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To: Students' Union Council

Re: Vice President Student Life 2021/8 Report #23

Hi everyone,

I hope you are all doing well! Elections are always a really busy time for everyone in Student Governance so remember to take time for yourself.

Before I get into my report I wanted to say that myself and the rest of the UASU executive stand in solidarity with Ukrainian people and we pray for an end to the violence instigated by Vladimir Putin. My heart breaks for our Ukrainian students.

We have been working with the president of the Ukrainian Students Society and we will continue to support them in their work. The Peer Support Center is providing additional supports to Ukrainian students I encourage you to share our post about these supports so students know they can access them. Additionally, if you are able please donate to the [Ukrainian Appeal](#).

Slava Ukraini!

Indigenous Celebration Week

This is your last reminder about Indigenous Celebration Week which is being hosted from March 21st - March 25th. Each day of this celebration will have 3-4 events that focus on education, building community, and much more! You can view the full schedule [here](#).

Planning this event took so many folks, hundreds of hours, and was incredibly challenging especially because of COVID. Because we are wrapping up I wanted to thank and acknowledge the work of 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. Without them, this event would not have happened.

I am really excited about this event and I hope you are all able to make it out and share posts promoting the event.

Prayer Space in the Mechanical Engineering Building

As I mentioned during our last council meeting I have been working with DivE and the ESS to set up a prayer space in one of the eng buildings. The space secured by the ESS is 5-8T in the Mechanical Engineering Building. Following consultation with the MSA and other groups on campus, I am working with staff in Engineering to purchase things for the room and get it all set up.

You can find a picture of the room below:



Active Bystander Training

As part of our commitment to address and prevent sexual violence on campus, I am working with our events team to bring more experts to campus so we can build a culture of consent at UofA. Our first session to accomplish this goal was hosted on Monday, March 7th. This event was a great opportunity to learn about how to be a bystander and take a stand against sexual violence on and off-campus.

Best,
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