

December 2nd, 2014

To: University of Alberta Students' Council 2014/2015

Re: Vice President Student Life Council Report

Hi Council,

This report covers from November 14th to November 27th.

Advocacy

- **New President:** On Friday, November 14th, the SU and the GSA got to meet and greet the incoming University President David Turpin. The meeting was to get to know each other. There is a good potential to continue meeting with him prior to his coming into his role to build relationships early on.
- **Rally:** Thank you for those who came out to our Rally to Prioritize Post-secondary Education! A good amount of people came out, and the coverage was positive!
- **Bill 202:** I have made time in the past few weeks to speak out in favour of Bill 202, the bill about GSAs in the primary and secondary school system. It will enter debate in the legislature on December 1st.
- **CSJ Security:** AUSFJ, Safewalk, and Protective Services had our Campus Saint Jean security concerns conversation. AUSFJ is following up with both Protective Services and Safewalk. Our Safewalk director is adjusting the period of our service at their campus.
- **RHA:** RHA Council is meeting again in one week. We have begun settling in the RHA executive for the remainder of the year, and I have reached out to Discover Governance to work on a draft for the restructuring of the RHA.
- **Residence Advocacy:** As you have probably noticed, we got quite a bit of coverage on student residence concerns in the last few weeks. We were covered in many articles in both print (Gateway, Edmonton Journal, National Post), radio (630 CHED), and TV (CTV, Global TV). We had a thorough discussion at executive committee about how we can use the momentum to better the student experience in residence. Our next meeting will be the day after this council meeting and be comprised of our advocacy staff, VP Orydzuk, VP Khinda, and I.

Council and Governance

- **Bylaw 5600 review:** our SGS committee is meeting again on Monday and will review the feedback from governance committee
- **Bylaw 8100 for RHA:** actual bylaw revision is waiting on RHA work

- **Policy To-Dos:**
 - Health and Wellness Policy
 - Residence Policy
 - Food Policy
 - Smoke Free Environment Policy
 - Sustainability Policy

Student Groups and Associations

- **Hide and Seek World Record:** I invited the Hide & Seek club out to the Council on Student Affairs to get them connected with a variety of campus stakeholders. They are working hard to prepare for next semester - time to get excited!

Health and Services

- **The Landing:** The Landing has received an award for Campus Impact from the Society for Safe and Caring Schools and Communities.
- **Health and Dental Plan Committee:** Met for the Fall to look at plan usage rates in preparation for plan assessment in the Winter term.
- **Orientation Network:** Had its first meeting! This is an initiative of our orientation team to better partner the many and varied orientation programs across campus, from faculty and department led programs to student group led programs.
- **OneCard Student Advisory Group:** This committee meets a few times a year as a standing committee of the OneCard office. We discussed how the service is growing, and what they are working on lately. I have just put their director in touch with CampusMaps, so there may be a map layer they can link to that shows all OneCard synced printers on campus. Did you know there's a program so you can send your print jobs from your laptop, then claim them from any OneCard printer on campus?!
- **Campus Health Strategy:** President Lau and I met with Councillors Allard and Kwan to catch up on how this was going last week. Next, we are all meeting with our GSA contact before following up again with Wellness Services. Our hope is to get the strategy on-track, as the Office of Sustainability is beginning its Sustainability Strategy process, and there is some merit to ensuring the two strategies link together somewhat.
- **Health Centre Advisory Group / Unwind Your Mind:** We spoke at length about how our suite of services are supporting our students, and the different programs that are coming up soon. The Unwind Your Mind program from Winter Semester is coming to Fall semester for the week before and week of finals.

Events

- **Campus Cup:** Thank you for getting our SU team together, Councillor Hudson! It was a great time.
 - **Antifreeze:** Soon! Check it out: uasu.ca/antifreeze
 - **Break the Record:** Last time President Lau and I spoke to our team, we were brainstorming our fundraising strategy for the event. Hosting 7,000 people in the Butterdome is no mean feat.
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The last thing I would like to leave you with is that the executive team really appreciates any and all questions! Feel free to ask about anything you are interested in, and want us to think about. Dialogue on issues that we all care about is valuable.

Cheers,

Nicholas Diaz

Vice President Student Life 2014-2015