

Date: 10/18/2022

To: Students' Union Council

Re: Vice President Student Life 2022/23 Report #12

Cher conseil, I hope everyone has been doing well. I'm really excited to let you folks know that we'll have a *Christmas Dinner for Students Council on December 10th at 6 pm.*

MEETING WITH COUNTERPARTS

UCSU - The executive committee met with the University of Calgary's Executives. We were able to share projects every portfolio is working on. I was able to share some of my passion projects that are similar to my counterparts.

SVRC - met with Deb Erkes to talk about the next steps for sexual violence advocacy. As I have mentioned before we still have big concerns when it comes to the student-staff relationship expectations at the University. The Collective agreements negotiations are distinct from policy change processes and protecting faculty and staff - the University's SGBV policy is incapable of addressing the - student-staff power dynamics. That's also why the University needs to strengthen its policies around student-instructor relationships. CouragetoAct - Possibility Seeds, recently put out "[What is the Role of Post-Secondary Institutions in Addressing Student-Instructors Relationships?](#)". I have been going through this document and will be meeting with University stakeholders in how we can start having conversations about their recommendations

SUPPORT STUDENTS IN PRECARIOUS SITUATIONS

Mental Health - Had a meeting with the Dean of Students Leadership Team and Melissa Padfield, Deputy Provost (Students and Enrolment). We went over the responses from the most recent SU Mental Health PERKS survey. We further discussed collaboration on this important topic. We discussed assessment: collaborate on how we are assessing student experience with mental health services which may include DoS input on a future SU Perks survey. In terms of communications: working on increasing awareness among students about services. Central Comms team working on student lifecycle plan to promote information to students at critical times. Last but not least, Service culture evolution: keeping to push the University to continue to adapt its services to meet current student needs and ensure their teams have the necessary tools to deliver.

Food Security - Over the past few months, I have been working on establishing a good working relationship with the CFB and the Executive Director. We have made sure that food security becomes an important discussion amongst University stakeholders. We are starting an initial conversation regarding sustainable support for the FoodBank and supporting those students struggling with food insecurity.

Student Housing - A Student Housing Stability Working Group has been formed to talk about a campus-wide effort to address students in precarious situations. We had an initial meeting for stakeholders to meet and discuss possible solutions in making sure we can support students in medium situations.

PLANNING EVENTS

ICW - I have a meeting with different folks from services to start planning for the Indigenous Celebration Week. We have set dates that you can put in your calendars - January 23-25th, 2023. We are focusing on a lot of the celebration aspect of the event. Although making sure that we work towards more educational sessions that are spread out throughout the year, to ensure these are ongoing conversations

I-Day - I continue to work with my counterparts on I-Day happening on November 17th. We have picked a name for the Event: International Day: Celebrating UofA's Cultures Together. We really want to promote the idea of togetherness and celebration. More details to come.

World Social Justice Day - As you may know, I am co-chairing the World Social Justice Day Working Group alongside Heather from Wellness Supports. We are going to do a non-branded version of a Human Library and focus on the intersection between mental health and social justice. This is a campus-wide effort called Days of Action, and have been working with different stakeholders on this project. Here are the next [Days of Action](#).



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