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To: Students' Union Council

Re: Vice President Student Life 2020/21 Report #10

Hello council!

I hope your first week of classes have been going well and you are all adapting to these online classes. Hopefully you all have gotten to experience WOW in some capacity this week.

EDI Speakers Series: Angela Davis

I am thrilled to be announcing that we will be hosting a virtual talk with Angela Davis. For those of you who don't know, she is a social activist who has been active since 1960. We're also having Eternity Martis who wrote "They Said this Would be Fun" about her experience with Western University. Both these women will bring a fascinating perspective and I highly encourage you all to attend the event. Please see our "Events" page on Facebook for more details on registering and viewing.

Campus Kickoff Concert Concert

Due to being unable to host the WOW mainstage or Rezfest we have paired with post-secondary students unions across Canada to host a virtual event. The artist will be The Reklaws, Tyson Ritter (of the All-American Rejects), A Tribe Called Red, Roy Wood\$, Pink Sweat\$, Lennon Stella; and hosted by Nina West (of Rupaul's Drag Race). Check out the facebook event for more details and how to tune in.

WOW Events

Ratt on Patio: Friday September 4th, and Wednesday September 9th to Friday September 11th. 11am to 6pm. Get some great food in the sunshine!

Art Gallery: September 4th to 30th. 9am to 6pm on weekdays. We are proud to bring "Fire and Frost" which was organized by the Art Gallery of Alberta to Myer Horowitz Theater Lobby.

Movie Night: "1917" will be showing on September 8th from 5:30 to 7:30. This is a free movie for students. Seats will be prebooked using Event Bright.

More details about all these events can be found on uasu.ca

President's Address

I was so excited to be a part of the President's Address, which is our closing event of New Student Orientation. I was especially excited because my little sister, who is a first year, was watching. It was also excellent to meet Bill Flanagan and Heather Raymond in person for the first time. While this event looked different than normal, I still think it brought a sense of community and belonging to the first year students.

EDI Update

Last Thursday I was invited to be a part of a EDI town hall with the leaders of the academic restructuring group. This was an interesting time to hear from various members of the University about their concerns. I do hope that the leaders will seriously consider some of the concerns brought forwards. EDIT had a meeting where we elected a chair and officially adopted standing orders, I was voted in as chair. I am really excited to be supporting the members of this committee in their current work. Campus Policing Policy will be meeting next Wednesday. I am currently setting up a presentation from UAPS. I also want to touch on some of the programming the Landing will be offering this fall: Trans Meet Up (Monthly, second Tuesday 4:00-5:30), Weaving Body, Mind and Spirit (Every other Wednesday 3:30-5:00), spACE (second Monday of the month), Drop in (Monday-Wednesday 1-4pm, Thursday 3-7pm). More information can be found on the Landing Instagram.

Residence

Residence move in has been going well. I think these communities are extremely important to students, especially in an era of online learning. I am very pleased that residents will be installing hand sanitizer at every entrance. All students in residence were all given reusable masks. Finally I am still working with residence services to ensure there is proper signage.

Social Media

Social media has been doing really well recently. We have been gaining a lot of followers recently. This is due to our TikTok about the UPass getting over 1000 views, our most so far. Which means I am officially TikTok famous, move over Charlie D'Amelio. I also did some questions and answers on our instagram story and will begin one with the whole executive team soon.

Book Club with Myself Update:

Okay so I will be honest, I have failed again. This is mainly because I discovered Scrubs on Prime and I have not been able to stop watching. The books will make a comeback soon, I have 15 left to read to hit my goal of 50 this year.

Feel free to message me if you want to meet up to discuss anything! I'm always free to listen!

Cheers,

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