

September 15th, 2015

To: University of Alberta Students' Council 2015/2016

Re: Vice President Student Life Council Report

YO! ARE YOU EXCITED FOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS? BECAUSE I AM :D I apologize for not being around much for Week of Welcome. I have been in and out due to my viral infection, but I'm finally feeling better and ready to serve!

Advocacy

I attended my very first **Residence Budget Advisory Committee** this week. Some of the discussion items include the push to implement a new meal plan at Lister hall in Fall 2016, and the residence white paper. I am currently working with the team to figure out how to properly represent Lister student residents' interest for the upcoming year in topics that involves their residence. Dean of Students stated that there were some statistics collected in the past, comparing levels of satisfaction of the current meal plan between Augustana and Lister residents. I've requested to get a copy of these numbers and bring them back to the **Residence Hall Association** as an information piece. I will also be raising concerns in the next meeting about these discussion items, since we currently lack proper student representation for Lister residence.

Access and Communications

We had the opportunity to meet with **The Gateway** team very quickly and had a fun interview on hypothetical questions. The questions were pretty random but they were hilarious, we all had a wonderful time participating. Stay tuned!

Student Groups and Associations

VP Rahman did a splendid job arranging dinners with faculty associations the past few weeks. We had the opportunity to dine with the **Medical Student Association and Native Studies Student Association**, and learn about their goals for the year. There will a few more dinners scheduled with other FA's in the upcoming weeks, looking forward to more great conversations!

Events

Week of Welcome was insane! It was definitely great to have students back and see them enjoy the new SUB atrium. I hope you all had a great time tabling for Students' Council and got involved in some engaging conversations. I also went to my first and last President's Address ever, there were many moments where I've flashbaked to my younger years. I was sad that I missed out on this big event in my first year, but happy that it's still not too late to experience it before I leave the University for good. Oh yeah, also our block party and fireworks were AMAZING. What a great way to wrap up the first week and see all the student leaders who took part in making the renovations a success.

On top of that, we also went down to **Augustana Campus** to see the **Vikings vs. Bears** hockey game! The Golden Bears won by 4:1, woot!

Student group activities started picking up as well - I had the honor to be one of the opening speakers for the annual **Shinerama** fundraiser for **Cystic Fibrosis**, ran exclusively by our medical students at the U of A.



Best,

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