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Hey Everyone!

Hope you've had a good last couple of weeks. Recently, I have been quite busy, especially with the recent incident a week and half ago. I would like to take this time to commend the SU Staff for their hard work in responding to the situation as well as the University staff for the support that they offered to our students. Particularly, I would like to praise our Safewalk volunteers who were the first responders on the scene. These two brave volunteers have helped demonstrate the value of Safewalk as an essential SU Service. I was able to speak with the Gateway and CJSR about the incident, Safewalk as a service, and moving forward from this point.

Programming

Week of Welcome

There have been a few discussions involving the executives and the Programming and Services Department about potential acts to bring for WoW. If any of you have any suggestions of bands or DJs you would like to see, please let me know. As soon as acts are finalized and tickets start going on sale, I will be sure to keep council in the know.

Services

Health and Dental Plan

The VPOpsFi, the PotSU, and I were in Montreal for a few days for the Studentcare conference. I learned a great deal about the plan and was able to contribute some direction on the upcoming projects that are coming up. It was also a great way to meet other student leaders from across the country and talk to them about projects on their campuses.

Campus Food Bank

The Campus Food Bank is holding the 2nd Annual de Vera Volleyball Tournament on July 21st. I would encourage councilors to come together and make teams. Registration is only \$150 per team and it goes towards a great cause. If you have any more questions, please let me know.

Centre for Student Development

CSD had been working hard on Orientation as well as the Co-Curricular Record. The PotSU went to the meeting for the CCR in my stead. I will also be meeting with the Assistant Manager Tim Ira to talk about executive contributions to Orientation. I also attended the Orientation BBQ, hosted by the CSD staff for the Orientation volunteers.

Infolink

Infolink is currently in the process of hiring a new Assistant Manager. I sat in on interviews and will inform council on the decision of the hiring committee once it becomes public. The service will also be undergoing a general facelift, with some changes being made to the HUB Mall, CAB, and Lower Level SUB booths as well as the reconstruction of the Infolink booth on the main floor of SUB. Ticketmaster is being relocated to SUBmart for those interested.

U-Pass

The Director of Research and Political Affairs and I attended a U-Pass Admin Meeting this week, where we had a chance to talk about the Spring/Summer U-Pass as well as upcoming negotiations. We are hoping to meet with members of the GSA and the University to discuss the matters further before the meeting with ETS next Wednesday.

Advocacy

Residence

I have been going on tours with the Director of Residence Services Dima Utgoff to get a better understanding of residence issues and differed maintenance needs at the various residences. I also attended a Community Standards Review Committee Meeting to talk about Restorative Justice issues.

Other

The Senior Manager Retreat was held earlier this week, with the various Managers and Directors, SU Staff, and a few others going to the Alumni House to talk about goals for the upcoming year and providing a forum for collaboration on a number of issues. A huge thank you to the SU General Manager Marc Dumouchel for organizing it.

Takeaways:

- Volunteer for Week of Welcome
- Volunteer for the Safewalk Summer Program
- Get a team together for the CFB Volleyball Tournament
- Meet with me if you are interested in the portfolio or just to chat

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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