

*Office of the* **VICE PRESIDENT STUDENT LIFE**

June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016

To: University of Alberta Students' Council 2016/2017

Re: Vice President Student Life Council Report

Hi Council!

A few announcements:

The UASU VPs went to Calgary to support the University of Calgary Students' Union in their ownership battle of their building (**MacEwan Hall**). The judge anticipated to make a decision by the end of June.

VP Banister and myself attended a Panel on Youth Mental health with the City of Edmonton Youth Council (CEYC).

## **ADVOCACY**

### ***Residence Advocacy***

#### **Lister representatives**

Reviewed the 10 applications that we received with Discover Governance Manager and decided to interview all applicants. The interviews will be taking place next week.

#### **Task Force**

As of now, I have received 73 responses to the google form and am anticipating to receive a few more in the upcoming days, so keep sharing it!

### ***Sexual Violence Policy***

As part of a larger group of consultants, I have been giving feedback on the will sit on the committee that plementation committee, but for now, I am participating in the consultation process,

## **HEALTH AND SERVICES**

### ***Mental Health resources***

One of my main goals this year (you'll hear more about all of them in Govcamp this weekend!) is to centralize our mental health services and to provide to students a self-assessment tool or a screening test, by the end of which, the results will be

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customizable and would direct the student in question to the service that they need. The University is working on the ACCESS project, which is a national project that revolves around preventing mental health issues from a student's first year until the end their career. I am working with them on looking at the best portal that's the most suitable for the screening.

***Health and Dental Plan***

VP Paches and I had a meeting about the health and dental plan to set the direction for StudentCare. In response to the unprecedented hike in dental claims, a 10% increase to the fee is going to be applied, along with a contribution from our reserve and some necessary changes to the benefits that the plan offers. We had two options: reduce the cap amount of dental claims from \$ 750 to \$ 650 or reduce the coverage for the claims from 80% to 70%.

We opted for the second option since it was the option that allowed us to contribute a lesser amount from the reserve.

It is important to note that we are working on getting an increase in the discount that dentists charge students under the plan.

***ANNOUNCEMENTS***

**Wellness Summit 2016**

Wellness Summit: VP Sandare, Councillor Kwan and myself will be going to the wellness summit on June 14th. We're hoping to bring back some valuable strategies and information, which I would be delighted to share after we get back.

**Office hours**

Fridays 12 pm to 1pm!

Every first Friday of the month, I will be out doing one-on-ones!

Thanks so much for taking the time to read my report!

Cheers,

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(submitted electronically)