

January 5th, 2016

To: University of Alberta Students' Council 2015/2016

Re: Vice President Student Life Council Report

Advocacy

The Council of Residence Associations executives and I are still working hard on revising our **Residence Fee Collection Proposal**. There were some feedback given from the Residence Services side, and they ended up recommending three models as an option for us to consider. As a result, we have decided as a group to reject their models. As it is too restricting on the Residence Associations' operations and limits their ability to practice democracy via voting on a budget or change in the constitution. Our initial idea was to pass the physical collecting ability to the **Registrar Office and Financial Services**, as they already collect SU membership fee and Faculty Association fee for us. We suggest that it will be occur through the same process, but will just require Residence Services' assistance in providing the list of students who currently live in Residence. We had some initial conversations with the RO, and they said it's "not at all impossible", but would require a consensus between the associations and Residence Services before we talk about it further. Our next **Residence Advisory Committee** will take place near the end of January. Hopefully we will be able to make some progress on the proposal and have it approved before the end of the 2015/2016 year.

VP Hanwell and I had a meeting with **Dr. Everall from Dean of Students** to talk about the **Provincial Mental Health Funding**. The intent of the meeting was to figure out how the University, GSA, and SU will communicate to the government about our stance regarding the funding for mental health services. Apparently, the **Dean of Students' Office and President Turpin** have already sent out individual letters to the government regarding this issue. We were initially hoping to get the University and GSA to sign off a joint letter, but was notified by Dr. Everall that individual letters were already sent out. VP Hanwell mentioned that **CAUS** has already been drafting a letter to the government as well, so the SU will just sign off on that letter instead.

Access and Communications

The **Dean of Students' Selection Committee** will be hosting another **town hall in the upcoming January**. We are currently in discussion on how we can better engage the campus community and bring out students to the town hall as the Dean of Students portfolio impacts all students. We just had a meeting the past week to discuss about shortlisting potential candidates for interview. The interviews will take place in mid-January. More updates to come!

The **UAlberta Pride Week 2016 Committee** just met briefly in early December with their stakeholders to talk about event schedules during Pride Week in March! This year we are excited to get Campus St. Jean and Augustana more involved. A tentative schedule of events has been set, confirmations will be made in the next committee meeting in Winter Semester.

Events

The executive team and a few councillors did a quick **Holiday Treat Run** this past week to support students during exam week! A huge shout out to **L'Express** for getting the donuts and hot chocolate prepared for the three days. A big thank you and high five to **Councillors Cheng, Flaman, K. Wang, DeJong, and Koornhof** for coming out.



See ya lata alligataz!

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