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Hey Everyone!

The last few weeks have been very hectic, talking to different media outlets and continuing the on-going struggle to get a formal consultation on the Residence Changes with the University.

Programming

Week of Welcome

Week of Welcome preparation has been going quite well. The different events have almost been finalized and the arts and crafts portion is well underway. If you have some time, I would suggest talking to the Student Programming Coordinators to help them out with finishing their arts and crafts, as they are regularly in Dinwoodie Lounge until late hours of the evening to get these done.

Services

U-Pass

The VPOpsFi and I attended a U-Pass Lunch earlier this week with representatives from Grant MacEwan, NAIT, and the GSA. We talked about a counter proposal to what ETS suggested in the last meeting, as well as moving forward with lobbying councilors. The meeting went quite well and it looks like we will have a document prepared for the next U-Pass Advisory Meeting to present to the different transit providers.

Services Staff

The General Manager and I had a chance to sit in on an All Services Staff Meeting. We got the opportunity to meet all the new staff as well as hear about various items including SUB Renovations Updates and the creation of a Services Strategic Plan.

Advocacy

Residence

The Community Standards Review Committee had one of their final meetings to review the first year of Restorative Justice. The final report should be out soon and will be presented at the Campus Law Review Committee in September. Additionally, as stated earlier, I have been working quite hard on the recent proposal by the University with several members of the SU Staff as well as the PotSU and the VPOpsFi. We have had several interviews with the media and University administrators and held a press conference last week in the Jubilee Parking Lot.

The PotSU, the Director of Research and Political Affairs and I attended a Residence Budget Advisory Committee Meeting to discuss several items including changes to rent contracts and the East Campus Village Renewal Project.

Upcoming Items

- Infolink/SFAIC Training Lunch August 11th
- East Campus Village Housing Project Submissions Evaluation August 13th
- Services Goals Meetings August 14th-17th
- Alcohol Policy Review Committee Meeting August 14th
- Tour of HUB Mall August 15th
- SU Executive Dinner with the Chancellor August 15th
- Co-Curricular Record Meeting August 17th
- Edmonton Student Association Get-Together August 21st
- New Student Experience Working Group August 21st
- Tour of Newton Place and Graduate Residence August 22nd
- U-Pass Advisory Meeting August 22nd
- Health Promotion Advisory Committee Meeting August 22nd
- Meeting with APIRG August 23rd
- Residence St. Jean Tour August 24th
- Residence Budget Advisory Committee Meeting August 28th
- Meeting with Athletics Board Members August 28th

Takeaways:

- Talk to the Programming Department about helping with Week of Welcome
- 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 <u>vp.studentlife@su.ualberta.ca</u>.

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