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**To:** Students' Union Council

**Re:** Vice President Student Life 2020/21 Report #1

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Hello Council!

I can't believe that it is already May and I am starting my term as the VP Student Life. I am incredibly excited to be working with you lovely folks! Retreat was last week, and I learnt so much about not only my role but the others on my executives and the SU in general. It was a ton of information but allowed me to feel more confident in my position. Retreat over Zoom proved to be quite interesting - but I'm proud of my team for working so well together. I am so excited to get started and work hard for U of A students.

This year I have some exciting projects to begin as well as continue from previous years. The role of VP Student Life is a mix of long term advocacy and short term projects. I have really enjoyed the mix of the two so far! Most of my time is catching up on emails and planning our year - we have some exciting projects coming up.

Some of the work I've started on is the Health and Dental plan and the World's Largest Dodgeball game. Vice President Krahn and I have been working hard on ensuring that we will be offering the best insurance to students and we can't wait to continue this work! The World's Largest Dodgeball game is a partnership between the Edmonton Eskimos and UASU. We are hoping to break the Guinness World Record. I am quite excited to see this project move forwards.

Throughout the social distancing period, I've been trying to pick up some hobbies. I've recently gotten into embroidery which has been great, and I have been reading a lot. I can speed read which definitely comes in handy but means I go through books quite quickly. Let me know if you ever need book recommendations! I love talking about books (hence why I am studying to be an English teacher).

Once again, I am excited to be working with you all this year! This year is an unprecedented time but I have confidence in all of our ability and tenacity. It is easy to feel isolated during this but know that other students are going through the same thing. If you ever want to talk about anything, or have some interesting ideas, feel free to email me and I would be more than happy to meet digitally!

Cheers,

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