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**To:** Students' Union Council

**Re:** Vice President Student Life 2020/21 Report #2

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Hello Council!

I hope everyone is staying healthy! The past two weeks have been pretty busy for me! I've been working on getting acquainted within my role as VP Student Life. I've been meeting with various administrators, as well as getting introduced to the committees that I sit on. One of my other focuses has been getting up to speed on the files I took over from the previous executive.

One of the things I am excited about is the work Vice President Krahn and I have been doing on the free menstrual product initiative. We have been in contact with a women's organization and it is looking promising. We have lots of ideas regarding how to continue and expand this initiative. I am looking forward to putting this into action.

This week I had my first Campus Food Bank board meeting. I was quite impressed with the way they have adapted to Covid-19. It is easy to see their commitment that students receive the food they need and they have overcome any challenges the pandemic has thrown their way. I am really excited to work with them to help them ensure no student is going hungry.

Beyond that, I was recently appointed to the University's subcommittee that is working on the plans for residence in the fall. I can't speak of many details publicly yet but it is excellent that this committee has student representation.

In the next two weeks I have a busy calendar with the UPass negotiations, Aboriginal Student Council's first meeting and numerous mental health advocacy meetings. I will keep Council updated on these meetings as much as possible.

On a personal note, I have decided to start recommending y'all a new book each week. This week, I read two new books. My weekly book recommendation is *Say Nothing* by Radden Keefe. It is about the history of the Irish Republican Army and is part historical non-fiction and part murder mystery. An added bonus is that the audiobook is read by someone with an Irish accent, so that's fun!

As always I am available for meetings, no matter what you want to discuss just send me an email! I'm always happy to chat!

Cheers,

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