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To: Students' Union Council

Re: Vice President Student Life 2020/21 Report #12

Hello council!

Hope you are all doing well and have been doing well through the beginning of midterm season. I believe in you all!!

Health Update

As some of you know, I was unable to attend council last week. Unfortunately, I have been diagnosed with strep throat and mono. While I will recover from strep in the next few days, the mono will take much longer. For those of you who don't know mono can take months to go away. The primary symptom is exhaustion and I need to rest a lot. I should be back to my normal self by December. I do ask for patience in the meantime.

Council Engagement Opportunities

I have three informal opportunities for you all! The first is helping Simran and I translate her excellent sexual violence resource manual into various other languages. It is currently in English and being translated in Punjabi. The second opportunity is working with me and other volunteers to update <http://uasucares.su.ualberta.ca/en/> resources. This would be checking to make sure the resources are updated and providing new cultural and faith inclusive resources. The third opportunity is to work on the Students' Council social media presence. We currently have a facebook page that has some content but I think this could be expanded. It could also expand onto other platforms. All opportunities are best done as a team, so please whatsapp or email me if you would like to be involved!

Period Poverty Update

We officially have our first dispenser! VP Krahn and I are extremely excited with this development. We are so thankful for the student group SIHA for helping us get this dispenser. We will be installing soon and I will keep you all updated when it is up! Beyond that we are still working on new fundraising opportunities.

Social Media Update:

President Agarwal and I filmed a two part tik tok about Academic Restructuring. It explained the three different scenarios outlined in the report and answered frequently asked questions from students. We reached a large audience with the videos receiving

16,488 views between Tik Tok and Instagram. As you can imagine, we are pretty excited about this engagement.

Campus Sexual Violence Updates

VP Draper and I attended the GFC Committee on the Learning Environment to present about sexual violence on experiential learning semesters. The presentation went great and I was pleased with everyone's feedback to the presentation. This concludes the initial pre consultation and now we will be working on changes to the policy. On Monday, I will be giving a presentation to the Joint Advisory Committee on Sexual Violence. The presentation will be focusing on recent developments and the student perspective on sexual violence. I have also signed up to take the Alberta Association of Sexual Assault Services Online First Responder Training. Within my role, I have had quite a few disclosures made to me. While I do have some training in disclosures, this was never specific to sexual violence. I am really excited for this opportunity to ensure I am responding in a way best for survivors.

Survey about Sexual Violence on Experiential Learning

The survey about sexual violence on experiential learning will be launching this month. This was one of my campaign goals and as an education student is quite important to me. I am really thankful to our research department and all the executives, especially VP Draper, for all their help on this topic.

Empower Me

An update to my last council letter. On October 20th, council will have a presentation from Dr. Elizabeth Cawley, the director of national mental health strategy from Studentcare. This will be focusing on the Empower Me program and meeting students mental health needs.

Feel free to message me if you want to meet up to discuss anything! I always appreciate getting the opportunity to meet with you all. I'm always free to listen!

Cheers,

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