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To: Students' Union Council

Re: Report to Students' Council

Hey Council!

Welcome to the last report of 2018! Couple updates to wrap up the semester.

1. HUB Residence

Jared Larsen, President of the HUB Community Association, and I have been getting a lot of media attention for the safety and security concerns in HUB Residence. Earlier this week, we met with University Administration and they confirmed that they will be hiring an external consultant to investigate the issues and propose a clear path forward that is rooted in best practice, follows building code, and guarantees increased safety and security for residents, tenants, and all other folks who use the facilities in HUB Mall.

2. CSJ InfoLink

We have proposed a Memorandum of Understanding between the Students' Union and Campus Saint Jean with the intent of opening an InfoLink location at CSJ. The InfoLink would be staffed by CSJ students, and provide additional services unique to the student experience at CSJ. Very hopeful that we will make progress on this early 2019!

3. ARRC Mission, Vision, Values

Work continues in the ARRC committee to develop the Mission, Vision, and Values of the ARRC Recommendations. It's been a very productive series of meetings and I'm excited to bring our discussions to council soon! As always, ARRC meetings remain open to folks who would like to attend!

4. PAW Strategic Operating Committee

The University confirmed that construction has begun on the Universal Changerooms in Van Vliet Centre. The project is expected to be complete in Fall 2019.

5. International Student Event Consultation

VP Bhatnagar and I attended a University of Alberta International event this week. One of the items we brought up was programming and events for International students. Interestingly, the students mentioned they would rather the Students' Union not provide additional programming specific to their culture (Lunar New Year, Diwali, etc).

Rather, they noted it would be ideal if the Students' Union could offer more supports for cultural groups to host their own cultural programming. The students also mentioned they wanted the Students' Union to create more 'Canadian' programming, like Thanksgiving events, for example. They also mentioned it would be a good idea to include International students in discussions around reducing barriers to access for events like AntiFreeze.

6. Closing

That's all for now, I hope you all have a wonderful break, and I look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Cheers,



Andre Bourgeois
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