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To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Students' Council

Dear Council,

Another two weeks seem to have flown by, next thing you know it'll be September and we will have that vibrant campus back full of new faces! I'm torn since I'm truly excited for the school year to start but am also really enjoying the summer Edmonton life. Here are some of the things I've been working on in the past weeks.

Wellness Summit

We got pretty exciting funding news! Receiving over 25.8 million over three years is extremely exciting. This is a huge win for the university and Alberta as a whole, as this means our services will be supported. We have yet still to receive the school specific funding, but optimistically speaking as funding has increased significantly, hopefully we will have more great news coming soon

The theme of the day was "resilience" and understanding how resilience plays within mental health and wellness. It was interesting and insightful since it is a newer area in the field, and I believe there will be many meaningful discussions in the coming future.

VPSL Counterparts

Heading to Calgary for the Wellness Summit, I've had the opportunity to meet four VPSP's across Alberta. We spoke briefly about our goals and ways we could collaborate throughout the year. It was neat to see a lot of alignment in our values and I am confident we will be working together quite a lot throughout this upcoming year.

Event Panel

Something we are doing this year is developing an Event Panel that will be in charge of creating a mass scale event each year and assessing our current programming as well, ensuring our event portfolio keeps developing over the years.

I've been in talks regarding working on the framework on this committee, and we will soon be posting the application for the chair, so keep an eye out I would love you guys to share the posting.

Mental Health Website

The database is nearly complete, the interface and functionality is working pretty great so the next step is the aesthetics and working out the details. I will be conducting some focus groups in July so if any of you are interested feel free to shoot me an email, this website will be launching in September but it will be a year project to enrich and enhance this service.

Mid Year Manager's Meeting

We had a retreat this past Friday with a lot of our SU Staff and our managers with some extremely helpful sessions. As exec we have shared our goals and had a lot of meaningful discussions relating to our portfolios. It was a great opportunity to connect and bounce ideas off everyone as well. The energy and atmosphere was truly great.

AntiFreeze Planning

I was part of an AntiFreeze planning meeting this week and it's looking really exciting. I am confident this year will be one to remember for this great event. More information to come but there are a lot of great ideas surrounding this event and I'm excited to be a part of it.

I've had some visitors in my office hours; they've sparked some neat ideas over the past weeks so I highly encourage you to come visit me! Every Wednesday at 3:30 – 4:30PM SUB 2-900, I do have a good supply of candy, which I surely want to share.

Cheers,



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