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To: Students' Union Council

Re: Report to Students' Council

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Dear Council,

Welcome to my report! The last two weeks have been pretty fantastic. I fell ill last time we had a Students' Council, so I'm looking forward to getting back together as a council and keeping on rolling. I just returned from a trip to the mountains where myself and Fahed Elan, the VP Student Services with the Graduate Students' Association went morel mushroom picking, and I feel super refreshed and happy to have spent some time in the mountains.

### 1. Leadership and Recognition

VP Ripka and I met with leadership and recognition to go over their goals for the year and discuss possible partnerships throughout the year. We're really excited to find a way to incorporate the Campus Activities Board into their program assessments. Another big item we discussed was securing financial sustainability for the STRIDE program. We're going to spend some time working with L&R to find a way to plan for the future of STRIDE, as well as to go over possible research plans to broaden the scope of STRIDE to include specific programming for other groups such as international students.

### 2. Campus Activities Board (CAB)

I have began meeting with various SU departments to go over their goals and their visions for program assessments. People seem excited by the idea, and I endeavour to have a full set of program assessment documents ready for fall semester. At that time, the chair and I will begin conducting interviews and hiring the members of the committee. If this is something that interests you, please don't hesitate to reach out!

### 3. Empower Me

VP Ripka and I met with Studentcare, our health and dental provider, to discuss a new 24/7 online mental health service called Empower Me. I'm really excited about the potential for this service as it would provide students with round the clock access to social workers in several different languages. I will be meeting with the office of the Dean of Students to discuss the service further, and I should be able to provide some further updates in my next report.

### 3. ASIST Training

VP Bhatnagar and I spent two days last week at the Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training program. ASIST teaches you the skills to provide mental health first aid to a person at risk of suicide. I found this to be an incredibly valuable experience, and I am more than happy to discuss the details of the training for anyone who might be interested in the program.

4. Personal Announcements

I am unbelievably excited to volunteer at Calgary Stampede this year with Friends of the Parade. If anyone will be around during the first few days of Stampede feel free to reach out and perhaps we can meet up to check out a show or visit the grounds together. Other than that, I've been enjoying good music, good weather, and I'm stoked for another RATT on the Patio this Thursday.

4. Office Hours

As always, office hours will run from 12-1PM on Mondays. If you can't make it, I'm open to alternate meetings. Shoot me an email at [andre.bourgeois@su.ualberta.ca](mailto:andre.bourgeois@su.ualberta.ca)

5. Closing

Thank you for reading my report, I hope you all have a great week.

Cheers,



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