Hi everyone!

1. Deans Advisory Council (DAC)
At this month’s DAC meeting, we discussed some of the ongoing projects to support student mental health. In particular, we tracked usage and uptake of Welltrak, an online platform to help student with their mood tracking and mental health self-awareness. Welltrak kicked off in September and has over 1000 users now, most of whom self-report improvements to their mental health after beginning using Welltrak.

2. Networker Meeting on Student Homelessness and Food Insecurity
I had the pleasure of participating in a panel discussion on student homelessness and food insecurity. Some key takeaways from the panel discussion are that homelessness can be invisible, and many more students are struggling to eat and find shelter than ever before. Some initiatives are helping combat student homelessness, but UAPS officers and community members need to be better trained to provide support to individuals who are in distress on campus.

3. Green and Gold Day
Met with University Relations to discuss Green and Gold Day 2019! Looking like it will be an awesome event and I can’t wait to see the festivities this September. Hopefully there will be a huge dodgeball game in the David Tuckey gym considering this year got snowed out in Quad.

4. Gender Based Violence Prevention
This week marks the Gender Based Violence Prevention campaign, which will kick off with a week of programming in SUB including Anita Sarkeesian, our Keynote speaker, a march for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, a Consent Carnival by UAlberta Rotaract, and a art gallery depicting experiences of sexual harassment and gender based violence from members of our community. Following this week, the SU will launch into a broader cross-campus poster and media campaign to help combat street harassment, sexual aggression, and bystander intervention.

5. Closing
Starting Friday February 15th, I will be unavailable for contact until March 8th. Please reach out to President Larsen if you have a pressing matter, or if you would like to chat about an item specific to the VP Student Life portfolio.

Cheers,

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