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Executive Report

SLC/PAC Expansion

-Hoarding has arrived on campus. I advocated for an email to be sent to all students from Chris Read (Associate Provost, Students), Robert Bruce (Grad Student Association, President), and myself to update students on construction. The email was sent and it included a diagram showing students the entrances (including accessible entrances) that will be open during the duration of the construction period.

-I'm working with our marketing and communications team to organize a ground-breaking event/ceremony with other stakeholders involved in the project (i.e. Athletics and Grad student association) – which will take place on June 19th. I'll be a co-MC with Robert Bruce. More details will be available in the upcoming weeks.

Kathleen Wynne Visit

-The Premier visited campus to talk about Pharmacare Plus on May 3rd and tour the new AHS building.

-I was invited by the administration to come to meet with the Premier. I used the meeting as an advocacy opportunity, specifically sexual violence prevention advocacy. Despite the limited time I got with the Premier and two of our local, regional MPPs, I managed to get a follow-up meeting in June with Daiene Vernile who will be chairing a review committee on the Government's Sexual Violence Action Plan (closely tied to Bill 132).

WRPS Sexual Violence Task Force & Policy 42

-After spending a large part of my transition and first few weeks in office advocating to have Feds representation on the sexual violence task force, I received confirmation from Chief Larkin's office that I am now among the list of invitees.

-I'm meeting with student leaders from Conestoga and Wilfrid Laurier University to form a unified student stance/advocacy strategy. I've been facilitating conversations between them and the Chief's office to ensure they are also included within the list of invitees. Although we are still waiting confirmation from the Chief's office in regards to Conestoga's and Laurier's student unions/associations involvement, we're confident that they will be included in the conversation – which will ultimately identify solutions that will eliminate barriers to the criminal justice system for survivors.

-Received the Terms of Reference for the committee reviewing Policy 42, which will begin to meet later on in the summer.

-The position for the sexual violence coordinator is being advertised by the university. I'm trying to get information on what the process will be to hire this student-facing role.

President's Advisory Committee on Student Mental Health

-The committee met for the first time on Wednesday, May 24. It will be meeting on a biweekly basis, with the goal of having tangible outcomes to deal with student mental health issues in a holistic manner by the end of December 2017. This committee was struck in response to the two suicides that occurred on campus this past Winter term.

-Currently working with the exec team and full-time staff (RPO and our Stakeholder Relations Officer) to gather information in the first few meetings, understand the scope of the committee, and form advocacy priorities/outcomes we'd like to see come out of this committee. If you have any suggestions, thoughts, and concerns, please feel free to touch base with me offline. I'll be keeping council updated and seek feedback as the process moves along.

Federal Advocacy: ADVOCAN

-ADVOCAN is an informal federal lobbying coalition of student associations from U15 research-intensive universities. We will be electing a Chair this upcoming week.

-In Collaboration with Andrew (our VP Education) we hope to take more of a leadership role in guiding, organizing, and influencing the federal priorities the coalition focuses on in the upcoming year – while sustaining the long-term viability of this young organization.