

November 17th, 2015

To: University of Alberta Students' Council 2015/2016

Re: Vice President Student Life Council Report

Hi everyone!

I apologize for not having much to report on since I was away for vacation in Vancouver for the past 10 days during Fall Reading Week. Hope all of you had a wonderful time off :)

Advocacy

Leila (Lister Student Representative) and I were tabling yesterday at **Lister** to talk to students about any concerns they have with their residence experience! Please help us spread the word, we will be tabling **every Monday from 4-5PM**.

Council and Governance

VP Rahman and I met with some GFC councillors yesterday at **GFC Caucus** to discuss the agenda of our next upcoming GFC meeting on the 23rd. There were some good discussions going on between everyone on some of the best experiences we've had as students, as well as some barriers that has stopped us from getting more involved with our campus. It was nice to hear everyone's thoughts and great to see that most of us were on the same page.

Access and Communications

Microwave orders for Nursing Undergraduate Association and Medical Students' Association have been submitted. They will be expected to arrive in the next week!

Student Groups and Associations

This past Sunday, I've had the opportunity to meet with the **Residence Hall Association** members to discuss the **10 year Residence Strategic Plan** document, which includes some major changes in many residences, as well as additional expansions of existing residences such as a new Lister tower. It was also the first meeting where we adopted the new Terms of Reference where the member composition is strictly all student representatives. We had a great 3 hour long meeting with many constructive feedbacks regarding the Strategic Plan document, Residence Feedback Form, and other concerns that have been ongoing within several residences that require immediate attention. We also had the opportunity to rename **Residence Hall Association to Council of Residence Associations**, an SU advisory committee that is dedicated to advocacy preparation and residence specific concerns.

It has also come to my attention that the **President of the International Students' Association** has resigned from her position, the reason was unknown. The treasurer has been appointed as the new President. I am hoping to find a time to sit down with the executive team to chat and figure out if

there are any areas that they would require support in, such as transition and the association's direction in the next few months. I have met with the staff from **University of Alberta International**, and discovered that they have had this student advisory committee known as **International Students' Advisory Committee (ISAC)** that has been ongoing for 5 years. I am hoping to explore ways that ISA and ISAC can collaborate together in the future and make advocacy more efficient when reaching out to international students.

Events

As I've mentioned earlier, I have been on vacation in Vancouver for the past 10 days! It was such a great bonding time for me and Nicholas, my predecessor. We promised not to talk about work on this trip but 90% of the time we ended up talking about work. We even "institution-hopped" to Simon Fraser University to meet with our counterparts and see how the health services/system work overall for post-secondary institutions in British Columbia. I wish we had more time so we can hit up UBC too. Overall, it was an amazing trip. My wallet and bank account cried a little bit but it was worth the time. I hope all of you had an amazing Fall Reading Week as well!



Byeeee now,

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(Electronically Submitted)