Hello council!

Long time no chat! Hope you are all doing well!! Congrats to all of you who won reelection! To those moving on, good luck in all your future endeavours! I know this time of year can be really stressful so I hope you are all managing! Try to appreciate the sunshine!

**Sexual Violence Prevention Coordinator**
The SVPC vote passed unanimously at the Board of Governors!!! I am overjoyed that this was able to be achieved. This will change the future of this University. I cannot thank Joel, the rest of the executive team and all of you enough for all your support. I am so pleased we were able to work together with the University to accomplish this. When I ran for SL, I received a lot of criticism for making this such a focus of my campaign because people did not think it would get done. I am so happy this goal was achieved this year. I cannot wait to see the systemic change this role will bring.

**Daycare Deal**
We officially have signed the daycare contract! For the next year students will be able to access flexible, affordable, and desperately needed childcare. As I mentioned before, students will be able to have a guaranteed placement within six months, childcare for 0-12, just in time care and numerous other benefits! I know this service is extremely important for students who parent and I am so happy the SU will be able to provide it!

**U-Pass Campaign**
As I am sure you saw, the U-Pass referendum passed! It passed with 86% of the vote. I am so thankful that President Agarwal, VP Draper, VP Krahn and I were able to achieve this together as a group!

**Pride Sidewalks**
I have been working on this behind the scenes recently but want to give you an update! You might remember that the last VP Student Life, our very own Jared Larsen, was working on getting a pride sidewalk. With covid, that project ended up not working out. However, we are hopefully going to get a Pride sidewalk next August! I can’t give you many details yet, but I am extremely excited.
Fresh Routes Partnership
During the election, VP Krahn and I worked on partnering with Fresh Routes to bring accessible, affordable fresh groceries to campus. They offer fresh produce at low prices for the student community. We are hoping this service will work to address food insecurity on campus.

Experiential Learning UAPPOL Update
VP Draper and I have worked together on a UAPPOL policy that will work to cover students on experiential learning semesters. This would come with new procedures to handle problematic situations during these semesters. The University has been partnering with us on this work and I am really pleased with their dedication on this topic. This work will be passed along to my successor but I am confident it is in good hands.

Grant Proposal
I am currently working on a grant proposal that is due March 25th. It is literally taking up all my brain power so I should be back to my usual full brain power when it is done!

I can’t believe we are almost done. It feels fake tbh. If you ever need to discuss anything as usual, I am always here to talk.

Cheers,

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Also, here is a picture of my donkey Rudy sleeping!