

July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014

To: University of Alberta Students' Council 2014/2015

Re: Vice President Student Life Council Report

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*"I am driven by two main philosophies: know more today about the world than I knew yesterday, and along the way, lessen the suffering of others. You'd be surprised how far that gets you."*

*Neil DeGrasse Tyson*

### **Council and Governance**

- Bo and I finished writing the Student Space Policy Second Reading.
- Bylaw has resubmitted our work on the CRO Hiring bill for your review.
- Executive Goals: Consultation with staff is ongoing, and we are creating our official document soon. This collaborative process has, in my opinion, set a strong foundation for our work.
- The Students' Union Governance Committee has spoken about how our Student Representative Associations bylaw will function in practice.

### **Access and Communications**

- The Students' Union has completed its mail and calendar transition to Google, which will enable us to better integrate with our constituents' on Google Apps.
- Gateway: Tour of the Lower Level of SUB, Interview on Faculty Association Microwaves.
- Student Life Central: We had a discussion about how Student Life Central in the new lower level should look.
- Bearsden: I have begun meeting with staff to assess their needs in a campus portal. Once I have a full assessment of both staff and student need with respect to this service, we can establish a way forward.

### **Student Groups and Associations**

- COFA Member Services Working Group: I have introduced Google Calendar to the VP Student Life equivalents of most Faculty Associations through our recent working group meeting. I will share that with council once I have received submissions from Faculty Associations.
- Student Group Services: We are having meeting to discuss how we serve the needs of student groups, and how that will look in our new lower level space.
- The RHA VP Community is working to create a Pinecrest and Tamarack residence association. We are having a mixer on Sunday, July 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM.

**Health**

- Wellness Summit Feedback and Health Strategy: Councillors Allard, Kwan, and Hwang are involved alongside William and I because of their passion for student health and wellbeing!
- The Wellness Grant Adjudication Committee met to review granting rubrics.
- VP Hodgson and I met with an academic staff member to discuss Automatic External Defibrillators. VP Hodgson will be the lead on this as we explore how feasible they are for installation in the Students' Union Building.

**University**

- Student Participation Protocol: We're in the final stages of developing a student consultation framework with the Graduate Students Association and the University.

**Events**

- Interfraternity Council is planning an event for the end of February.
- The Pride Week Steering Committee has begun meeting to plan Pride Week in March. They may also do programming in the Fall in the new space.

**Miscellaneous**

- I turned 24 years old.
- We had lunch with the Augustana Students Association.
- Happy belated Canada Day!

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Best,

Nicholas Diaz

Vice President Student Life 2014-2015