Hey everyone,

I hope you all had a great two weeks. Even though winter is slowly rolling in, Halloween is coming up, and I couldn’t be more excited! I love seeing costumes, so if you’re dressing up, you should 100% send me pics of your fit! Also, if you didn’t get a chance to see them, here is a pic of the northern lights.

The past two weeks have been pretty hectic, so I’m sorry this report is in the late adds.

Here are some of the things I’ve been working on for the last two weeks:

**Sexual Violence Prevention and Response Work**

Myself and the team continue to advocate for improved sexual violence prevention efforts and response processes. We are also working to see how we can improve the supports that we provide. Here are some of the updates:

1. Hiring the Sexual Violence Prevention Coordinator
   Finally, the university is working to hire a Sexual Violence Prevention Coordinator. This position is important because they will be responsible for coordinating institution efforts in strategy, policy, training, and communications related to sexual violence prevention and response. You can read the entire position description [here](#).
   We are looking for a member at large to serve on the committee. **If you or anyone you know might be interested in this position, please apply [here](#)!**

2. Meeting with national partners
Last week I met with Students for Consent Culture Canada. They are an amazing collective that is working on researching sexual violence on campus's advocates for intersectional anti-sexual violence efforts. At our meeting, we talked about the gaps in the UofA's reporting system and supports for survivors. Hopefully, we can collaborate in the future and use their resources in our advocacy work at UofA.

3. Developing resources for survivors
Because of the delay in hiring the Sexual Violence Prevention Coordinator, there are student funds left over. The MNIF Committee has committed to spending this leftover money on survivors. After speaking with the University, we have decided to host free first responder to sexual violence prevention training (or something very similar to it) in January. This training would be open to all student leaders at UofA, but RAs would be prioritized. While this isn’t a done deal, and we still need to work to make it a reality, providing RAs with this training is a huge step in the right direction. Finally, last year Katie Kidd started working on a website that provided resources and support to those impacted by sexual violence. The website was never launched, though. We are currently working to finalize the website and create more resources, and it should launch by November!

Indigenous Celebration Week Planning

Planning for this event is going well! We have started inviting presenters and are working to secure more funding for the event. I think it will be an amazing week filled with events that work to build community while educating our student body.

The Pronoun Campaign

Unfortunately the pronoun campaign has been very delayed :( :( :(. We have been posting our digital resources, but physical resources are now finalized. The plan is to start distributing them as soon as they are printed! If you want to help out with that, please let me know!

Best,
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