June 9th, 2016  
To: University of Alberta Students’ Council 2016/2017  
Re: Vice President Student Life Council Report

Hi Council!

A few announcements:

The UASU VPs went to Calgary to support the University of Calgary Students’ Union in their ownership battle of their building (MacEwan Hall). The judge anticipated to make a decision by the end of June.

VP Banister and myself attended a Panel on Youth Mental health with the City of Edmonton Youth Council (CEYC).

ADVOCACY

Residence Advocacy

Lister representatives  
Reviewed the 10 applications that we received with Discover Governance Manager and decided to interview all applicants. The interviews will be taking place next week.

Task Force  
As of now, I have received 73 responses to the google form and am anticipating to receive a few more in the upcoming days, so keep sharing it!

Sexual Violence Policy

As part of a larger group of consultants, I have been giving feedback on the will sit on the committee that plementation committee, but for now, I am participating in the consultation process,

HEALTH AND SERVICES

Mental Health resources  
One of my main goals this year (you’ll hear more about all of them in Govcamp this weekend!) is to centralize our mental health services and to provide to students a self-assessment tool or a screening test, by the end of which, the results will be
customizable and would direct the student in question to the service that they need. The University is working on the ACCESS project, which is a national project that revolves around preventing mental health issues from a student’s first year until the end their career. I am working with them on looking at the best portal that’s the most suitable for the screening.

**Health and Dental Plan**

VP Paches and I had a meeting about the health and dental plan to set the direction for StudentCare. In response to the unprecedented hike in dental claims, a 10% increase to the fee is going to be applied, along with a contribution from our reserve and some necessary changes to the benefits that the plan offers. We had two options: reduce the cap amount of dental claims from $750 to $650 or reduce the coverage for the claims from 80% to 70%.

We opted for the second option since it was the option that allowed us to contribute a lesser amount from the reserve.

It is important to note that we are working on getting an increase in the discount that dentists charge students under the plan.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Wellness Summit 2016**

Wellness Summit: VP Sandare, Councillor Kwan and myself will be going to the wellness summit on June 14th. We’re hoping to bring back some valuable strategies and information, which I would be delighted to share after we get back.

**Office hours**

Fridays 12 pm to 1pm!
Every first Friday of the month, I will be out doing one-on-ones!

Thanks so much for taking the time to read my report!

Cheers,

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(submitted electronically)