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To: Students' Union Council

Re: Report to Students' Council

Dear Council,

Welcome to my report! Last week, we hosted the Alberta Student Leaders Conference where the executive and I met student leaders from around the province including Red Deer College, Grand Prairie Regional College, NAIT, and SAIT. It was really valuable getting to know some of our peers, and I'm excited to keep getting to know them throughout the year. We also met with some of the representatives from Studentcare, our health and dental plan provider to go over the details of our plan and talk about the next year of health and dental coverage. VP Ripka and I arrived in Montreal on Saturday morning. We spent a couple of days travelling, and are halfway through the Studentcare conference, which kicked off last evening!

1. Campus Food Bank Board of Directors

The Campus Food Bank Board helps guide the direction of the Campus Food Bank. This week, we decided to monetize the donations received by the food bank to get a clearer picture of the value of donations received by the food bank. The board is also looking for someone with experience in law to fill a board position. If any councillors know of anyone who may be interested in the position, please send me an email and I will put you in touch with the board!

2. Campus Activities Board (CAB)

Brendan Samek, the chair of the board, and I will be meeting with last year's chair to transition Brendan and help plan the direction of the board for the year. Stay tuned, we will be looking for people to fill vacancies on the board in the coming weeks.

3. Studentcare Conference

The Studentcare conference is off to a great start. We've had 3 sessions so far: Student Mental Health, Sharing/Collaborative Economy, and Media Training. The Student Mental Health presentation was particularly engaging, and provided a lot of insight into the ways we can approach Mental Health on campus. In particular, I'm really excited about the ways technology will factor into the future of on-campus health and wellness initiatives.

3. Personal Announcements

There is a really interesting bike service available in Montreal called Bixi that VP Ripka and I have been using heavily during our time in Montreal. It would be awesome if the city of Edmonton looked into doing something like this. Also, I will be heading to Calgary Stampede on the first weekend of July to volunteer with the Friends of The Stampede! If any of you are in Calgary for the weekend let me know if you'd like to meet up to check out the grounds and hang out!

4. Office Hours

Office hours will resume this week, and every Monday from 12-1PM from now until September. You are more than welcome to drop into my office in SUB 2-900 to chat. If this time does not work for you, you are welcome to schedule an appointment by emailing andre.bourgeois@su.ualberta.ca

5. Closing

Thank you for reading my report, I'm thrilled to get back in the office and put all of the knowledge from the Studentcare conference into use.

Cheers,



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