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To: Students' Union Council

Re: Vice President Student Life 2022/23 Report #18



ANTI-FREEZE - Wanted to start my report with my favourite part of last week. I was able to judge the Anti-Freeze SNOW YOU THINK YOU CAN DANCE? Had such a good time with Christian and Abner, congrats again to all the students who participated.

GATEWAY INTERVIEW - Last week, I had an interview with the Gagwey. I discussed changes that were made, what went into making these changes, and the importance of the new policy.

ADVOCACY

WORKING WITH THE CAMPUS FOOD BANK - I know many of you have been interested in knowing how we are working to support students facing insecurity. As mentioned at our last council meeting, I'm very happy to know our students council wants to support our students, however, I do want to follow best practices and work directly to hear from students impacted by food security. I had my first meeting w the CFB last week and

she was able to give me a few updates. Something we are going to work on is a specific GSA/SU focus group to hear from students. I have also worked with Erin to set up a meeting with the GSA and SU so we can come together and discuss how we want to address food insecurity through different avenues. We will also discuss updates on the Campus Food Bank pantry project with the university.

MENTAL HEALTH - As you may all be aware, mental health has been a rising concern for students, especially following COVID-19. Abner and I have been meeting with the University since the start of our terms to discuss how students have been impacted and how the university can support them. Abner and I recently met with our counterparts and received some updates as to how the University will do to address these concerns we've been discussing over the past few months. Abner and I are excited to share this with you all soon!

EVENTS

BLACK HISTORY MONTH - Christian, and I met with Lula Adams, EDI Coordinator for Wellness Supports. We have been in the final stages of planning for the BHM Discussion Panel in collaboration with the Dean of Students. We are hoping to have invited 3 black professionals who can speak about Mental Health within the black community and the experiences that black students may face. We will also have a student a part of the discussion panel to provide a different perspective.

SEXUAL VIOLENCE SPEAKER SERIES - I have started planning the Sexual Violence Speaker Series. Daniela and I met last week to work on the different sessions we wanted to host. The first sessions, would focus on sexual health education and making sure it's 2SLGBTQ+ and culturally sensitive. The importance of making sure we have sessions like this is to ensure that we can work towards shifting the dialogue around sexual violence. Talking about is also a preventative method to address sexual violence. The second session would be a discussion panel from different departments on campus. The goal is for students to directly or anonymously ask any question that they may have. Hopefully, this will create a platform for students to get the answers they need to navigate their personal relationships, policies at the University, etc. Finally, we want to replicate one of the sessions the Sexual Assault Centre already facilitates; Support Survivorsé/Responding to disclosures. I will be able to share more info soon!



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