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To: Students' Council 2011/12

Greetings council. I hope you are enjoying the newfound snow. I hope you are also excited to get utterly destroyed in Campus Cup this weekend. I know that I am excited to do the destruction! I am looking forward to sporting my safety orange "Not this Tighme" custom dodgeball jersey.

Nothing amazingly exciting happened for me over the past two weeks but I have done a lot of reading and e-mail answering. However, I am however excited for tonight and this weekend (I am writing this on Thursday so the URS has not happened yet nor the Healthy Campus Symposium). I'm sure that both events will be outstanding.

As per usual Movember/Headshave fundraising is going well. I have managed to collect \$70.01 for Movember from myself, my mom, my sister, and my girlfriend... I have collected a giant goose-egg for the ESS Headshave. You know what that means council... I need your help! Click <http://ca.movember.com/mospace/> or <http://albertacancer.ca/page.aspx?pid=1254&tab=0&frsid=4402> to donate to two great causes! Emerson and I also jumped into a freezing pool of water in the middle of quad for the JDC team's Chillin for Charity to raise money for the United Way. The water was way colder than I expected and I lost my glasses when I jumped in but I found them later!

Programming

Campus Cup:

It is this weekend. Registration is full. Referee positions are full but you can still sign up to referee if you want. Brennan Murphy and the programming team are outstanding. Boom!

Movie Night:

Programming is looking to host a Christmas movie day in the Myer Horowitz Theatre on either December 5 or 6 (near the last day of classes). If you have any suggestions for movies let us know!

Break the Record:

We had a meeting with Dr. Frank Robinson (Dean of Students) to talk about the Break the Record attempt. According to Jennifer Wanke there are rumours going around that UC Irvine (current record holders) record was only approved for 4000 participants because they did not have enough dodgeballs (for the 4player/1ball ratio). If this is true it is excellent news for us. Anyhow, I will be going to Dean's Council in two weeks to announce our plans for the event (and to start fundraising). We have some pretty cool ideas lined up for the largest student engagement event of the year!

Staff Appreciation:

I organized another Friday dress-up event for the Services and Office Staff. We called it our Winter Wonderland Dress Up Day (mitts, scarves, toques, etc.) and I brought mandarin oranges and After 8 chocolates for all those who dressed up (and just about everyone did because of the weather). I hope that everyone enjoyed it.

Services**Access Fund and SFAIC:**

Andy and I sat in for the appeals session for the Access Fund. SFAIC staff were helpful as always!

Awards:

Students' Union awards submissions are due on Friday, November 25th at 4:30pm and all supporting documents are due on December 2nd at 4:30pm. Make sure to get these in ASAP as you are all excellent leaders!

Campus Food Bank:

The CFB is on fire right now! They have a ton of events happening including the following:

CFB Awareness Week: Nov 21-25

Campus Rec Co-Ed Pairs Volleyball Tournament: November 29

The Fast and the Studious: Dec 5-6

You can also check out their monthly newsletter at

<http://www.ualberta.ca/~foodbank/newsletters/NOV2011.pdf> This month's newsletter was a special edition to celebrate the CFB's 20th anniversary (which is on the 22nd)!

Also, hamper requests have gone up significantly this year but we have been able to handle the increase due to a number of successful food drives and fundraisers such as Trick or Treat. Keep supporting the Campus Food Bank!

Infolink:

We are looking at building a new Infolink booth to replace the mainfloor SUB booth. We have contracted this work out to Wolski design and have had a few consultative meetings thus far. The plans are still tentative but I will provide you with future updates later in the year.

Student Group Services:

I am doing a review of the Student Groups Bylaw 5600 with Kelin Flanagan (Manager of SGS). We will be bringing recommendations to the Bylaw Committee soon-ish (I'm not too sure if this will be before or after Christmas). I am also getting excited for the Fall 2 Student Group and Individual granting sessions. It is always amazing to see the great projects that our students are working on.

Services Review:

The Services Review (a comprehensive review of all of our services and recommendations on the future of our services both individually and as a whole) is being finalized. I will be sponsoring a council presentation for this after it is complete. The Senior Manager of Student Services and Assistant Manager of Student Services have been working extremely hard on this

outstanding document and I am sure that it will be a great tool to help us with our visioning for the services in the future.

Advocacy

U-Pass Admin Meeting:

At our last U-Pass meeting I received some feedback on the U-Pass questions that I am looking to put into the undergraduate student survey. We also reviewed the U-Pass uptake stats and it appears that over 95% of eligible students have picked up their U-Passes this term. This is a significant increase from 92% last fall. I will be participating in a feedback session to talk about the expansion of bus and commuter transit systems in Fort Saskatchewan next week.

Opportunities for you to get involved:

- Run for VPSL
- E-mail me feedback on how you think I am doing so far (bad/good/what would you like to see me do/what you don't want me to do/ etc.)
- Volunteer to referee for Campus Cup
- Patiently await the arrival of the Antifreeze registration packs
- Talk to students and do class talks for council outreach!

Summary:

I just wanted to tell all of you that I polished an entire Tombstone donair while writing this report. Also make sure to check out my conference reports attached on the late additions.

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

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