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

Hello Council. I do not have much to share with you today as I have been out of the office for the past three weeks but I do have a few updates on what is coming in the near future.

On a side note I would like to thank all of you that supported my campaign to serve you as next year's SU President. I am extremely thrilled to spend another year with the SU and although I am overcoming a post-elections sinus infection I feel a new wave of energy to finish this year strong and begin next year even stronger. My congratulations go out to all those who participated in the elections whether you were a candidate, campaign manager, or volunteer. Everyone did an excellent job this year and I have been amazed by your ability to persist through some of the most hard-fought elections that I have ever seen. I am ecstatic to be working with such a strong team next year, both those who were elected and those who were not as I know that you will all continue your tremendous leadership careers on and off campus.

Lastly, I want you to know that I will not let you down. The coming year is filled with many opportunities for our Students' Union and I and our team plan to capitalize on every prospect.

### ***Programming***

#### **Concerts, Shows, Movies, Galore:**

The UASU programming department has outdone themselves again! In the coming months we will be host to USS on Friday March 23, The White Panda on Saturday March 24, Christian Hansen and the Autistics on March 30, and we accepting entries into the Open for Lights competition to bring Lights to our school (more details can be found at [www.openforlights.ca](http://www.openforlights.ca)). We will also be hosting two movie nights, the first of which will be Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows on March 27 in the Horowitz.

#### ***Services:***

Many of our services are undergoing hiring over the next few weeks. We have received some excellent applications so I am very excited to see what these new candidates have to offer for the upcoming year! I would also like to give a few quick shout-outs: Congrats to the CFB on a tremendously successful Mac and Cheese Affair, congrats to SFAIC and the CFB on their new space, and congrats to all of the services staff who worked so hard to make The No Talent show absolutely outstanding! I had a great time.

### ***Advocacy***

#### **Pandas Field Hockey:**

As I am sure you are all aware, the Pandas Field Hockey program was recently axed by UofA Athletics and the Faculty of Phys Ed and Rec. The President briefly investigated the issue while I was on my leave of absence and has found that there was a serious lack of student consultation

done on the issue before the decision was made. We are further investigating our relationship to the program through means such as the Golden Bears and Pandas Legacy Fund.

**RHA and the LHSA:**

The Lister Hall Students' Association has recently passed a motion through their council to hold a referendum to leave their paid membership from the Residence Halls Association. The reason for this decision is claimed by the LHSA to be a lack of services that the RHA provides to Lister residents that the LHSA does not already cover. The referendum will be completed this Friday and could have a significant impact on both organizations as RHA fees from Lister residents currently cover approximately \$9000 of the RHA budget.

**Opportunities for you to get involved:**

Run for council. You only have a few hours left to get your nom packs in!  
If you aren't running please encourage others to do it!

**Summary:**

Got to run to a meeting! See you all soon.

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).

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