Hi everyone!
Hope you’ve all been enjoying your Winter Term. I’ve got some updates for all of you, as well as some end-of-term plans that should take us to the end of April.

1. Gender Based Violence Prevention Program
We are nearing the end of our grant cycle for the GBVPP community grant. We are currently preparing a cross-campus campaign that should launch sometime in Fall Semester to promote awareness around gender based violence, coping with rejection, and more.

2. Council of Residence Associations (CORA)
CORA met to discuss elections, financial reporting, and transitions to their new executive teams. I’m really excited to see a fully functioning CORA moving into 2019/20, and I’m hopeful for the things that CORA will achieve in 2019/20 including a stronger Residence Improvement Fund proposal, Campus Recreation Enhancement Fund proposals, bigger events, and a more developed East Campus Residence community.

3. MitigoCare
I had the opportunity to connect with someone from an organization called MitigoCare, which is a local startup aiming to address a gap in the mental health care system. Currently, they offer one hour appointments with mental health professionals to UAlberta students for 50% off. Without Health and Dental coverage, the appointment is $100. With the H&D plan, the rate drops to 20$ for students. I’m hopeful that MitigoCare will serve as a way for students to access mental health care outside or typical business hours. Check out www.mitigocare.ca for more information!

4. Facilities Development Committee (FDC)
I attended an FDC committee meeting where we discussed the ongoing restoration of the Dentistry Pharmacy Building. The project proposal looks amazing, and I’m really excited for the future generations of students who will be able to benefit from another multipurpose space. Construction is due to start soon, but the finer details about the building remain to be decided with more input from the campus community.
5. Students’ Day
Huge shout out to UASUevents for putting together another amazing Students’ Day in SUB. If you weren’t able to make it to Students’ Day festivities, stay tuned for some Last Class activities in SUB in early April!

6. Closing
From now until the end of term, much of my work will be focused on transitioning Jared into his role, as well as identifying and transitioning ongoing projects with administration that Jared can carry through in the upcoming year. Specifically, I will be focusing on establishing a continued voice on Suicide Prevention and Implementation committees, Campus Facilities Safety and Security working groups, and the Campus Clean Air Working Group.

Cheers,

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