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To: Students' Union Council

Re: Vice President Student Life 2021/4 Report #25

Hi everyone,

I hope you are all doing well. I'm really excited for the end of the semester, and I hope you are all too. The end of the semester can be stressful though, so if you need any support, you can always check out [UASU Cares](#).

Because the semester is coming to an end, I also wanted to bring back my self-care tip of the week! Lately, I have been listening to the podcast "How to Live a Happy Life", and it has a ton of self-care tips and recommendations for how to improve your life with simple tips. You can access the podcast [here](#).

Prayer Space in the Mechanical Engineering Building

As I mentioned in my last couple of reports, I have been working with ESS and Diversity in Engineering to open a new prayer, meditation, relaxation and smudging space in the Mechanical Engineering Building. *I'm happy to announce that the space is finally open!*

The building is open to everyone and is super easy to access. Its room 5-8T in the Mechanical Engineering Building, and the code is 106999*.

I/we would really appreciate it if you could promote the space on your socials and to your pals. We are really hopeful that folks use the room because the room is a pilot space, and if successful, it could be used as an example for the creation of more prayer spaces across campus.

Indigenous Celebration Week

Indigenous Celebration Week was hosted from March 21st - March 25th. Each day we had 3-4 events that focused on education, building community, and much more. Some of the events that were hosted were: a session on Cree matriarchal society, a beading workshop, and a session from the Edmonton Two Spirit Society. If you are interested you can look at the schedule [here](#).

The event was really fun and successful. I'm incredibly thankful to everyone who presented and took part in the planning, especially Aboriginal Students Council (who we partnered with to host this

event), the FNMI Initiatives Specialist Chelsea Behn, Josh Connauton, Asyah Saif and the members at large who helped plan this event.

We are now working to evaluate this event so we can improve it for next year. I'm excited to see what next year's team does with this event!

Day of Action Rally

On Monday the 28th, we hosted a student day of action to protest provincial cuts to UofA. We decided to plan a smaller rally where students could share their stories of how budget cuts and changes at UofA have impacted them. While the weather conditions were not ideal, we had quite a few people show up and share stories.

While this was the last rally of our year, I think our team set a really good base to build off of for future actions that can hopefully lead to change in the future. Thanks to everyone who came out and helped out!

Quick period equity update

As I mentioned a couple of weeks ago, we have installed a new dispenser at CSJ, and we have ordered products from the sustainable period product company August. Unfortunately, there has been a big delay in our order due to global supply chain issues. Hopefully, we will get our order!

Finishing up the year

As you all know we are finishing up our term on the 1st of May so I'm working to finish up a lot of my projects and I am working on transition.

Things I'm hoping (fingers crossed) to finish up are:

- A sustainability/climate justice advocacy plan
- Planning for next year's meal plan negotiations
- Finishing up the Safety and Security on Campus policy
- And evaluating the projects, I finished this year to improve on them for next year

Best,
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