

January 7th, 2017

To: University of Alberta Students' Council 2016/17

Re: Vice President Student Life Council Report

Dear Council,

HAPPY NEW YEAR! I hope that you all had the chance to relax and spend some quality time with your loved ones.

I am writing this report from Jasper – I went skiing in the mountains for the first time in 7 years and I was nervous, but it ended up being a lot of fun.

This report covers the period of December 7th December 23rd.

ADVOCACY

Mental Health

Advisory Panel on Post-Secondary Mental Health

I have been collaborating closely with the Assistant Dean, Health and Wellness of the University to divide the task of consultation with students on the progress that the Advisory Panel has made so far. In the second week of January, I will be organizing focus groups of specific undergraduate demographics and will be approaching council with specific questions about our work as well.

The last Panel meeting took place in Lethbridge on December 20th and the next panel meeting is taking place in Calgary on January 13th.

Mental Health Website

Website Development: will begin in January – I have decided to go with an external developing company.

Sponsorship: I am in contact with a potential sponsor for the website

Content and design: Conversations with internal staff as well as staff for the Dean of Students' Office.

Residence

Residence Life Task Force

The RLTF survey that was sent out closed on January 3rd. President Rahman and I will receive the aggregate data/summary of results for the survey and will be working with the Task Force on reviewing these results and coming up with recommendations to address what was brought forward by current residents, former residents, student staff, student leaders and current and former residence staff.

Lister Representatives

The Lister representatives were fantastic throughout the month of December; they mobilized lister residents and provided excellent feedback on the meal plan issue. They have also been working on organizing a big event for all Lister students in – stay tuned!

Student Groups

As per my last report, we are expecting to see a draft of the new student group policy as drafted by the Dean of Students in the month of January.

PROGRAMMING

SUB House Party

The call-outs for student groups to participate in the SUB house party has been published in the Student Group Service Newsletter as well as the SU's State of the Union. I will also be sending an invitation to student groups via e-mail. This link will lead you to the application form that will be used to determine which clubs will be part of the planning committee. Please share with your networks and encourage groups to apply:

<https://goo.gl/forms/ZCcfYixngk2qb7z52>

*COMMITTEES AND BOARDS***MNIF Committee**

On December 14th, President Rahman, VP Paches and I reviewed the high-level financial breakdown of fees within the Dean of Students' office, the Office of the Registrar and Athletics. A more detailed breakdown will be presented in February.

MISCELLANEOUS

A reminder that my office hours are 12 p.m to 1 p.m on Fridays so stop by if you want to chat or have any questions. If that doesn't work for you, you can also e-mail me at vp.studentlife@su.ualberta.ca and we'll find a time to meet and chat.

Cheers,

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(Submitted electronically)