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To: Students' Council 2012/13

Hey Everyone!

Hopefully, the last two weeks have been restful, especially considering the number of council meetings we've had in the last month. I have been working quite diligently on my unfinished goals and have completed a few more. Make sure to check out the new sports ticker on the SU homepage as well as the campus musical page that should be going up very shortly!

Programming

Campus Musical

The musical is continuing to steam ahead. I have been meeting regularly with the Director and other members of the technical team and had a chance to check out one of their rehearsals. The props and set are starting to come together in terms of design and the vision of the Director and Choreographer is slowly starting to take shape.

The license is finally in with the scripts and scores and we will start to seek sponsorship and advertise the show very shortly with ticket info. We are trying to make the show tickets as cheap as possible to attract as many students as possible, but will also be opening the show to the general public in order to showcase the talent that we have on our campus.

Finally, I will be looking for a marketing and promotions team for this event. If you or anyone you know may be interested, please let me know.

Services

U-Pass

I met with representatives from transit and the University to finalize the Spring/Summer U-Pass contract. Additionally, I will be sending a proposal and a few other important items that will be important in the years ahead to the different student associations for consideration and support.

Gender Based Violence Prevention Project

The project has hosted a number of different programs and events, some earlier in the semester and some more recently as part of International Week. The next program will conclude International Week and I encourage everyone to check out the Gender Based Monologues in Education North 4-104

Granting

I sat in on another set of granting sessions, which may set some interesting precedent for future granting sessions. We discussed the issue of whether or not to release grant information for those who are successful in receiving their grants before diving into the grants themselves. Once again, the grant funding that was available was not sufficient for all the groups to get the money they applied for or were approved for. I am hoping that the next VPSL can pick up this conversation with the Office of the Dean of Students and Student Groups Services.

ONEcard Student Advisory Group

The VPOF and I attended a meeting to talk about issues relating to the ONEcard with representatives from the GSA, Ancillary Services and other undergraduate students. A number of different topics were discussed, including the potential change to the U-Pass to SMARTcard technology, using ONEcards at the Farmer's Market, and the new ONEcards that should be launching in September.

Centre for Student Development

I had an opportunity to sit in on the interviews for the Centre for Student Development Assistant Manager, as the position has been vacant since Tim Ira became the Manager of CSD. The interview panel selected a candidate, whom I cannot confirm until all of the applicants have been contacted. I will say however that I believe the selected individual will bring a new perspective and fresh eyes to CSD Programming and I am very excited to see what this individual does within the CSD! Good luck!

Advocacy

Municipal Property Taxes

The VPX and I met with representatives from various residence associations at the RHA Council to discuss their thoughts on the MoU with Facilities and Operations and got some great feedback. We'll be seeking some more feedback at various council meetings this weekend and hopefully have something finalized in the next week or so.

Athletics

The VPOF, the Director of Research and Political Affairs and I met to finish drafting the Memorandum of Agreement with the University on the Golden Bears and Pandas Legacy Fund. In the coming weeks, we will present the document to representatives from Athletics for feedback and hopefully for agreement on the document.

I would like to mention that our teams are doing particularly well currently and I encourage all of you to check out some of the games this weekend, as they may be the some of the last regular home games some of them play. For the schedule of events, check <http://www.bears.ualberta.ca/Schedules.aspx>.

Finally, the PotSU and I attended the Athletics and Recreation Fee Advisory Committee to discuss up-to-date information on the fee and to get general updates from the Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation and its various units.

Council on Student Affairs

COSA met to review some new and upcoming projects, including the potential changes to the Code of Student Behaviour relating to student groups, the SUB Renovations Project, and the new hazing videos that the Office of Student Judicial Affairs has put together called Hazed and Confused. A number of councilors and prominent members of the community are in those videos and I encourage everyone to have a quick look at some of them, as they are entertaining and have a very important message for our students.

General Faculties Council

A number of interesting issues were raised at GFC, including the latest report to come out of the Office of Safe Disclosure and Human Rights and potential changes to the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research. More importantly, the President and Chair of GFC addressed a number of concerns raised at the last meeting of GFC, including the conduct of certain members in suppressing questions during Question Period and the issue of raising important advocacy issues during Question Period.

Other

Meeting with the Office of the Registrar

The Executives met with members of the Office of the Registrar to get an update on the Student Connect project and to discuss topics of interest in our respective portfolios. I recommend with rigour to the next executive to continue to meet with representatives from the Office of the Registrar to discuss issues of importance to students, as they have been extremely receptive and supportive.

VPSL/VPSA/VPI Conference Call

The VPSL equivalents from SAIT, ULeth, UCSU, and USSU had a quick phone chat to discuss an upcoming student-run conference regarding Mental Health and to setup another meeting to discuss a few other issues including FNMI issues, new International student issues, and commuter student spaces among other things. I'm looking forward to collaborating with other SU's on various projects to expand the reach of our projects and get different perspectives on current programming and advocacy.

If you have any other questions, please ask during council, stop by the office in SUB, or send me an email at vp.studentlife@su.ualberta.ca.

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