

**Date:** 27/07/2021**To:** Students' Union Council**Re:** Vice President Student Life 2021/22 Report #7

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Hey Council!

I can't believe it's already the end of July! Right now we are in Lethbridge for counterparts. I'm thankful for this conference because it has given us the opportunity to meet student representatives from other schools while learning more about CAUS's work. What's really exciting about this conference is that we are getting to speak about CAUS's advocacy goals for the year!

#### Period Equity

VP Kimani and I continue to work hard on our period equity project. In the past two weeks we have purchased a dispenser to install on the main floor of SUB and are working to create a rough plan for a marketing campaign that will work to destigmatise periods on campus. Finally, the Dean of Students Office will be helping us with this project to get a free dispenser in 2 buildings. We are also in discussion with CCR about installing a dispenser in their building.

#### EDIT

On the 19th, we hosted the first EDIT meeting. We got to know our members and discuss our plans for the year. This year, we will be creating recommendations for change based on last year's EDIT survey and working with the committee to create a new EDI survey focused on the SU.

#### The Ring Houses Coalition

The Ring House Coalition had a great meeting with Bill Flanagan on the 14th. I spoke about why we (the students) want the Ring Houses to be protected.

#### Meetings with counterparts

I continue to meet with representatives from the ISA, CSJ, and Augustana regularly. I also continue to attend ASC meetings every week.

#### Aboriginal Awareness Week

At ASC this week, we discussed their involvement with Aboriginal Awareness Week. Because we are planning this event in partnership with ASC, they are giving **5000 dollars** to help run the event. I am so excited to work with them on this project, and I am grateful for their support. Finally, we selected a member at large for our planning committee so we can start meeting soon!

### Sexual violence

As I mentioned last week I was interviewed by CBC about sexual violence on campus. You can listen to that [here](#). I am hopeful that continued advocacy on and off-campus will lead to real change.

### Art Committee

This week we selected a member at large for the Art Committee. VP Kimani and I are currently working with our staff to find funding for an Indigenous art mural in SUB. We will be working with the committee to hopefully make this ARRC recommendation a reality.

### Policing Policy Committee

The policing policy committee is working really hard to complete this policy in time for the fall. We have drafted the first principles, and we have almost completed our one on one consultation with stakeholders on campus. Additionally, we made a survey about policing on campus. If you haven't already, please share that survey widely and complete it yourself. You can find it [here](#)!

### Sustainability

I had another meeting with members of Energy Management and Sustainable Operations to learn more about the universities sustainability practices. These meetings are important because we are hoping to learn from their successes and challenges so our sustainability work can be successful.

### Mental Health / Wellness

I am continuing to work with CCR to develop the campus wellness survey. Once we have the info back we will be able to shape further advocacy goals for the wellness on campus. I am continuing to meet with both our staff and university admin to discuss ways that we can improve mental health supports on campus and respond to folks needs post-COVID. If you want to know more about this work, please feel free to ask me. If you ask me on WhatsApp before the meeting, Ill give you a prize ;) !

Best,  
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