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**To:** Students' Council 2011/12

Greetings councilors! This week I will be providing a very concise report as requested by a few council members. I will be covering points by mentioning highlights only so please ask me questions if you have any areas of interest.

### **Programming**

#### **Antifreeze:**

Antifreeze was a huge success! Congrats to Campus Ambassadors Dumbledore's Army, the Narwhals, and the Evicerators on their top 3 finishes and to the Golden Bears and Pandas Athletics team for winning the spirit award. All teams gave it their best and kept things exciting and competitive throughout the week. A special thanks to all of the services staff who helped put teams together once again this year! You were great leaders for your peers and volunteers and I thank you for your consistent support of Antifreeze each year!

#### **Break the Record:**

We are starting our marketing campaign for Break the Record on Monday (it will have probably started by the time you read this). We will be doing class talks and an assortment of small stunts to help promote the event to students, staff and alumni. Please let me know if you are willing to volunteer in any way and please help us distribute our red promotional wrist-bands. They can be picked up in 2-900!

### **Services**

#### **Spirit Week:**

Spirit Week (formerly known as Involvement Week) was held this past week all over campus. The week was run as a collaborative effort between Student Group Services and Infolink. An involvement fair was held in SUB Monday-Thursday and in Lister on Monday. We also had a student group showcase on SUBstage on Monday, a movie night on Tuesday and the Celebrate Community party at Dewey's on Thursday night. Fun was had by all and many groups from campus and the community had the chance to engage with students looking to get more involved. We gave away a lot of really cool prizes as well. Congratulations to all those involved!

#### **SFAIC and Awards:**

We made a few housekeeping changes to the SFAIC Access Fund Policy and had an update on the proceedings of the Awards program.

#### **Free Store:**

Unfortunately I was unable to run the Free Store this week due to a scheduling problem and some building changes. Hopefully I will find another opportunity to bring the Free Store back before the end of the year.

## **Advocacy**

### **Health and Wellness Movement Fruit Stand:**

I attended a meeting hosted by the Health and Wellness Movement and the Health and Wellness Team to discuss the implementation of the \$5000 award that the HWM won from the Heroes for Health Symposium to be put towards their Fruit Stand project. The biggest challenge that we are coming across is finding a permanent space for the stand to exist. The HWM provides excellent services for students at either low or no cost so I will definitely do what I can to support them.

### **RHCC Meeting:**

I have been working with the Canadian Cancer Society to promote their Road Hockey to Cure Cancer event. The event is planned to happen next year in September and is a large charity street hockey tournament that will feature celebrity hockey players, a number of prominent community members, and a number of corporate teams. I am helping with University age recruitment so please let me know if you are interested in submitting a team. Last year a similar event was held by the CCS in Toronto and they raised well over a million dollars!

### **LGBTQ Consultation:**

I have begun my 1on1 consultations with LGBTQ stakeholders on campus to discuss plans for the creation of my LGBTQ plan. The goal of the document is to find how our campus and more specifically the Students' Union can better support LGBTQ students at the UofA. After the completion of the 1on1 meetings I plan to organize a leadership team meeting and then a wider open consultation forum for interested parties. I am excited to see what this work will lead to!

### **Bylaw and Policy:**

This week you will be seeing the long awaited presentation on the Food Policy as well as Bylaw Committee's draft of the Spring/Summer U-Pass referendum question, which I will be making a number of amendments to.

### **Deliberative Engagement Workshop:**

On Wednesday I attended a full day deliberative engagement workshop with the General Manager and the VP Academic. We learned how to facilitate large-scale deliberations and consultation and did a planning exercise exploring how we can implement such practices on our current projects. The workshop was very interesting and I hope that the incoming executives have the opportunity to attend a similar learning event after they come into office. I think that deliberative democracy definitely has an important place in the Students' Union's future.

### **Academic Appeals:**

I have been working on a very complicated and thorough set of recommendations on changes to the Code of Student Behaviour and the Academic Appeals policy. This is not really the most exciting work so I will not elaborate but please let me know if you would like to know more.

### **Opportunities for you to get involved:**

- Run for an exec position and talk to the current exec about their jobs
- Spread the news about Break the Record and sign up to volunteer!
- Go support your Golden Bears and Pandas

If you have any other questions ask during council, stop by the office, or send me an email at [vp.studentlife@su.ualberta.ca](mailto:vp.studentlife@su.ualberta.ca).