

January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**To:** University of Alberta Students' Council 2016/17

**Re:** Vice President Student Life Council Report

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Dear Council,

This report covers the period of January 11th to January 19th.

This week, I had a lot of fun recording parts of the Voice of the Union podcast with VP Sandare and the SU General Manager, Marc Dumouchel. We talked about EMPfest, my experience as an executive so far as well as Marc's experience and history with the Students' Union so I definitely encourage you to check it out!

Two interested students attending my job shadow day on January 17th. I enjoyed talking to them and showing them around the office! If you know of anyone who is interested in the VPSL portfolio, I am holding two other job shadow days:

January 25th 9:00AM - 5:00PM

February 2nd 9:00AM - 12:00PM

Sign-up via e-mail at [francesca.ghossein@su.ualberta.ca](mailto:francesca.ghossein@su.ualberta.ca)

Finally, my office hours for this semester are 11 a.m to 12 p.m on Fridays so stop by if you want to chat or have any questions. If that doesn't work for you, you can also e-mail me at [vp.studentlife@su.ualberta.ca](mailto:vp.studentlife@su.ualberta.ca) and we'll find a time to meet and chat.

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## ADVOCACY

### **Mental Health**

#### **Advisory Panel on Post-Secondary Mental Health**

Our last panel meeting took place at Olds College on January 13th. I was very pleased with the discussions that we had at that meeting which helped us refine our draft on strategic directions that we will be presenting to the province. We also took a look at the recommendations that we would be presenting and worked on narrowing them down. We have not had discussion about

funding models yet. I am expecting that these discussions will occur in the next two meetings of the panel.

**Mental Health Website**

I have initial confirmation for a partial sponsorship of the website from Studentcare, our health and dental plan provider. I am also working on the potential name, structure and design of the website.

**Residence****Residence Life Task Force**

At the first Residence Life Task Force meeting of 2017, Academica, the consulting firm that conducted research on life in Ualberta residences presented us with an initial report on the state of residences based on the survey responses. The preliminary report contained information pertaining to the aggregate distribution of responses We will be diving into more details in our next meeting on January 31st.

**Lister Representatives**

The Lister representatives are organizing a ship night in February at Room at The Top for all Lister Towers and are still working with me and the Discover Governance Manager, Rebecca, on ensuring that Lister has a representative association next year. I will also be meeting with the new Assistant Dean Residence Life as well the Assistant Dean Student Life to start conversations about the space needed (rooms, office, etc.) to set the association up for success.

**Student Groups**

As per my last report, we are expecting to see a draft of the new student group policy as drafted by the Dean of Students in the month of January.

***PROGRAMMING*****SUB House Party**

The call-outs for student groups to participate in the SUB house party have been published in the Student Group Service Newsletter as well as the SU's State of the Union. I have sent

invitations to student groups via e-mail and have been contacted by student groups who are interested in being part of the SUB House Party. This link will lead you to the application form so please share with your networks and encourage groups to apply:

<https://goo.gl/forms/ZCcfYixngk2qb7z52>

I have 2 applications so far and am talking with 5 other groups who have shown interest in the event. I am expecting more groups to get their applications in as the deadline approaches.

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#### **COMMITTEES AND BOARDS**

##### **The Landing**

I attended a meeting of the Landing Board of Directors meeting as well as a meeting of the policy committee of the Landing where the committee members workshopped a new policy around sponsorships and grants.

##### **Sexual Assault Response Implementation Committee- Education and Outreach**

I attended the Education and Outreach group meeting where we discussed the integration of consent education into programs delivered to students early in their academic career such as Orientation as well as the different ways and channels where students can get that information. We talked about the necessity of having faculty and staff also aware of the services and supports available on campus for survivors and brainstormed ways to spread that information across all faculties and departments.

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Thank you for taking the time to read my report :)

Cheers,

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(Submitted electronically)



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