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To: Students' Union Council

Re: Vice President Student Life 2020/21 Report #9

Hello council!

I hope all of you are staying healthy and are enjoying your summer so far! My report this week is going to be shorter as I was quite sick and then on vacation.

Work to End Period Poverty

VP Krahm and I are continuing this initiative and we have made some excellent progress. Working with the student group SIHA, we will be able to install our first dispenser in the coming weeks. We are still finalizing details but we will be installed by the washrooms near the bookstore. We are extremely excited for this new development!

Meeting with the BSA

All the executives and I met with representatives from the Black Students' Association. This was a great time to get to know each other and to talk about shared goals and priorities. I've worked quite closely with their president so it was nice to have a casual chat.

Residence

Residence has been quite busy with move in starting and continuing for the next few days. One of the concerns that have developed is the Lister Cafeteria hours. It will currently only be open to 7:30-8:00. The LHSA executive and I are concerned that these hours could leave students without enough time for meals. We have worked on advocacy plan and will continue to work on this issue.

Book Club with Myself Update:

This is the first time I wasn't able to get my reading done. I only managed to get through "The Five" by Hallie Rubenhold (5 stars) and "The Man in the High Tower" by Phillip K. Dick (4 stars). Strong recommendation for "The Five" which details the lives of the women that Jack the Ripper murdered. The book does a lot to address false rumours about them. Next week I'm reading: "Disappearing Earth" by Julia Philips, "The Vanishing Half" by Brit Bennett and "The Girl They Left Behind" by Roxanne Veletzos.

Feel free to message me if you want to meet up to discuss anything! I'm always free to listen!

Cheers,

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