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To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Students' Council

Council Report #16: New Year, Get Ready for That New New

Hello Council,

Welcome to the first 2017 edition of the Report from the Vice-President (External). I hope that you have all had as great a break as I had, and I am sure that you are just as excited to get back to the work/school grind as I am too! 2016 had many ups and downs, so I hope your 2017 has started off with a nice big "W"! For this edition I'll recap the things that were missed over December and, of course, the first week of the New Year!

UASU

Lister Meal Plan

This is a huge shout out to Vice-President Ghossein and President Rahman on the way that they handled the Lister Meal Plan! Over the past few months they have spent much time working to ensure that students would not be subject to a plan that they did not want, and I am happy to see such positive results coming from their incredible effort! Kudos to you fam!

Diversity, Inclusion and Equality

I have recently been selected to sit on a couple of university committees that aim to address structural inequality by promoting diversity and inclusion. The first is the EDI (Equity, Diversity and Inclusion) Awards Adjudication Committee, which will be focused on recognizing members of our university community who have strived to address inequality. In addition to this, I will be sitting on the Race Project, a project that strives to address issue of race and racism here on campus. As many of you know, these are topic that I care deeply about. I am excited to report back to you on the work I will be doing in these areas.

Senate

I have been selected to sit on the Honorary Degree Selection committee for the UofA Senate, and we had our first meeting on December 15th. We had some very lively discussion around the table to develop a short list for candidates. I am looking forward, to our next meeting where we will take more steps towards finalization!

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EMP Fest

As Many of you know, EMP Fest is coming closer and closer! The \$5000 in sponsorship that I have received from Alumni Relations has gone very far in helping with the cost of the festival. I am also excited to say that applications for events are closing very soon!

Applications will be closing January 10th, so if you know anyone who is interested in putting together an event, session, workshop, etc. focused on EMP Fest's core aspects of employment, please direct them to this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/m3iC4JqJVb4eMH5D2>.

If an extension is needed, please contact me at mike.sandare@su.ualberta.ca.

“Where you movin?” I said, “on to better things” - Drake

Mike Sandare

(P.S. Happy 2017 Everybody!)