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**To:** Students' Union Council

**Re:** Vice President Student Life 2020/21 Report #10

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Hello council!

I hope your first weeks of classes have been going well and you are adjusting to online classes.

### **WOW Events: Angela Davis and Concert Series**

Both of our virtual events were last week and they went really well! Obviously Week of Welcome events are looking different this year. These events are really important for engaging the student body and creating a virtual campus community. We will be looking at how we can continue this effort throughout the year. We will be hosting another speakers' series event in January.

### **Trivia Night, Movie Nights and Comedy Night**

Our trivia nights and movie nights are back this year. Our trivia nights will be held virtually and in person at Deweys. September 22's theme is Bob's Burgers and September 29's is Seth Rogan. Movie Nights are in person and are still free but need to be booked ahead of time using eventbrite.. We will also be hosting an in person comedy night on Thursday September 24th at 6:00pm. The performers are: Alex Fortin, Katie Westman, Dale Ward, Ryan Short, Cian Beatty and headliner Sterling Scott. For covid purposes, we will only have 100 tickets available. Book tickets online at eventbrite for \$11.30. Make sure to follow UASUEvents on Facebook and Instagram for more information on all the events.

### **COSA**

VP Draper, President Agarwal and I all attended the last Council on Student Affairs, the GFC committee, meeting. VP Draper presented about the changes to the Experiential Learning Policy that we are pushing for. Specifically, for more protections for students experiencing incidents of sexual violence. We will be doing more consultation at other committees in the coming weeks. We received a primarily positive response and I am eager to make change.

### **EDI Update**

Last Thursday I attended the EDI Scoping Group Committee. This is a committee that meets to discuss the University's EDI efforts. A lot of the conversation was about EDI during covid and how the University can help the burdens of covid not to fall just on minority populations. It was an interesting time to hear from various members of the University about their concerns. I do hope that the leaders will seriously consider some of the concerns brought forwards. EDIT will be meeting in two weeks, I have created a proposed timeline for the fall semester and a proposed consultation pathways. Campus Policing Policy created guidelines for our survey, our research department will be creating the questions before going back to the committee for approval. Applications are open to sit on The Landing's board. Applications can be found on their instagram and close October 13th. Note that one council member sits on the board (I will bring this to council after the byelection).

### **Residence**

I have had quite a few meetings with Residence over the past few days. We have been working on how to incentivize good covid behaviour. While forming resident relationships is important, it is vital that residents are still following good covid behaviour to prevent outbreaks. CORA will be meeting next week where we will begin to discuss the residence improvement funds and professional development sessions.

### **Meetings with Greek Life**

Over the past few days, I have had quite a few meetings with various current and former members of the greek community. I can't talk about some of the initiatives yet, but we are taking these situations seriously and are working to address them.

### **HWS Leadership Meeting**

VP Krahn and I attended a meeting of the Dean of Students' Health and Wellness Services Leadership. We were there along with Robyn Patches from Studentcare and Dr. Elizabeth Cawley, the director of national mental health strategy from Studentcare. We were discussing how to properly pair EmpowerMe with the current mental health supports available on campus. This will help stop students falling between the cracks and not getting the help they need. We will be meeting a few more times throughout the year to continue this communication. I am also hoping to arrange a presentation to council about this program, however, this is still preliminary.

### **Book Club with Myself Update:**

Okay so I am getting better again. I read "Beach Read" by Emily Henry. It was only cheesy some of the time and I overall liked it a lot! 3/5 I do have quite a few books on loan from the library so we will see what I make it through for the next meeting.

Feel free to message me if you want to meet up to discuss anything! I always appreciate getting the opportunity to meet with you all. I'm always free to listen!

Cheers,

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