



Office of the VICE PRESIDENT STUDENT LIFE

November 17th, 2016

To: University of Alberta Students' Council 2016/17

Re: Vice President Student Life Council Report

Dear Council,

I am so glad Thursday is over-I had a midterm that I was nervous about. On a happier note, it was a pleasure for me to attend one of the convocation ceremonies on Wednesday and see so many students cross the stage and make their transition into the alumni family!

ADVOCACY

Mental Health

Advisory Panel on Post-Secondary Mental Health

We have our first in-person meeting scheduled for November 28th at MacEwan University. It goes for a half a day and I am very excited to start discussing ideas with other students on the panel and other experts on student mental health. It is very important for me to be consultative throughout this process and we are now developing a consultation framework for all the panel members to utilize for consistency.

Residence

Lister Meal Plan

This week, I had additional discussions about the meal plan and proposed alternatives to the plan that is offered based on the statistics around how much people spend in lister vs. outside of lister, etc. The students in Lister Centre remain opposed to the proposed meal plan and we will continue to advocate based on student needs.

Residence Life Task Force

In the task force meeting this past week, we met with the proponent that was chosen to conduct the third-party research, Academica, and discussed their research approach, the survey instrument design, project timelines and report formats.

We will be reviewing the proposed survey questions in the upcoming week and letting the different stakeholders know of the timelines around the survey.

Lister Representatives

The Discover Governance Manager and I hired the last Lister Representative; she is representing Mac Hall and was introduced to the team last week.

Student Groups

We (President Rahman, myself, and SU staff (GM, SGS staff, DG staff, etc.) are preparing to have our second meeting with other stakeholders in the recognition and discipline of student groups (the Dean of Students and DOS staff members, the Graduate Students' Association and Campus and Community Rec.). In that meeting, we are going to propose the vision that we have on how students should self-govern and the change in process of recognition that we think is most conducive to developing leadership and citizenship.

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

The Landing- Annual General Meeting

The Landing had their AGM in the Alumni room on Thursday and the audience was very engaged!

Sexual Violence Policy committee

The bulk of the work was finished last week and this policy is making its way into governance now; for those of you who are on GFC, it will come across your desks soon!

MISCELLANEOUS

A reminder that my office hours are 12 p.m to 1 p.m on Fridays so stop by if you want to chat or have any questions. If that doesn't work for you, you can also e-mail me at vp.studentlife@su.ualberta.ca and we'll find a time to meet and chat.

Cheers,

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