

November 30th, 2017

**To:** Students' Council

**Re:** Report to Students' Council

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Dear Council,

It's hard to believe that we have one week of classes left. I hope all of your studies are going as great as you would like them to, and with this last stretch of a couple of weeks that the holidays are kind to all of you. It has been a hectic few weeks, and truly exciting ones too with tuition being frozen WITH backfill funding. It is truly unfortunate that the international tuition is still in limbo, but we will always be advocating for affordable tuition for all students.

Here are some of the things that have been happening in the past couple of weeks:

### **Meal Plan**

It's been another wild ride this year as consultation is heavy under way. The Lister Hall Student Association has worked with us to develop a new survey, as many students voiced concerns of the initial survey. The survey is currently open to Lister residents and we are looking forward to helping the LHSA compile the data and advocate for the meal plan students desire.

### **Residence Rates**

The conversations are under way with residence rates. Unfortunately due to the minimum wage increase and the unionization of resident assistants, the rent will likely be going up. We are still in conversations though and the Students' Union is doing everything in our power to limit the increase as much as possible as our residence policy does not support an increase above CPI.

### **CORA**

Council of Residence Association has submitted a Residence Improvement Fund, which is an annual fund that looks at facility upgrades for each residence. We are in the process of finalizing and compiling all the proposals and look forward to all the facility upgrades. Otherwise each residence association has been working on a residence report that compiles short and long term advocacy goals for each residence.

**CAB**

Campus Activities Board is meeting up and choosing an event, and creating a timeline for that event. Exciting to see all of this come together.

**UASU Cares**

Exciting news, [uasuacares.ca](http://uasuacares.ca) is now live and launched. I hope all of you have seen the ads for it and have had the chance to check it out. It is a resource I hope to continue to grow and make more accessible for all students. Overall I'm really excited about all the work put into this and to see the impact it has connecting students to the proper resources. There have been many conversations surrounding accessibility surface with the development of this resource.

**Residence Oversight Committee**

Part of the Residence Life Task Force was to implement this committee to oversee the task force recommendations. We had our first meeting, and are in the process of forming methods to ensure that we are heading in the right direction in terms of enhancing and enriching the residence experience.

**Campus Cup**

Campus Cup was a successful weekend, and I hope all of you who've attended had an amazing time. We reached the cap for teams this year and it was exciting to see it all come together, our team did an incredible job so a huge shout out to them.

**SU Christmas Party for Kids**

The deadline to apply to be a volunteer is December 3<sup>rd</sup>. This is such an amazing volunteer experience and I highly encourage all of you to apply. Here is the link:

<https://www.su.ualberta.ca/events/sucpk/>

**Golden Box Day**

I hope you've seen the box. What is in it? Are you excited because I surely am. Check out the last day of classes checklist and make sure to enter to win this grand prize!

**AntiFreeze**

Sign up for AntiFreeze! Cant explain enough how exciting this event is and it's a phenomenal experience to bond with 8-12 of your friends!

<https://www.su.ualberta.ca/events/antifreeze/>

**Suicide Prevention Committee**

A report was written about a year and a half ago, and the implementation committee is under way. We are working to fill the subcommittees and the report will become public within the next two months so the entire campus can contribute to positive conversations on supporting and educating students on suicide prevention.

If you have any inquiries or want to chat with me about anything feel free to shoot me a message, I absolutely love my portfolio and can spend hours talking about my initiatives. Thanks for taking your time to read my report. Good luck on all of your exams.

Cheers,



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