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To: Students' Union Council

Re: Vice President Student Life 2020/21 Report #6

Hello council!

I hope all of you are staying healthy and enjoying the most out of the sunny weather as much as you can!

YourOrientation Podcast

I recorded my part for an episode for the YourOrientation podcast this week! It was pretty cool to participate in something like this. I focused a lot on understanding what the SU does from a first year perspective, how to get involved and how to become involved. I think this program will help make the UASU easier to get involved with for students.

Health and Dental Plan

We are in the final stages of planning the health and dental plan for September. If everything continues as is, I believe I will be able to provide the final details of this during the next two council meetings.

Work to End Period Poverty

VP Krahn and I have been working quite diligently on the SU's free menstrual product initiative. We have been working with a group called Soroptomist and will be signing a MOU with them. We have also met with Hemptact and Students Invested in Health Association, and will be working with them in the future. We are working to create our finalized plan, mission and value statements. I am very pleased where this project is heading.

EDI

As mentioned last council, EDIT has been created. The applications for the student at large positions are now open and will close July 13th. There are posts about it (and SCF) on our instagram. Thank you to everyone who has shared the posts, it means a lot to me and the other executives. On a different EDI note, the Campus Policing Policy Terms of Reference has been passed by Policy Committee. We should be meeting soon.

CORA

CORA had it's meeting for July after delaying last week. We have officially decided to cancel Res Fest for this upcoming year. With the upcoming year, none of the associations are able to financially commit to this event. While this is disappointing, I do want to recognize how much effort the associations are putting into preparing for the fall. We have decided to focus on our advocacy efforts this year and I will share those as they become finalized.

Book Update!! Last week I read: "Know My Name" by Chanel Miller (5 stars), "Daisy Jones and the Six" (4 1/2stars) and "The Stationary Shop" by Marjan Kamali (3 stars). Strong recommendation for "Know My Name" (Trigger Warning: Sexual Assault) which is a nonfiction novel which is written from a survivor's perspective. The novel is a difficult read but an important one. Next week I'm reading: "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings" by Maya Angelou, "There There" by Tommy Orange and "The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes" by Suzanne Collins.

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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