

April 6th, 2017

To: University of Alberta Students' Council 2016/17

Re: Vice President Student Life Council Report

Dear Council,

I can't believe this is the last council report that I'll have to write in my term!

It's been great working with you this year and I'm hoping to stay in touch with everyone for years to come!

I've been spending quite a bit of time with my successor to ensure the best and most comprehensive transition possible.

VP Paches and I are attending the World Health Day Breakfast organized by the Health & Wellness, where the work and passion of students and staff for creating environments conducive to good mental health are acknowledged.

ADVOCACY

Mental Health

Advisory Panel on Post-Secondary Mental Health (no change from last report)

After the Province announced the budget related to Post Secondary Institutions, we learned that funding levels dedicated to Mental Health remained the same as the last funding round at \$3.6M. Details were not provided as to how that amount will be distributed at that time.

However, as most of you already know, the recommendations that the Advisory Panel came up with were presented to cabinet and further detail on allocation may be based on some of the panel's recommendations. I am currently not a liberty to share the report with the public but I would be more than happy to answer questions about the recommendations and the broad strokes of the report! (President Rahman and I talked about this on the Voice of the Union Podcast two weeks ago too so check it out!)

Sexual Violence Knowledge exchange

I attended both morning of Thursday the 30th and Friday the 31st of the SV Knowledge exchange that the Office of the Dean of Students put on. I was unfortunately unable to attend all sessions due to other meetings. It consisted of panel discussions and brainstorming sessions.

Office of the VICE PRESIDENT STUDENT LIFE

People from Post Secondary Institutions across Alberta attended this knowledge exchange as well as folks from the Government of Alberta which made for very rich conversations around data collection, supports and debunking myths.

Mental Health Website

I have requested some changes to the first draft of the website in terms of visual identity and design. We are still working on the layout as well as the functionality of the website on different electronic devices. As I mentioned in my previous report, I am happy with its simplicity and responsiveness. I am hoping to roll the website out by the end of my term do stay tuned!

Residence

Residence Life Task Force (no change from last report)

The recommendations and final report were sent to the President and the Provost. We are now waiting to hear back from them as they are likely to request a presentation on the report in the near future.

Lister Representatives

The LHSA president elections happened on Friday, March 10th and the VP elections happened on March 22nd and 23rd. Congratulations to the new VPs! I am very excited to be witnessing the return of a student representative association in Lister

Student Groups

A representative from the Dean of Student' Office came to a meeting of the Council of Residence Associations to consult residence associations on the new Student Group Policy as amended after consultations with different community partners such as the SU, the GSA, etc. Residence had comments on space use as well as events approval processes in the spaces that they manage.

PROGRAMMING

SUB House Party

IT'S LESS THAN A WEEK AWAY!

Please invite your friends to attend the SUB House Party. There is something for everyone: from a pancake breakfast to beer gardens. Please find the schedule below :)