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**To:** Students' Union Council

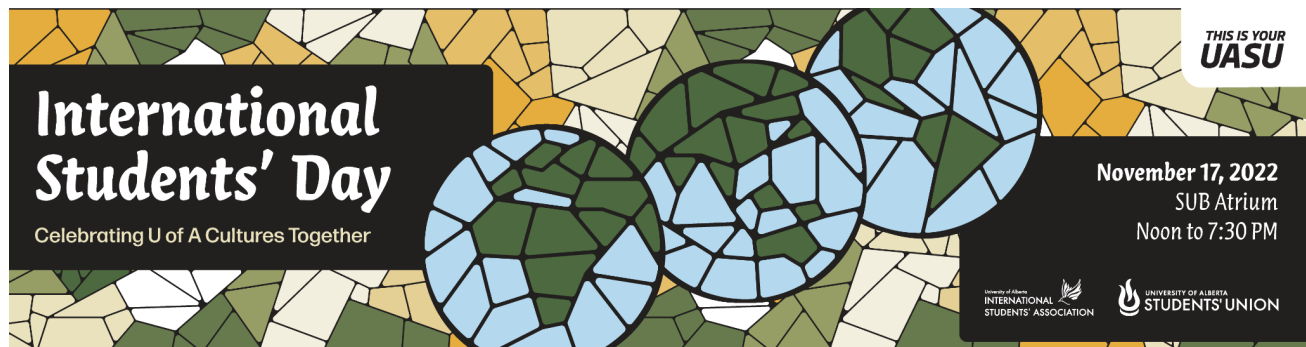
**Re:** Vice President Student Life 2022/23 Report #14

**Cher conseil,** I hope everyone has been doing well. By the time you get to read this, I hope you're having/had a good reading week. Friendly reminder to prioritize your well-being and practice self-care.

### **EVENT PLANNING: I-DAY**

This event is happening next week, Save the Date: November 17, 2022 - SUB Atrium, from noon to 7:30. Stop by SUB and invite your friends to I-Day!!!

I have been working with my counterparts to host I-Day this year. The event is called International Students' Day: Celebrating UoA's Cultures Together. The event is supposed to be an opportunity for both domestic and international students and members of our community to come together. There are two different parts to the event. The first one is the country booth showcase, where we'll have various student groups showcasing their culture with everyone. The second part of the event is all about performances.



### **ADDICTION AWARENESS WEEK**

I have been working with Abner, to support him in the planning of our social media addiction awareness campaign. We'll be running this campaign during National addictions awareness week, November 20th-26th. Keep an eye out for our social media, and I encourage you all to share our resources with your networks once it's out. The goal is to not only spread awareness on addiction, and substance use, but to be able to connect students to resources.

FYI - Wellness Supports now has a Social Worker who is trained as a recovery coach

### **SEXUAL VIOLENCE**

I am working on reviewing our endcsv.ca website. There is a lot of outdated information that needs to be updated. With so many changes approaching regarding sexual violence, it is important to make sure that students are well-informed. The biggest change coming soon will be the new Sexual and Gender-Based Violence Policy and Procedure. I want to use this platform to emphasize the concerns we have raised when working on this policy and the further work to be done. Finally, most importantly

give students a guide as to how to navigate this new policy and its major changes, and how that may impact them.

I have been invited to be a panellist for a discussion with [Courage to Act](#): Addressing & Preventing Gender-Based Violence at Post-Secondary Institutions in Canada. A National Project by Possibility Seeds. This discussion will form the foundation for a whitepaper to identify strategies and promising practices related to information sharing about campus gender-based violence complaint outcomes between post-secondary institutions

Finally, as I mentioned at the last council meeting, I am looking for any comments and/or feedback to bring back to the SGBV Advisory Council. Here are some questions to consider:

- What are some ways we can provide more clarity on options for support, modifications, interim measures, and complaints when the best we have now is, "it depends"?
- Where can we send students for support when our counselling services are overloaded?
- Duty to report under OHS

### **STUDENTS WHO PARENT**

I had a meeting with the Students Who Parent Working Group and brought up the idea to create a stand-alone policy. This was well received by members of the group. We are currently working on an audit of policies from which we can work and set a foundation. Once I have further progress on this item, I will update you all.

### **MEETING WITH THE NEW EDI COORDINATOR**

Did you know the Wellness Supports Team hired a new EDI Coordinator? Abner and I were able to meet in person with Lula Adams last week. We were able to go through with her what students' concerns are and how we can work for the betterment of their learning experience. This is a completely new position, so we are still seeing how to best utilize this position for students, although Lula has made it very clear that she wants to prioritize supporting students.

### **RAC UPDATES**

Abner and I will be meeting with Katherine and Delores from Campus Services to further discuss these increases. Please let me know if you have any questions you want us to ask.

- Proposed Meal Plan Increase - 6%
- Proposed Rental Rates Increase - 4.1%



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