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To: Students' Union Council

Re: Vice President Student Life 2021/25 Report #20

Hi everyone,

I hope you are all having a wonderful start to the semester! I listened to this podcast [Laziness Does Not Exist](#) and LOVED it! I highly recommend listening to it if you are a busy overachiever (yes, I am @ing all of you). Here are my updates from the last two weeks:

Period Equity

VP Kimani and I are excited to announce that we will be installing a period product dispenser at CSJ! This dispenser will be part of our pilot program. It will help us test out new products and learn how to operate dispensers in buildings, not on North Campus. We owe this win largely to the Dean of Students office who are sponsoring the dispenser and to AUFSJ who identify a spot for the dispenser and partner with us to keep the dispenser re-filled.

We are also looking into a new sustainable period product company. August is a sustainable menstrual product company with fully transparent production. We are speaking with them about ordering their product. You can learn more about August products [here](#)!

In the coming weeks, we will be working with the staff at CSJ to instal the dispenser and working on our menstrual health awareness campaign that should launch in May.

Sexual Violence

In December, residence services created the *SV Response Communications Working Group*. This group is composed of residence staff, CORA members, and other concerned community members. This group aims to improve residence services communications with survivors, educate residence community members about consent, and increase awareness about the university's processes. So far, the group has identified concerns/problems and created draft communications. This information will be finalised in the next couple of weeks, and the materials will be distributed to all residents. While this might seem small, I think it's a big step in the right direction!

I've also been working with our staff to plan for next year. We are looking into planning a consent awareness week and providing consent training through orientation.

I've also been working with the Sexual Assault Center and marketing to create more resources for our ibeliveyou_UofA and <https://www.endcsv.org/> that will go out later this year.

Finally, we are working with the ASA to distribute [this](#) survey to Augustana students about SV. We will use this survey to make a report for the university with recommendations.

Indigenous Celebration Week

We've been working very hard to re-finalize [Indigenous Celebration Week](#). The week is going to be jam-packed with a ton of activities, workshops, learning opportunities, and community-building events. I hope you all attend! Please MARK IT IN YOUR CALENDARS :)

Residence

Residence services have been working to finish most of the residence improvement projects. This includes:

- Printer in ECC - cables have been run. Waiting for Jennifer from ONEcard to let us know when the printer is in. The rental cost is \$200/month unless the machine is used a certain amount then the rental is free. My recommendation is to pre-purchase it for 24 months at \$4,800)
- Vacuum cleaners for ECSA - I purchased one portable vacuum cleaner and Samantha Barr has students trying it out. If they like it we can buy 2 or 3 more. Mae-Ann has the information on this vacuum.
- New dining room tables in 4 bedroom units in Pinecrest/Tamarack - this is a low priority project that can stay on the list until we are able to tag this furniture on to a HUB Renovation furniture delivery. Perhaps in 2 phases; Pinecrest in summer 2022 and Tamarack in summer 2023.
- Ventilation in HUB Vault weight room and cardio room - Jan is getting an estimate to increase the air volume in these rooms and/or install a wall mounted air conditioner in each room.
- New furniture for HUB Vault Study Space - need to meet separately with the HCA on this issue. Will need to be carried over to 2022-23.
- More student services in regards to our lending program - same as above
- Mural in main entrance to HUB - need to coordinate a multi-party association for this project; Students Union, Campus Services, First Peoples' House, and the Faculty of Arts. Perhaps Fall 2022?
- Henday Gym maintenance and repair of the equipment - repair is complete. New fitness equipment ordered to replace older cardio equipment.
- Having legacy boards on each individual door in Lister - waiting for design from LHSA. Will need to be carried over to 2022-23
- Vacuum cleaners for residents - surplus vacuums from Housekeeping have been delivered to RSJ as has Mops/S

I am also working with the ASA to create a residence association for Augustana that will hopefully start operating at the end of the winter semester.

Health and Dental Plan Committee

As I mentioned last week that we are having a very hard time filling the [Health and Dental Plan Committee](#). Please apply or ask your friends too!

Best,
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