

**Date:** 10/11/2020

**To:** Students' Union Council

**Re:** Vice President Student Life 2020/21 Report #15

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Hello council!

I hope you are doing well! I know this is a stressful time of year so I hope you are prioritizing your mental health amongst all your studying!

### **Sexual Violence**

The past two weeks, I have been doing quite a bit of consultation work with various faculty associations, residence associations, student groups, and student representative associations about sexual violence. We will talk about this more in the presentation and motions. This has been the majority of my time over the past few days.

### **CORA**

CORA has submitted our Residence Improvement Fund proposals and should hear back from Residence Services before Winter Break. I will keep you all updated about what projects get approved in the new year!

### **EDI Scoping Group**

I attended the University's EDI scoping group. A lot of discussion was around the staff EDI survey that was recently completed. The findings are not available publicly yet, but I appreciated the discussion around this data. The University has been working on creating a similar survey for students. I will be joining the committee working on the student survey at the next meeting on December 15.

### **EDIT Update**

EDIT has been working hard this semester. We have been doing our preparations for our focus groups. We will be holding our focus groups in January. I will keep you all updated as we get started on these focus groups!

### **General Faculties Council**

As you all probably know, GFC voted on academic restructuring this Monday. It was a long meeting and I think there was plenty of discussion about the motions. I think the outcome will be positive for current and future students. I do want to note that at GFC, there were some viewpoints expressed about certain faculties and the quality of their education. I strongly believe that these opinions hurt students and hurt the University

community. I disagreed with them at the meeting publicly. I wanted to remind you that as students, we are equally important no matter what faculty we come from.

**Daycare**

I know I have mentioned quite a few times now that I have been working on a daycare project but I am not able to discuss it yet. I am still not able to discuss this but I will be hopefully bringing it in an early January meeting!

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. I hope you have a peaceful winter break.

Cheers,

**Katie Kidd**

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