Date: 07/26/2022  
To: Students' Union Council  
Re: Vice President Student Life 2022/23 Report #6

Cher conseil, below you'll find my council report that gathers some of the work I've been doing over the past 2 weeks. Feel free to ask me any questions before our council meeting!

**DOS & SU Exec Meeting**
I and the other executives had our first official meeting with the Dean of Students, André Costopoulos. I brought up two different items. The first thing we talked about was the work DoS had been doing to support Campus Saint-Jean, specifically their Student Services (La Centrale). As of right now La Centrale is underfunded and lacks human resources. We discussed different areas of collaboration and the next steps to further conversations on this matter. Understanding how CSJ, Augustana, and Native studies are affected when it comes to funding and student services with the new college model will be very important to doing advocacy. Secondly, we discussed the continuation of the Joint Residence Oversight Committee (JROC). We both agreed that we should continue having this committee, as it informs, involves, and engages the university community on matters relating to residence operations and residence life. This is also the chance for a CORA rep to engage in conversations with University leadership.

**Period Equity Update**
What's New? - Julia and I have been working since the beginning of our terms to figure out how we want to approach Period Equity. First, we want to address the issue of period poverty by directly supporting low-income students. By working with the Registrar Office (RO) and Campus Food Bank (CFB), and other campus units to identify people in need, and by using existing technology (Perks) that the SU owns and controls, we can get menstrual products to those people in a way that is discrete and private. Secondly, we want to provide free pads and tampons for emergency use - a clear need - by installing single-product dispensers in washrooms.

Update - Julia and I have met with the RO to identify ways of accomplishing our goal through collaboration. They have been very receptive to our new approach and are helping us. Julia and I also met with Jay, head of our IT department to figure out the technological logistics. Finally, we have been working with Jon, director of research and advocacy to write up a new Period Equity strategy document.

**Break the Record, Woo!!!**
Soo BTR is happening! Although this is super exciting, we still have lots of work to get done. I will be taking on a lot of the recruitment strategy and working with Marketing in regards to Promotion, Social Media, and any other forms of communications. In regards to a recruitment plan, I'm gonna be working with what I'm calling my “Hype Team Captains”. Each Captain will be part of either the green or gold team and work to recruit students to their team. This is just like any other campaign, captains will be required to do class talks, tabling, and social media and keep the HYPE going until September 23rd. If you want to get involved as a Team Captain, feel free to reach out to me!

**Meeting with FNMI Specialist**
I had an official meeting with Chelsea, our First Nation, Métis, and Inuit Specialist. We discussed Indigenous Celebration Week (ICW) and what our plans are going to be moving forward. I will be continuing the work my predecessor VP Dixon did when she created this event last year. The next step is to start up the advisory board. I will be reaching out to different individuals in the next week to set up our first meeting. I am also going to work with Chelsea on expanding our Indigenous learning Program (ILP). We're gonna be meeting with all of our Indigenous student leaders from our different indigenous student associations to hear from them and get feedback. Getting this feedback will help us initiate work for an Indigenous Student Leader
**SRA Summit Planning**
Abner, Gurleen, and I have met to start planning the Student Representative Association Summit. I am really excited because this year Residence Associations will take part in this summit. We are working with Selen and Annie from Student Group Services (SGS) and Michelle (you met during GovCamp) from LEAD Centre. Last year I was a participant, so I am really looking forward to working with my colleagues in making this summit just as memorable and informative for our SRAs this year. We also discussed how we can better support our RAs and the training they get. As of right now, the only official training they get is from Residence.

**SV Policy Review #1**
As you all know, I am on the Policy Committee. I have been assigned to work on three 4 different policies. I am the lead on two of these policies; Residence and Sexual Violence. Christian and I had our first meeting to do our first review of the Sexual Violence Policy. We went over the facts, checked if it was outdated or needed to be reviewed, and added any potential information that should be added, based on the work we do. Secondly, we went over the resolutions and identified which of them were; incomplete, ongoing, or completed. I will be meeting with councillor Ibukun and Lionel next week to go over the Residence policy.

**CASA SV Consultation**
Last week, I attended the Canadian Alliance of Students Association SV Consultation. This consultation was led by Students for Consent Culture (SFCC) who are currently undergoing a project to create an Education Toolkit, a resource for students and student groups to use when developing education initiatives around sexual violence prevention, support, and building a culture of consent. I went on behalf of the UASU to talk about what training, preventative work, and support could look like. I also discussed the different kinds of acts of violence that should be officially recognized by our universities under our SV policies. Finally discussed sexual or consent education, and added the fact that we should expand our Sexual Health education program to teach our community what a healthy sexual relationship should look like. I

**Meeting with DoS - Student Homelessness**
Christian and I met with Kevin Friese to discuss student homelessness and areas of collaboration. As of right now, there hasn't been much research done to understand the realities of student homeless and precarious situations. Therefore, DoS has been working on expanding this research and conversations around this matter with different stakeholders. This was more or an introduction meeting for Christian and Kevin to meet and initiate conversations for future collaboration. Looking forward to working with both of them on this issue that is so important. DID YOU KNOW about the Safe House Program? I invite you all to familiarize yourself with this initiative.

Finally, I'll be committing to including CSJ fun facts for you all with the hope you can leave this year knowing more about our lovely french campus!

#FaitAmusant : Faculté Saint-Jean offers 6 different programs. 3 of these programs are bilingual and are offered in collaboration with the Faculty of Engineering, Business, and Nursing. The other 3 programs are Arts, Science, and Education.

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