

Date: 7/09/2021**To:** Students' Union Council**Re:** Vice President Student Life 2021/22 Report #10

Hi everyone!

I hope the start of the semester has been going smoothly. Last week was very busy for the exec, which is why our reports are a few days late!

Last week was filled with Week of Welcome activities! On Tuesday, we spoke at the President's Address. Throughout the week, I spoke to folks in residence about the UASU is and how to get involved on campus. We also tabled at Clubs Fair, walked around and chatted with students, and came out to Ratio! Overall, it was super fun to attend these events and get to know more students, particularly first years :)

There are lots of fun [events](#) happening next week. Come out to them if you can!

Period Equity

The Period Equity Initiative is going so well! In the past two weeks, we have:

- Added stickers to all the dispensers and refilled the dispensers multiple times because the products are being used so much!!!
 - For context, the picture below shows the dispenser on Monday morning, and I refilled it on Friday morning
- We ordered 1000 dollars worth of product to keep the project going
- We picked out a spot for the dispensers in Van Vliet and delivered the dispensers to CCR. They are going to be placed outside of both the gender-inclusive washrooms in lower level VVC. They will be up sometime this week, and Ill send y'all a picture!
- We created a survey to learn more about why folks are using these products and how we can improve the project

Soon we will finalise a sponsorship with the University and finish planning for the period awareness campaign that will be happening later in the year.



Aboriginal Awareness Week

Planning for Aboriginal Awareness Week (AAW) is well underway. We now have a rough schedule for the week and are applying to grants for the event. But we still have a few slots open for events. **If you have any ideas for events, speakers, or things we could do for AAW, please let me know!** Here's a tiny photo of the draft schedule.

Monday			
Slot #1 Morning 10:00am - 11:00am	Opening ceremony and keynote from professor	Promo / Educational	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Have a committee member(s) into the AAW and do any other opening ceremony things we need to do like - I think it would be good if we had exec + ASC give title speech - Pick a professor to come in and do a keynote about their work - Pick a place to host it - Might need to give away promo things at this event and give away food to get ppl to come out
Slot #2 Afternoon 12:00pm - 1:00pm or if we run out of food	Indian Taco Lunch	Educational / promo the event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Get volunteers to hand out food - Do all food approval things - Collect food - Ask CFB if they would help host / want donations
Slot #3 Afternoon 3:00-4:30	Indigenous Address Panel	Educational	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Have a volunteer / committee member write a land acknowledgement and intro for this event - Have a committee member write questions for them - Find ppl to invite
Slot #4 Evening 6:00pm - 8:00pm	KAROS Blanket Exercise	Educational	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Book the folks who run the KAROS Blanket Exercise - Decide what room(s) we are using for this - Have a volunteer / committee member write a land acknowledgement and intro for this event
Tuesday			
Slot #1 Morning 10:00am - 11:00am	Two-Spirit/2SLGBTQ session	Educational and community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Have a volunteer / committee member write a land acknowledgement and intro for the event - Find someone to host the event / teach us
Slot #2			
Slot #3 Afternoon 4:00pm - 6:00pm	Reading workshop	Educational	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Have a volunteer / committee member write a land acknowledgement and intro for the event - Find someone to host the event / teach us - Buy materials for everyone
Slot #4 Night 7:00pm - 9:00pm	Movie Night	Fun / Educational	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pick out a movie - Decide where to host it - Have a volunteer / committee member write a land acknowledgement and intro for the event
Wednesday			
Slot #1			
Slot #2 Afternoon	Indigenous book/author workshop	Educational	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Find someone to run it and teach - Have a volunteer do an intro and a acknowledgement
Slot #3			
Slot #4 Evening 6:00pm - 8:00pm	Jigging Session	Educational / Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Find someone to run it and teach - Have a volunteer do an intro and a acknowledgement
Thursday			
Slot #1 Morning 10:00am - 11:00am	Grandmothers tea	Community building / educational	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pick a room for this to be in - Invite others to come - Figure out if we want this to be open to everyone - Just open to women? Or just open to FNM students - Pick out breakfast / tea options
Slot #2 Afternoon 12:00pm - 1:00pm	Traditional Dancers and drummers on SUB stage	Educational	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Figure out how to host this at SUB Stage - Book performers - Have a volunteer / committee member write a land acknowledgement and intro for the event
Slot #3			
Slot #4 Evening			
Friday			
Slot #1 Morning 10:00am - 11:00am	Ribbon Skirt Workshop	Educational	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Have a volunteer / committee member write a land acknowledgement and intro for the event - Find someone to host the event / teach us - Buy materials for everyone
Slot #2			
Slot #3	Closing ceremony and feast/dance		

The Pronoun Campaign

The Pronoun Campaign has been a huge success! Over 140 individual instructors signed up for the campaign, and over 200 classes were shown the resources. Soon we will collect feedback from instructors who took part in the campaign to learn more about how to improve it for the winter semester. We will also create a report so Council can get all the details about the campaign!

Other

As usual, there are many other things I have been working on / doing that I don't have time to highlight here. Some of those things include

- We are planning an event for first-year residents. CORA has started planning a fun event for first-time residents. The event will be held on October 2nd and will focus on having students mix with people who aren't from their res
- Working on a survey for students living in residence / who have lived in residents so we can learn how to direct our advocacy efforts. And finalising a wellness survey that we will be running in partnership with CCR
- Attending COVID response and planning meetings with the university and continuing to advocate for solutions that centre students

That's all for now! Best,
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