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**To:** Students' Council

**Re:** Report to Students' Council

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Hello Council,

It's hard to believe that I am half way through my term; it just seemed like yesterday that we were having our first council meeting. Since I'm halfway through I thought I'd take some time to highlight some of the things I've been working on in relation to my goals.

### **Mental Health Accessibility**

UASU Cares is live and we will be doing a marketing campaign this month targeting the second half of midterms, I'm eager to see the utility of this resource. Beyond that I have formed an internal committee with our staff to engage in conversations pertaining to mental health and see how we can move forward to increase services and access of information to students.

My primary goal is to strengthen the mental health network as a whole on campus and I'm confident the university is moving in a positive direction. We have formed a mental health providers committee with all stakeholders on campus and eager to have conversations on how we can better collaborate and work together to ensure students' needs are met.

### **Athletics and Recreation**

A lot of students are not aware of the all access they have to the Golden Bears and Pandas games, and we have been working closely with athletics to foster an environment where students are engaged with our athletes and understand the benefits they get while being a student here. We've had numerous talks and I look forward to creating events in partnership with athletics.

### **Residence Associations**

I have worked closely with each residence association to address any concerns they have within their residence. As a council of residence associations chair I have begun working on annual reports for each residence in order to document advocacy and aid my position in

the future as well. I'm pretty thrilled to say that we will have PLH Representatives soon, and hopefully a new residence association for this new residence for the upcoming year.

### **Student Groups**

The draft of the policies you have seen has changed significantly and I assume it will make it's way back to council in the future, I have been in many meetings contesting points on this policy and ensuring that students have a thorough transparent process when it comes to any interactions with student groups. In the meantime, we have been working on our own policies for Students' Union student groups. I'm confident that our documents will guide students in terms of anything to do with student groups and allow them to express themselves and find an identity beyond academia.

### **BearsDen**

I have been in many conversations discussing this platform and we are looking for many options on how we can change the software, or generate new software that fits our needs more accurately. The primary problem is that when BearsDen was designed, it was set out to be a social media, it is not. It services great as a data base and a resource website, but it lacks the promotional tools, hence us looking at an Event Calendar, which will be coming up here by the end of the year. All the conversations have been preliminary and I will keep you updated on any progress.

### **Campus Activities Board**

I spoke about the lack of diversity of events within the SU portfolio in my campaign last year; well creating this board celebrates event diversity. The board is currently looking at event submissions and will be deciding what event we should put on this year; I'm quite excited and thrilled to see what we come up with.

### **AntiFreeze**

AntiFreeze registration is open! I highly advise you to make a team as you can win a ski trip and it's a phenomenal week filled with great memories! If you have any further questions let me know.

**End of Classes Event**

I am beyond excited for this and even though I can't say much yet you should be excited as well!

I hope you guys have had a phenomenal Halloween, I know I did, the Horrorwitz really spooked me. If you have any questions or any topics you'd like to discuss with me, feel free to shoot me a message.

Cheers,



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