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Hey Everyone!

Hope the last couple weeks have been good and that everyone's taken a little bit of personal time after exams. Because of the length of retreat, there isn't very much that I've done in terms of action items but I have done a lot of organization, reading, and thinking about goals etc.

Programming

There isn't much too much to report on the programming side of things. The two student Programming Coordinators are working hard on bringing different acts for Week of Welcome and during the year in general. The Week of Welcome Committee should be finalized by now but there's always on the prowl for volunteers so send me an e-mail if you're interested as I don't think their e-mail addresses have been setup as of yet.

Services

Policy Committee

Our first policy meeting was very thorough and we had a lengthy talk about the standing orders. Following the meeting, the executive as a whole discussed policy delegation. The policies that I will be covering are Affordable Housing, Capital Projects, Deferred Maintenance, Engagement, Food, Health and Wellness, Internationalization, Public Transit, Smoke Free Environment, Student Space, and Sustainability. You will notice that I am covering a large chunk of the policies, which is mainly due to wide range of my portfolio. I will be doing a lot of reading in all of these areas in the upcoming weeks so feel free to fire me an e-mail if you have any questions about any of these.

Gender-Based Violence Project Coordinator

Johanna Comartin, the Assistant Manager of Student Services, and I will be interviewing students for a new position. The project coordinator will be working on various different issues surrounding gender-based violence and will be leading a steering committee composed of various different stakeholders on campus, including a number of student groups. This project was only possible through the efforts of SU Staff, as this is a project funded by the government.

Advocacy

East Campus Village Housing Project

Colten and I attended a meeting with Doug Dawson () to discuss the ECV Housing Project and the implications behind the destruction of current houses and the construction of a new complex for a variety of different groups of students. The University is looking to target certain groups of students and to create a multicultural hub. I had several concerns about the project, but overall am very interested in the project and will be bringing more information about the project to council.

PAW Centre Meeting

Andy, Marc, and I are going to Physical Activity Wellness Design Committee Meeting. We will be discussing various aspects of the design of the centre, including the Teaching Kitchen, retail spaces, and spaces within the building.

Residence Halls Association

The Advocacy Department and I are working hard on different issues relating to the RHA. The first is their membership on the Residence Budget Advisory Committee. The overall process is concerning as well as implications made from the memorandum sent to the RHA. The second is the structure of the association and its oversight from an SU standpoint.

Other Items

Retreat

Executive Retreat was a great experience and filled with a ton of information. Among other things, I gained a great amount of confidence and learned a great deal from the outgoing executive team. I'd like to thank all those involved in retreat, and can say with confidence that this is going to be a great year!

If you have any other questions ask during council, stop by the office, or send me an email at vp.studentlife@su.ualberta.ca.

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