

August 11th, 2015

To: University of Alberta Students' Council 2015/2016

Re: Vice President Student Life Council Report

Hi Council,

I am away once again! I apologize for missing council, I will be sure to bring back some treats for our next meetings once I'm back.

Advocacy

Our wonderful Marketing & Communications team finally put together some handout material for current and prospective student residents on campus! We also found a permanent home for the Residents Feedback Form on our SU website. 1000 cards are being printed and will be distributed to Residence Association executives in our next Residence Hall Association meeting. I have attached an image of the cards incase some of you are wondering how they look like.



**LIVING IN RESIDENCE
HAVING A PROBLEM ?**

WE WANT TO HEAR ABOUT IT.

**PLEASE VISIT SU.UALBERTA.CA/RESFEEDBACK
AND COMPLETE OUR FEEDBACK FORM.**

  

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This form is jointly offered by your Residence Association and your Students' Union. Completing this form enables us to advocate on your behalf to ensure that you are receiving a quality experience during time at U of A residences.

Health and Services

I finally had the opportunity to catch up with **Jason Murray, Psychologist at the Counselling and Clinical Services** to talk about the **Positive U campaign** and the **Mental Health Packages for faculty members**. We haven't connected since March 2015, it was good to finally sit down and talk about our plans moving forward with the project. There were some great updates! The packages are approved and **ready to be distributed in late August**. One goal down! Woohoo! Aside from that, we will also be installing a small pop-up library in the new lower-level SUB quiet room (or the nap room) that contains self-care books for students to read for leisure. The content the books have been approved by executive, and we are all super excited to see how this will play out.

I had a meeting with **Alisa from Safewalk** this past week to chat about coordinating drop-in **Self Defense Programs** for campus members. This was an idea that came out of the VPSL discussions from our CAUS round-table last week. It was interesting to know that Safewalk has been doing these trainings for several of years now and they were super open to the idea of making their program available to students and staff on campus. They initially established the program in collaboration with the **Protective Services and Edmonton Police Services**. Their sessions run twice a year (fall and winter term), and they can either run from 3 hours or the full day (9am-5pm). These drop-in sessions will be completely free of charge. They usually tie their sessions to a charity of choice, and participants can bring in a small donation. I am super excited about the idea, but I will still have to confirm some logistics before we get moving.

Events

I spent the entire week writing grants and sponsorship requests for **Break The Record**. We had an executive meeting this week and talked a little bit about what our individual roles are in terms of fundraising for the event. In order to host Break The Record this year, we will need to have **\$50,000** fundraised by the end of August. The deadline is getting kind of tight so it's making me kind of nervous, but I'm sure we will be able to pull through!

The **SU executives** met with the new and old **Gateway** crew this past week to talk about goals and understand each other's operations. It was a great evening spent touring both of our offices, and having some good conversations over food at Devaney's. I am definitely looking forward to our interactions with Gateway this upcoming year. They were such a lovely bunch!

We hosted our very first **Staff BBQ** at the new SUB patio this past Friday! It was a blast! It was super exciting to see everyone come out before the long weekend. The new furnitures we got for the patio look super colorful and summery. All in all, it was a great week.

Best,

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(submitted electronically)