

June 3rd, 2014

To: University of Alberta Students' Council 2014/2015

Re: Vice President Student Life Council Report

"We judge ourselves by our intentions and others by their actions."

Hi, Council!

Note: William and I will be in Calgary June 2nd to June 3rd for the Wellness Summit in Calgary. This is the reason we are not in attendance for this council meeting.

SU Identity

At the StudentCare conference, StudentCare's marketing and design personnel introduced me to the idea of 'Access Points'. Where do students interact with the Students' Union, and how do they move through the organization afterwards? What are our goals with respect to student interaction? Do students understand our structure? Do they know how to navigate the services and opportunities we provide? I brought this topic up at governance camp, and it is something I will be working on throughout the year.

In regards to email communications, the Government of Canada has introduced Anti-Spam Legislation (more details at <http://fightspam.gc.ca/>). It's an interesting bit of legislation that the SU will have to be mindful of in any communications strategy!

Engagement and Events

Since returning to office, I have met with both **International Student Services** and the **Global Education Program** regarding their campus events. I will be working with these two groups alongside the **International Students Association** and other campus stakeholders to promote International Week 2015, as well another culture focused event to be held before International Week... more information to come as the year goes on!

At governance camp, Natalia and I gave a presentation and workshop on **Council at Week of Welcome**. The results of that conversation are on my to-do list. I need to figure out what we need designed, how this fits into the SU as a whole, and how much the resources we'll need will cost.

To follow-up on the **programming calendar** recommendation to help facilitate communication on events between students' council and faculty associations, I have begun conversations with staff. I will follow-up when I have something more tangible.

Health

As a follow-up on William's work, and the work of our predecessors, it falls to me to wrap up the **microwaves** for Faculty Associations discussion. I have written a contract to be co-signed with Faculty Associations that articulates who cleans the microwave (the FA), who maintains the

microwave (the FA), and who replaces the microwave (the SU) that we distribute to them. Once we have stickers printed, Discover Governance will begin distribution!

At the StudentCare conference from May 20th to May 22nd, I was prompted to think about a **Campus Health Strategy**. My preliminary notes on a campus health strategy identify the following metrics for health care and health programming delivery:

- Identify each health **focus/topic/need**.
- What is the **administrative/strategic** body associated with each focus?
- What are our **strategic assets** (i.e. research, channels of communication to the public, etc.)?
- What **clinical resources** do we have?
- What **programs** do we have engaged in community building and support activities?

Policy Committee

A number of Students' Union political policies expire this year. The policies I hope to address over the summer are: affordable housing, health and wellness, and student space. There will be more information to come as policy committee works over the summer months.

SUB Organics

Cory and I met recently with Shannon LeBlanc, the Sustainability Coordinator of the University's Energy Management and Sustainable Operations, to discuss organic waste strategies on campus, and in the Students' Union Building. Cory will be the point person on this conversation henceforth.

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