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To: Students' Union Council

Re: Vice President Student Life 2021/22 Report #9

Hi,

Boy howdy, we are so close to the start of the semester! I've been working on several projects and advocacy efforts, I touch on some of them here, but I'm leaving a lot out. Please ask me any questions you might have!

The Pronoun Campaign

The pronoun campaign has officially launched! Every professor teaching this semester has been emailed about the pronoun campaign and given resources that will educate them and their students about pronouns.

This is the side that marketing made for professors to use during their intro presentations.



We have had a positive response to the campaign so far, and I am happy to announce that many professors have already signed up for the campaign!

Period Equity

Myself and VP Kimani continue to make great strides in terms of our period equity project. In the past couple of weeks, we have:

- Gotten our first delivery of Ruths sustainable menstrual products
- Installed a new dispenser in SUB
- Worked with the university to identify a potential sponsor for the project
- We started selling our menstrual products in SUB Mart at cost, reducing the price and making them more accessible.
- Ordered Natracare Products for SUB Mart to encourage the use of sustainable menstrual products

- And collaborated with CCR to identify two places in Van Vliet Complex that we could install dispensers in by the end of the Fall term.



Residence - The Return to Campus and COVID

As you all know, we had some big advocacy wins in the last couple of weeks. The university has announced a number of COVID related regulations that will help students stay safe this fall. There are a number of details that still need to be worked out and we continue to advocate for students whose needs were not met by these changes. In particular, we are advocating for international students.

There are also some issues in residence that I continue to advocate on and that I hope will be addressed soon. The main issue we are having with residence is that *Residence Services has overbooked Lister and PLH, meaning that almost 500 students who had signed contracts to live in Lister or PLH are being relocated and were only told last week.* I am incredibly concerned about this, and I am working to ensure that these students receive the needed accommodations or compensation from residence. **If any students reach out to you about their specific situation, please have them email me!**

Aboriginal Awareness Week Planning

We had our first planning meeting on the 10th, and we were able to start planning the event. Since then, I have started more detailed planning of the event by creating a work

plan, researching potential presenters and sessions, and continuing to work on finding a sponsor. Our next planning session will be on the 23rd.

Best,
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