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To: Students' Council 2012/13

Hey Everyone!

With all the craziness of last week with Orientation and Week of Welcome, I was not able to write my council report in time for the main agenda. My apologies. I hope everyone enjoyed themselves last week and that you all banked some volunteer hours. As I have been in the position for some time now, please don't hesitate to talk to me if you're interested in applying for VPSL. It takes a lot of planning, and starting to plan now isn't a bad idea.

Programming

Week of Welcome

Well, Week of Welcome has come and gone. I think the Dr. Seuss theme went over quite well. I would like to give a big shout out to Avinash, Jessica, Brennan, Jennifer, and Kristen from the SU Programming and Venues Department. They did some great work and the week went off without a hitch! Awesome job folks!

I would also like to thank all of the students at CSJ for receiving us last Wednesday for the CSJ BBQ and for all the help from the AUFSJ and the other SU Executives.

Services

U-Pass

The different student associations met last week to discuss the best way to move forward with getting a good product at a reasonable price to students. Hopefully, I'll be talking to one City Councillor later today to discuss the U-Pass.

UAB Orientation

The PotSU and I had the chance to meet with the new athletes and talk to them about the Students' Union in a presentation, outlining the businesses we operate, the services we offer, our building, and the structure of the Students' Union.

Centre for Student Development

The Centre for Student Development did a great job with Orientation last week. I had the chance to meet a lot of students and give a speech at the President's Address (which will hopefully be going up as a blog post later this month). A big shout out to all the CSD Staff (Ann, Kevin, Josh, Tim, and Tannis) and all those who came out to volunteer for CSD!

Advocacy

Residence Halls Association

The RHA is still looking for Executive Members. If you are interested in residence issues, if you know someone else whose interested, or if you think a friend would make a positive contribution on the RHA, please have them contact myself of the RHA President Kaibree Drake.

Residence Budget Advisory Committee

The PotSU, DRPA, and I attended an RBAC meeting last week to discuss residence rents and the budget for next year. At today's meeting, we will be further discussing rent increases to different residences.

Other

SUB Renovations Steering Committee Meeting

I attended the SUB Reno Meeting with the SU Councilors newly elected to the committee as well as the VPOpsFi and the General Manager. DIALOG presented a design to the committee, which was received quite well.

International Student Orientation

The VPX, the PotSU, and I attended the welcome breakfast for the incoming international students. We got the chance to talk to some of the new students about their programs of study as well as their countries of origin and their experiences so far.

Protective Services Advisory Committee

The VPA, the Assistant Manager Student Services, the Safewalk Director and I met with representatives from the University and University of Alberta Protective Services to talk about various issues relating to student safety on campus, including the manner in which the University is moving forward with respect to the incident that occurred earlier this summer.

University Budget Planning Process

Member of AASUA, NASA, the GSA, and the SU met with Philip Stack, the Associate Vice-President of Risk Management Services, to talk about the University's budget and the breakdown.

Shinerama

The PotSU and I had the opportunity to meet a bunch of students who were going to various locations around Edmonton on Saturday morning to raise money for Cystic Fibrosis Research. We had a chance to meet members of the MSA, members of the Faculty of Medicine, and a few people suffering from the disorder. I have to admit that the story told by the 6-year old Heather and her father made me quite emotional. The organizers of Shinerama estimated that about 200 students came out and raised over \$12,000.

Upcoming Items

- Health Centre Advisory Group Meeting – September 11th
- Residence Budget Advisory Group – September 11th
- Campus Food Bank Open House – September 11th
- U-Pass Advisory Committee Meeting – September 12th
- Students' Union Representative Open House – September 12th
- Golden Bears and Pandas Legacy Fund Committee Meeting – September 13th
- North Power Plant Tour and Discussion – September 13th
- 89th Avenue Student Housing Meeting – September 14th
- Progressive Conservative Caucus Meeting – September 17th
- Residence Budget Advisory Committee Meeting – September 18th
- Council on Student Affairs – September 20th
- SUB Renovations Steering Committee Meeting – September 21st
- Student Group Services Leadership Summit – September 21st & 22nd
- Meeting with Dima Utgoff – September 24th
- UofA Protective Services Commission – September 25th
- New Student Experience Working Group Meeting – September 25th

Takeaways:

- Apply for an RHA Executive Position (or tell a friend)
- 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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