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To: Students' Union Council

Re: Report to Students' Council

Hey Council!

Welcome to my report. The last few weeks have been fairly relaxing. I took my summer vacation to the West coast and spent some time in Victoria, Vancouver, Kelowna, and Kamloops! This week, we did the filming for the # I Believe You campaign, and I'm really looking forward to sharing the videos and helping to reboot the campaign in October. We are in the final stages of getting the Health and Dental committee going, and the Students' Union Development Summit is happening this weekend out in Vancouver where the entire executive will be attending sessions related to building on the capacity of our organizations.

1. ARRC Event / Town Hall

Following a very productive ARRC meeting, an ARRC Event (event name pending) is going to be taking place on September 27th from 9:00AM-1:00PM in the Students' Union Building. The purpose of the event is to seek feedback on how the Students' Union can better integrate reconciliation into the organization. I am very excited to see this event taking place, and I look forward to going through the feedback we receive. As a reminder, all councillors are welcome to attend ARRC meetings and provide their feedback and insights to the committee. We'd love to see some councillors get involved in this event!

2. East Campus Students' Association

The East Campus Students' Association now has two representatives who will serve until April 30, 2019. Their responsibilities will be similar to those of other residence associations, though they will also be responsible for coordinating the election logistics for ECSA 2019/20. One of the challenges that will be facing ECV student governance this year is how to structure the residence association in a way that builds community between the various residences while also ensuring there is sufficient representation and a reasonable workload for elected student representatives. I will be working closely with the ECV representatives over the next few months to ensure we develop a robust process that ensures the longevity of ECSA.

4. Free Feminine Hygiene Products on Campus

Currently, we are in the process of looking into how we can pursue an initiative that provides free feminine hygiene products on campus. Currently, students can receive free tampons from the Campus Food Bank and the University Health Centre. I have been in touch with some students who have conducted research on providing dispensers in buildings around campus. If you know anyone who might know more about starting something like this please let me know! Other universities like McGill currently have processes in place that allow for free distribution of tampons in washrooms, relying on a \$0.90 fee that they charge each student per year. Surplus funds from the fee go towards subsidizing more expensive menstruation products such as the Diva Cup. Please let me know if this is something you are interested in working towards. I'd love to hear some more ideas.

5. Closing

Thanks for reading my report. Residence Move-In, New Student Orientation, and Week of Welcome are just around the corner! I can't wait for campus to fire back up again for the fall. I hope you all have a restful week!

Cheers,



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