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To: Students’ Union Council
Re: Vice President Student Life 2022/23 Report #4

Cher conseil, I hope everyone has been enjoying their summer despite the rain (for those in AB)!

**Health and Dental Plan Orientation** - Julia and I met with Robyn Paches, who is a program manager for Student Care. We essentially got a Student Care Orientation; we touched on the history, our current relationship, and future plans. Julia and I plan to meet again with Robyn next month, to talk about potential areas of collaboration in the future. We are also getting familiarized with preparing the Health and Dental Plan Orientation. I hope to start this up at the end of summer, or early fall so we can get the ball rolling on our goals for next year!

**First Week (Orientation/WoW) and First Month** - I attended a meeting with UASUevents and Student Group Services and got to hear about the plans for NSO and WowW. One of the biggest takeaways from this check-in meeting was the inclusion of components touching on sexual violence education. As you know, one of my goals this year is to shift the dialogue around SV to Sexual Health education. Really happy that students will have a chance to explore the concept of sexuality and have a fun and engaging conversation at the beginning of the year.

**Family Lounge** - I met with Tim and Natasha, from Libraries to go over an update in regards to the “Family Lounge”. The next step is to finalize all of our furniture orders to get them in time for the start of Fall. I am also working with Marketing and our Advocacy Department to figure out promotion for this space. Right now we are trying to figure out what the actual name of this space will be. Let me know if you have any thoughts!

**Honorary Degree Reception** - Myself, Abner, and Christian attended the UAlberta Honorary Degree Recipients. - Hors d’Oeuvres Reception. I was accompanied by Taylor Good, AUFSJ President, and had the chance to see Levi at the event as well. I was able to meet many UofA Senior leadership in person which was amazing.

**SU Handbook** - As I’ve mentioned before, one of my goals this year is to work with the restart office to update our academic calendar to make it more inclusive. Although I wanted to make sure that we at the SU, were holding ourselves to the same standards as the university. I’ve had the pleasure of working alongside our Marketing team to include an interfaith calendar in our Handbook for the fall semester. I am

**GSA** - The executive team had an introductory meeting with the Graduate Students Association. We were able to share some of our goals with the year and vice versa. I was also able to identify areas of collaboration with my counterpart Monisha, VP Student Affairs. I’m looking forward to working with her and seeing what we can accomplish this year through joint advocacy.

**CCR** - Abner and I had two related Campus & Community Recreation meetings last week. Once again this was an introductory meeting so we essentially went over some of the discussion items our predecessors
had during their last month. Abner and I were able to bring up the issue of student addiction and where there might be a chance to collaborate. These are still preliminary conversations, but I'm looking forward to the work we can do in residence to bring awareness to the issue.

I chaired my first meetings last week. In all of these meetings, we simply did introductions and talked about all of our individual goals, and started seeing how we can go about collaborating.

**CORA - Council of Residence Association**
- Meal Plans, Living conditions

**COFA - Members in Service Working Group**
- Events, Community, Health & Wellness

**Days of Action - Worlds Social Justice day working**
- The intersection between social justice and mental health

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**: CSJ just like many other faculties holds its own graduation ceremony. This ceremony is called **ceremonies des lumières** (Candle/Light Ceremony). During this ceremony, there is a tradition of passing on the light from a graduate to a future graduate. This can only happen once the CSJ Dean gives the "okay". I was pleased to receive a candle this year and look forward to passing it on to a future graduate once I graduate.

Okay that's all for me! Merci!

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