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Hello Council,

I will be on a leave of absence to run in the SU exec elections at the time of this meeting so I will be absent from Council Chambers but I am writing this report to provide information on the Food Policy and Health and Wellness Policy that will be brought up at this meeting.

Programming:

Programming will be working on a number of projects in the following months including the SU Awards Night, two movie nights, and a number of shows in our venues. At this time we have decided not to pursue a large-scale event such as a Campus Musical, or Talent Show due to a lack of time and resources but we are looking into a possible smaller year-end show/activity. I had a meeting with the programming department to summarize our year and I cannot explain how happy I have been with their performance. Every event this year has grown in participation, quality, and general success thanks to their hard work.

Services

Many of the services will soon begin hiring for Director and Associate Director positions for the following year. Make sure to check out Jobkin to see what is available!

A few updates include the following: CFB will be moving to its new upstairs location over the reading week, Orientation is recruiting volunteers, and the SU awards night is happening at the end of March.

Advocacy

International Students' Association:

We had our first meeting and it was a great success! The VPA will be meeting with the International Centre next week to continue discussions on the creation of this great group.

Sustainability:

The UofA has been awarded with a Silver S.T.A.R.S. rating from the AASHE organization for its continued success in promoting sustainability in its operations on campus and in the community. This is an outstanding achievement so please be sure to congratulate the Office of Sustainability and SUSTAIN staff and volunteers!

Food Policy:

This policy relays many of the themes that I promoted in the presentation that I did with Nikki Way from the Sustainable Food Initiative. I would like to inform council that we had ample

discussion regarding the Fair Trade, Local, and Organic clause and even had the council of a number of Fair Trade and organic food experts while developing the policy in first reading.

Health and Wellness Policy:

I am assuming that this policy will foster a large amount of debate at council. A few of the principles that we wanted to receive advice from council included the following.

-Should we specifically mention emerging addiction problems such as gaming/internet addiction, use of study drugs such as dexedrin, online gambling, etc. with a clause such as the following:

the Students' Union advocates that the University provides addiction counseling services for emerging problems

Hopefully there will be good debate! I will try and sneak into council as a guest after the Residence debate.

Opportunities for you to get involved:

Make sure to vote in the SU exec elections and consider running for council!

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