

February 2nd, 2017

To: University of Alberta Students' Council 2016/17

Re: Vice President Student Life Council Report

Dear Council,

This report covers the period of January 25th to February 2nd.

Since our last council meeting, I have hosted two job shadow days where students attended meetings, asked questions, got a tour of 2-900.

Last week, I was interviewed by PLLC students about healthy food options on campus and attended the opening event for the HUB multifaith space with the rest of the executives. The prayer space is a project that many generations of SU executives worked on with the University and the Graduate Students' Association so it was definitely good to see the space being used!

Last Thursday, the executive and some staff members dedicated an afternoon to a retreat, where we discussed our most pressing issue, strategies to address our advocacy points and long-term strategic planning for the organization.

ADVOCACY

Mental Health

Advisory Panel on Post-Secondary Mental Health

I was in Fort McMurray on February 1st for a panel meeting where we discussed the recommendations that we would be putting out. We have made a lot of progress in terms of the recommendations, the strategic directions and the outcomes of the panel so our next meeting (on March 2nd) will be dedicated to the funding discussion.

Mental Health Website

The list of Faculty-specific resources and services is complete and I am currently working on categorizing campus-wide resources and facilitating the self navigation process. I am also striving to have this website be available in French as well so I am looking into how feasible that would be!

Residence

Residence Life Task Force

We received the final report outlining the survey results and are working on principles and priorities to guide the recommendations that the Task Force will be putting out towards the end of February.

Lister Representatives

We are currently working with the lister representatives to organize the elections for the LHSA. The lister reps are having a general meeting on Tuesday, February 7th to present the governance structure to lister students and launch the nomination process.

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

Student Group interest in the SUB House Party has been reassuring! We have 8 applications so far and a few interested student groups who are yet to apply. I am working with our programming department on logistics and will have more information for council as soon as the application process closes (February third).

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Council of Faculty Associations- Member Services Group (COFA-MSG)

Office of the VICE PRESIDENT STUDENT LIFE

At that COFA meeting, we discussed the priorities in terms of mental health supports and services for the different faculty associations, the mental health advisory panel, the SUB House Party as well as the mental health website. Attendees also brought up faculty-specific issues such as gym access for med students.

MISCELLANEOUS

A reminder that my office hours are 11 a.m to 12 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)