

September 29th, 2016

To: University of Alberta Students' Council 2016/17

Re: Vice President Student Life Council Report

Dear Council,

I hope you all had a great long weekend!!

For me, it was needed as I had been studying for a midterm the week before!

On October 12th, I attended and spoke at the "Movies for mental health" event, which the SU helped subsidize by covering the cost of the booking and staffing costs for the venue. The event was a great way to explore the topic of mental health through art. It consisted of a series of short films followed by a discussion on how the issues of mental health and mental illness are portrayed. To conclude the event, the audience had the pleasure of hearing from a panel of students, staff and community members, talking about personal experiences and sharing resources.

Apart from that, the rest of the executives and I went for dinner with the Education Students' Association and shared our priorities and plans for the year.

ADVOCACY

Residence

Lister Meal Plan

Please encourage all students that live in lister to fill out the form below and provide feedback to the University:

<https://docs.google.com/a/uAlberta.ca/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdh-GiaaNeic2rj0WE0XDwlfJj-9p03b8iRno6XKDa3J98Omg/viewform>

As of now, the feedback that we have received goes along the lines of: the meal plan is too expensive to begin with, the proposed amount for flex dollars (dollars that students can spend

on campus, outside of lister) is not enough to cover students' needs, the quality has always been a great concern for students and they are not confident that the proposed changes are going to address that.

Residence Association Fees

President Rahman and I met with stakeholders in the fee collection issue. The collection is moving along and during that meeting, we discussed the logistics of the fee collection: how will the opt-outs happen? How will the fee be assessed? Will it be assessed in the Fall and Winter terms or just in the Fall? etc .

Residence Life Task Force

During our last meeting with the residence life Task Force, we provided an estimate on the number of student leaders over the years and the way we're going to go about providing their contact information.

Lister Representatives

The Lister representatives have been great advocates on the meal plan issue and have been providing feedback to all parties as well as soliciting student feedback and directing them to the right feedback form. They are also planning a few events, one of them being a photo booth for Halloween.

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Sexual Violence Policy committee

This committee is the immediate group that gives feedback on what we think the sexual violence policy that the University is drafting should look like.

A final draft of the procedures should be presented to various university committees by the end of October, so with the committee, we have done our best to address all issues in a shorter timeline than expected.

Board of Directors-The Landing

We had a Board meeting as well as meetings of the two committees that I am on: Policy and Finance.

MISCELLANEOUS

A reminder that my office hours are 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)