

February 23rd, 2017

To: University of Alberta Students' Council 2016/17

Re: Vice President Student Life Council Report

Dear Council,

Things have been busy since our last meeting and I hope that this report provides you with a good overview of what I've been up to; it covers the period of February 15th to February 23rd.

Last Friday, I had the pleasure of being the co-MC for a gala that the Brain Awareness Movement organizes every year in Dinwoodies Lounge.

I have also participated/will be participating in meetings on behalf of my colleagues such as a meeting about the Festival of Teaching, where I assisted the Administration in reaching out to students on the opportunities that will be made available to them in the festival.

ADVOCACY

Mental Health

Advisory Panel on Post-Secondary Mental Health

Our next panel meeting is on March 2nd so I will out of the office for March 1st and 2nd (travel time). President Rahman and I met with the Dean of Students and the Assistant Dean, Health and Wellness to discuss their needs in terms of administering mental health services at the University.

Mental Health Website

Our sponsorship money is now available for me to use. I am currently working with our General Manager on communicating design and content to the developing company.

Residence**Residence Life Task Force**

At our last Task Force meeting, President Rahman and I presented a set of principles that guides our priorities and the recommendations that we'd like to see. I've taken on drafting a specific recommendation which I would present at the next Task Force meeting.

Lister Representatives

The LHSA elections are happening next month – very exciting! The voting day for the LHSA president is on March 10th and the VP and Floor coordinator elections happen shortly following the president elections. Stay tuned!

Student Groups

We have received two drafts of the new policy from the Dean of Students' Office and are currently reviewing it. I have presented the draft to the Council of Residence Associations and have

PROGRAMMING**SUB House Party**

We have already have two planning meetings for the SUB House Party and the schedule is almost ready. We currently have 11 student groups participating, which has exceeded my expectations. I will make sure to share a schedule with council as soon as it is ready!

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS**Council of Residence Associations (CORA)**

We had a very productive meeting where we discussed the desired timeline for the collection of residence association fees for 2017/2018, the new student group policy as well as issues of maintenance and cleaning in various residences across campus.

The Landing Board of Directors

We had a meeting in presence of volunteers to gather feedback/concerns/questions from the volunteer community at the Landing and address next steps after the Executive Director was no longer with the organization.

WUSC Board

I will be calling a meeting of the WUSC board soon to address issues on continuity and clarity on the Student Refugee Program in order to make sure that such a valuable group has what it needs to offer the necessary support to the Refugee Student that they welcome every year.

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)