

February 2nd, 2018

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Students' Council

Hello council,

I hope your January went smoothly and that the next few weeks prior to reading week go even better. I wish you all luck on your upcoming midterms and papers. January has been an extremely busy month for me; here are some items I wanted to update you all on:

Mental Health Committee

We have had our first meeting with all of the members, and have begun to work on values and core principles. Our next meeting will be focused on department evaluations and we will likely do a student survey sometime in March or April so keep an eye out.

UASU Cares

I have heard a lot of feedback and have worked to implement it all in the past few weeks. --

-We have changed the image with the SUTV and Banners to something different as the reaching hand received some negative feedback.

-I worked with IT and we finally figured out the Google issue, turns out there was a meta tag that prevented the site from being searched, it is removed now and I am happy to say you can find UASU Cares from a Google search.

-We have added a UASU Cares button to the website as well, there is now a link on the website that is easily accessible.

-You've asked for usage data. The website has not got a lot of tractions averaging 10-15 hits a day, however this is simply from people typing in the website. The website is more accessible and I will keep you updated on the usage data.

Campus Activities Board: Valentines Day

The Campus Activities Board will be doing a Valentine's Day event, the details are being finalized and I will update the specifics in my oral report during council.

Week of Welcome Recruitment

Week of Welcome is the largest volunteer program at the U of A and we're now accepting applications for volunteers for WOW 2018! There are 4 roles available: Faculty Leaders, who lead tours, facilitate activities, and help make WOW events successful; Orientation Presentation Facilitators, who do the UAlberta 101 presentation at New Student

Orientation; Program Support, who run registration and work behind the scenes to make WOW possible; and Media Techs, who capture all the good times and make awesome videos! If you are interested in volunteering, or want to share this awesome opportunity with people in your faculty, please visit www.uasu.ca/wow !

Student Group Processes

We are continuing to work on policies and procedures for Students' Union student groups. They are nearing completion; so we will be sending them for a round of consultation later in February then take them through council to get all of your feedback. I am eager to see all the changes implemented I believe this policy suite is extremely student friendly and if students pass the SEI referendum it will be a great supplement to increase student group activities in the years to come.

Athletics

We are continuing to work with Athletics on a sponsorship contract, the Students' Union used to have these back in 2014 and earlier, basically a contract full of collaboration efforts between Athletics and the Students' Union. Our staff and myself plan to have this solidified by the end of my term.

Council of Residence Associations

The residence reports have been coming along. Unfortunately we had to derecognize East Campus Student Association due to the lack of activity and representation from the executive, but I have been at the forefront in all advocacy meetings and we have had partnerships in programming with HUB and UASU Events. We recently put out a survey on advocacy issues to help us compile a thorough report and are putting together a group of students to take a look at the constitution and help run elections for the following term. One of the focus areas of the new ECSA will be advocacy for Greek Houses located on university property, as deferred maintenance has been a critical issue within those houses.

Thanks for reading and see you all at council!



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