

**Date:** 26/11/2020

**To:** Students' Union Council

**Re:** Vice President Student Life 2020/21 Report #14

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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 have prioritized your mental health.

### **Residence Advisory Committee**

The Residence Advisory Committee had the final presentation about the budget and next year's rental rates. Residence rental rates will be going up 5% (This is the final year of the increases). The meal plan will be going up 1.9% but as they are ending the Flex dollars. Meaning that meal plan will actually cost students 200\$ less than this year. Residents will still have the option of adding the money to their onecard cash if they want. CORA has done some casual consultation and believes this the cheaper rate will be better for their members in the long term. Next this will go to the Board of Governors where President Agarwal will continue the fight for lower residence rates.

### **December 6th Memorial Event**

VP Krahn, one of our staff members and I will be participating in the planning National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. Specifically, the memorial service for the women killed at the Ecole Polytechnique. VP Krahn and I will be both reading the names and bios of two of the women who were murdered. The event will be on Friday, December 4th. I will send you the link when I have access to it.

### **Numerous Panel on Academic Restructuring**

I participated in two panels focusing on academic restructuring in the past two weeks. My main priority was to convey the advocacy work we have been doing to ensure student services are maintained and become more accessible to students.

### **Meeting with Alberta SL's re: CSV**

On Monday, I will be meeting with various Vice President Student Life/Student Affairs from across Alberta. We will be discussing campus sexual violence at our various schools and what we can do to collaborate with each other.

**Meeting with Mount Allison and UNB re: csv**

I had a meeting with various student executives from Mount Allison and UNB. They recently had a public disclosure of campus sexual violence. We discussed advocacy efforts and how we are moving forwards!

Finally, I have been doing quite a bit of work on two separate issues: campus sexual violence and daycares. Quite a few things are still preliminary however, so I will share more updates as they solidify.

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,

**Katie Kidd**

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