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To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Students' Council

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Hello Council!

The summer is almost wrapped up, it's wild to think that first years will be moving in about a week, orientation will be in swing in no time, and before you know it fall classes will begin. I feel like this summer has flown by, but has also been extremely productive and rewarding. Here are some of the things I've been up to:

#### **UASU Cares**

The mental health website is well underway, we are still finishing up the data base and working out some marketing details but as soon as everything is complete I will be sharing links and asking for a lot of feedback. Throughout the year, I will be working to grow this website and ensure that it has all the resources students will need in order to succeed in their academic endeavors. Once it is live, I would love all the feedback I can get from all of you and your constituents.

#### **Health and Dental Committee**

We had orientation for all the members of the Health and Dental Committee and have started conversations with StudentCare on how to best serve students in the upcoming year. We will likely be having a presentation in Council about the Health and Dental plan coming up within the next few meetings to get you guys informed on how the plan works and allow you to ask any questions you might have.

#### **First Responder to Sexual Assault and Abuse Training**

I took this training through Alberta Sexual Assault Services and found it quite valuable. I have been looking at different response training student leaders can take at the University of Alberta, and this one is up there in quality. It is really important that we support each other as students and that the students that want to be a resource to their peers have flexibility in obtaining this sort of training within their busy schedules.

#### **RATT on the Patio**

Our staff has done an incredible job putting on RATT on the Patio. It has been a pleasure to attend and see students, staff and alumni in presence coming together on the summer days enjoying the hot sun.

#### **Commitment to End Gender Based Violence**

Our school is a partner with the city to end gender-based violence, and I have been working with the city to continue to work in this area. IBelieveYou Campaign will be coming up in September and now that our sexual violence policy is written, it is quite important to ensure that our school

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continues to move in the right direction as together we can help educate our peers on the importance of taking a stand against gender based violence.

**Golden Bears and Pandas Legacy Fund**

Vice President Paches and I had an afternoon going through all the Legacy Fund applications and are thrilled to see the year that will come for all of our teams. It is exciting to see the teams getting more involved on campus and having a greater impact on our community.

**Residence Move In**

The executive and I will be volunteering for move-in day to greet the first years and returners coming back in Lister Centre and East Campus Village on September 28th. It's going to be an involved day and I cannot wait to see the campus full of motivated faces.

**The Landing Board**

Attended the Landing board meeting, we are currently looking for more staff for our services. You can find the job postings on <http://thelandingualberta.ca/index.php/job-postings>, feel free to give them a share as this is a great service that provides a lot of students support.

**Students Union Development Summit**

The executive and I will be attending the Students Union Development Summit this upcoming weekend. I am excited to reconnect with many student leaders across the country and meet plenty of new faces as well. The sessions look quite insightful and educational as well so I am excited to share the knowledge I will obtain throughout this weekend. It is always a worthwhile opportunity to share what our Students' Union does and gain insight on what other schools do as well to see if there is opportunity for growth.

Overall it's been a fantastic summer and I am really excited to see what the year will have to offer. Feel free to reach out and come visit me on office hours: Wednesdays 3:30 – 4:30PM. Shoot me an email too; I would love to chat just about anything, especially if I can help your goals in any way.

Thanks for reading, until next time.



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