

September 1st, 2016

To: University of Alberta Students' Council 2016/17

Re: Vice President Student Life Council Report

WELCOME BACK!

I hope that you all had a good start of classes and that you enjoyed some of our Week of Welcome activities! From pancake breakfasts to beer gardens, we sure have been keeping busy.

For those of you who weren't there, I led the light ceremony at the President's Address which was held in the Butterdome this year and it was magical! The sight of thousands of students waving their lights to the rhythm of the U of A cheer song will remain one of my favorite memories for a while.

As for some of the other things I've been doing:

Last week, as part of building relationships with our faculty associations, the rest of the executive team and I had lunch with the Augustana Students Association as well as l'Association des Universitaires de la Faculté Saint-Jean where we talked about our respective goals and visions!

We also had another successful RATT on the patio event where I spent some time with councillors Flaman, Brophy, Larsen and others! I highly encourage you to come out for the last few Ratt on the patio events in September.

Lister move-in! On Friday the 26th, VP Paches and I volunteered from 8:30 am to 11:30 to assist the residence life staff in helping students move into their new home!

Joint Executive Training

The JET is a training that Residence Services puts on, together with Discover Governance and that is catered to Residence Associations. There were presentations such as the Risk Management and Emergency Procedures, event planning and budgeting, effective meetings, who's who in residence services and role modeling in residence.

Landing lunch

I had the chance to meet with and join the Landing volunteers for a part of their training.

ADVOCACY

RESIDENCE ADVOCACY

Lister Representatives

Our lister representatives attended the Joint Executive Training as well as an SU-specific training, walking them through facts about the Students' Union, their reporting structure, their roles, programming and advocacy tricks.

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Council of Residence Associations (CORA)

The committee met for the first time this week; we discussed the collection of residence association fees, plans around programming and budgets.

Finance Committee

We had a presentation about the Access Fund and discussed the SU award ratification process.

MISCELLANEOUS

A reminder that my office hours are bi-weekly from 12 p.m to 1 p.m on Fridays so stop by if you want to chat or have any questions. If that doesn't work for you, you can also e-mail me at vp.studentlife@su.ualberta.ca and we'll find a time to meet and chat.

Cheers,

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(Submitted electronically)