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To: Students' Union Council

Re: Vice President Student Life 2020/21 Report #13

Hello council!

I hope you are doing well! I hope your reading week was restful and productive.

Council Engagement Opportunities

We have been working hard on these. I want to thank all of the councillors who have given their time. I am hoping they will be finished, updated and translated soon. It is not too late if you are interested in being involved.

Campus Sexual Violence Training Update

I have now finished my training for Alberta Association of Sexual Assault Services Online First Responder Training. I am really happy I took this training and encourage you all to if possible.

Sexual Violence Website Update

I have met with André Costopoulos, the Dean of Students, and he has shared a draft of the new sexual violence website with me. It is still not publicly available as they are making final edits. This new website will be so much more helpful and informative for survivors. Our advocacy on this topic came directly from survivors and I am pleased we were able to get this change for them and future students. I will share when this is publicly available.

Sexual Violence and AASUA

President Agarwal and I have met with AASUA numerous times over the past weeks to discuss campus sexual violence. These meetings have been going well and we are looking to present to their Executive Committee or EDI committee. I will keep you all updated as these meetings progress.

Partnership with the Peer Support Centre and ISA:

In response to the situation in Nigeria, the ISA and the PSC were able to partner together to offer special sessions for impacted students. These involved having a supportive listener present and allowing for group conversations. These were well attended and I am glad we were able to partner with the ISA to properly address these students' needs.

Suicide Prevention Framework Review

I have completed the policy review framework with my team that I mentioned last council. We made recommendations for all the policies we covered. I specifically prioritized ensuring there are culturally inclusive supports available. Next we will meet as a whole committee to discuss moving forward.

Annual General Survey

Our annual general survey is out now! I strongly encourage you all to take it as well as share it with as many relevant people and groups as possible. On the student life side, it features the questions for the campus policing policy, Identity Matters 3 and questions around campus sexual violence. This survey is extremely important to our advocacy efforts.

UASU Townhall on Academic Restructuring

We will be hosting our own townhall about Academic Restructuring. It will feature President Agarwal, VP Draper, GSA President Waddingham, and me. We will be giving an overview and answering questions. It will be held Monday November 23rd at 12pm. Check out our social medias for more information.

Department of Sociology Townhall on Academic Restructuring

I, along with VP Draper, will be participating in a townhall about the impacts of academic restructuring. This will be Friday November 20th at 3pm. I will be focusing on the impacts of academic restructuring on student life at the U of A.

CORA Updates

Currently CORA is working to apply for the residence improvement fund. This fund is set aside for CORA every year though this year the timeline has been slightly relaxed. I will let you all know what projects are approved, We are also working on our advocacy around future meal plans and rental rates. I will keep you all updated as this becomes public.

December 6th Memorial Event

VP Krahn, one of our staff members and I will be participating in the collaborative National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. Specifically, the memorial service for the women killed at the Ecole Polytechnique. Once the date, time and link access is set, I will send them along to council. I strongly encourage you all to attend and honour this date.

Dean of Students' Review Committee

I have been working on the committee that is reviewing the Dean of Students along with Councillor Degrano and Councillor Yabut. This is extremely closed so there is very little I can tell you however, our final committee meeting is Tuesday, November 17, so feel free to message me any feedback before then.

I know this has been a tough semester but you are all resilient, strong and capable. If you ever need to discuss anything, I am always here to talk.

Cheers,

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