

July 14th, 2015

To: University of Alberta Students' Council 2015/2016

Re: Vice President Student Life Council Report

Hello Council,

I hope all of you are getting the opportunity to enjoy the amazing weather out there... I personally think it's a little bit too hot but it's better than -30 degrees weather! You guys can totally read our reports under the sun, how great is that ;)

Advocacy

I have called the first July **Residence Hall Association** meeting with various Residents Associations' student representatives. Our first Residence Advisory Committee meeting will take place in the upcoming September with Residence Services and University Administration staff. So we definitely see a benefit for calling an early meeting in the summer to hash out what we would like to bring to the table for the following year. These conversations include determining the structure of fee collection, drafting the housing policy, and focusing on major concerns that impact majority of the residences. Summer is generally kind of slow and hard to get everyone together, but we certainly see the value of initiating these conversations early.

Access and Communications

I have just completed an interview on student mental health with **Office of Advancement** for their **New Trail alumni magazine**. It was definitely an interesting experience having the photographer follow me to PaintNite for photographs. Overall, I had tons of fun talking about my experience and passion for mental health!

Last month, a Montreal-based shuttle program, **Share The Bus**, reached out to me to talk about a possible business partnership. We quickly jumped into the conversation of exploring the possibilities of having their shuttle services available for **Augustana to North Campus** and vice versa. I am still waiting for them to get to me with the estimates.

Health and Services

VP Hanwell and I had a wonderful meeting with the **Acting Dean of Students, Dr. Everall**, this past week. We were hoping to explore a possible partnership between Students' Union and the Dean of Students in the upcoming **Provincial Mental Health Funding** renewal. Dr. Everall provided us some great pointers in terms of what material we should look at and the types of conversations we should be having with our counterparts when we visit Lethbridge for CAUS Round-Table near the end of July. The extension period for the fund ends in April 2016, which gives us very little time to delay the process. Hopefully we will be able to work together and come up with a strong proposal to gain us another few years of funding, and I certainly can't imagine how horrible it will be for students if we were to not get the funding renewed. Apparently, **President Turpin** has already met with the

Minister of Health in the past week to bring up this concern. I can say that VP Hanwell and I feel fairly optimistic about the situation and our partnership with the University.

Events

We had our first council outing last Sunday at **Mission Edmonton Tactical Laser Tag!** It was tons of fun and sweat, maybe some tears too...but that's alright. It was a great bonding time for all of us and we certainly got to know each other's boundaries a little bit better. Not to mention that some of us gets super into the game. We should totally do another one in August! And of course, a special thanks to Councillor Zhang and the rest of CAC for throwing this together.



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