

March 23th, 2018

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Students' Council

Hello Council,

The countdown begins, just over a month until a new council enters the chambers and a year begins. Here are some of the things I am working on in the next few weeks that I hope to have wrapped up by the end of my term.

Residence:

Currently finishing off advocacy reports for each of the residences, which I will pass to Council of Residence Associations starting May. We are in the process of recruiting a CRO for ECSA Elections and in conversations to hopefully begin working on a PLH Student Association as well. I have also been working to ensure the process of collecting Residence Association fees is transparent and convenient for all students and residence associations next year.

Mental Health:

Have been ensuring the work of the SU Mental Health Committee continues. We are still due to release our mental health strategy late September/early October. I have begun looking at the Mental Health Grant Proposal as well ensuring the university delivers on all promises they have made to the government when putting forth the proposal. A conversation between clinical and preventative in terms of funding is essential as well over the next few years so ensuring that's always on our radar.

Student Group Policy + Procedures:

Have begun consultation on our policies and procedures. This has been a long process that begun a few years ago, and I am truly thrilled to bring the Bylaw to council and begin the conversations to create something that is accessible, student friendly and engaging.

Health + Dental

In the process of finalizing the decision of a provider for Health and Dental, once that is finalized we will be negotiating contract and bringing it to council, likely next meeting. From that point on, we will be taking a look at possibilities of different plans, including a tiered system.

**Budget Announcement**

Robyn and I attended the budget announcement. The news were surprisingly pleasant, we observed a 2% increase of the Alberta Grant, and 17 million-dollar backfill funding. The university presentation predicted 0% increase and no backfill funding. With many angry protesting students and grassroots movements, it will be interesting how this fiscal situation will unfold and the impact it will have on relationships here on campus.

Other Updates:

- Nearing final stages of Chief Librarian search for the University
- In conversations to play a bigger role in Green and Gold Day
- Continue to develop relationship with Athletics, working on a sponsorship contract
- Forming a Greek Committee to strengthen SU/Greek relationship
- Last Clash Bash will be April 13th and it's going to be rad!

Hope you all have a great day! Feel free to shoot me an email if you have any concerns or questions.

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