared for 2019/20.

4. Residence Advisory Committee

We received a file from Ancillary Services that seeks to grant delegated authority to RAC to make decisions on rent and meal plan increases up to a predetermined limit. It seems as though this change would provide a lot more opportunity for students and

student staff to provide input on increases to rent and meal plan rates, and I'm excited to discuss further at the RAC meeting this week.

5. Closing

This year has been transformative for me in ways I could not have begun to imagine. Thank you for challenging me to be a better person, supporting me throughout everything we went through, and being a rock solid Students' Council. I hope that all of you continue to give back to your communities and shape the world as leaders into the future.

Best,



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