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Mid-Year Report

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Executive Summary

It has been non-stop since I got into office on May 1st, 2019. My term started with the Students' Association executive retreat and several Executive Workshops on Fiduciary Duties, Governance, and Training on what it means to be an executive. In saying that, my term began differently from the other executives, as I got a grant to do a 5-week semester in Quebec. During that time, I was blessed with the fact that the individual who was in my office last year was part of the executive team this year, and my team kept me up to date while I was away. When I got back mid-June, I hit the ground running by attending MOH-KINS-TSIS CACUSS 2019 with my fellow executives. During this conference, I acquired knowledge pertaining but not limited to Indigenous Students in Post-Secondary, Safe Consumption on Campus, Substance Use and Abuse on Post-Secondary Campuses, Consent, Mental Health and more! Although we were some one the only student leaders at that conference, I believe that the information I learned at CACUSS was extremely vital to my year as Vice President Community & Wellness. The rest of our summer was filled with many conferences that included Intro to Government and the ASEC Goal Setting Conference. During these conferences, I had the opportunity to meet other student leaders in the province, and at ASEC, I was able to meet some in the equivalent of my position from across the province. During the summer, I was also busy planning for the upcoming academic year and attending meetings in preparation for New Student Orientation. This year, the Students' Association did the first ever independent International Student Orientation before the academic year, created the first ever International Student Handbook, and aided with the Indigenous Student Orientation. September was an extremely busy month for me with New Student Orientation and Week of Welcome (during the first week of classes). This was an extremely exciting week for the Students' Association, Red Deer College, and our membership; I am proud of how we all came together! The Students' Association wrote the scripts for and aided in the tours of main campus and the Gary W. Harris Canada Games Centre; we also donated lunch for New Student Orientation. The Week of Welcome included outdoor games, a BBQ, and promotion of the Students' Association's services and programs. It also included the Red Deer Aboriginal Dance Troupe and Big Voice Drums. September included Orange Shirt Day, which was an event done in collaboration with Campus Connections, Counselling and Career Centre, and Indigenous Student Services. It was a huge success. We raised over \$1300 for the Wichinahn Kohopikiwan Society, Helping Me Grow Aboriginal Playschool. The same day, the Minister of Advanced Education visited with the Red Deer College executive team as well as with the Students' Association executive team.

October was just as busy with our annual Student Group Membership Drive, where are student groups had the opportunity to engage students and encourage them to join their group or society. We also had Policy Governance Training, Council Orientation, Federal Election Political Forum, and we aided with the World Religions Conference. This year, the Students' Association executives, staff, and a council member were able to attend First Responder to Sexual Assault Training. This training covered what to do when having someone disclose sexual assault or sexual harassment. This training will aid in the Students' Association's ability to appropriately respond and refer individuals to College services and/or community groups. At the end of October, we had Risqué Bingo and organized Campus-Wide Trick-Or-Treating. Campus-Wide Trick-Or-Treating is an event that will help students learn about our departments and additionally provide our students with resources that will aid in them having a safe Halloween. In November, we are planning on providing unique events. We have invited a few different community groups on campus to engage our students and educate them in various different subjects. We will be hosting a Remembrance Ceremony on Campus November 7th, a Drag Show November 20th, and 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence from November 20th – 29th.

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GOAL	OUTCOMES <i>(This is the measure of success)</i>	TIMELINE	DELIVERABLES AS OF OCT 2019
Broaden the Promotion of SA Services and Events; Increase Cultural and Diversity Awareness Campaigns	Service and events: 4 events in a year Cultural / diversity awareness campaigns: 4 events in a year	Achieve outcome by April 2020	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Students' Association hosted the first independent International Student Orientation 2. Our Week of Welcome included the Red Deer Aboriginal Dance Troup and Big Voice Drum Group. 3. The Students' Association hired a Membership Engagement Assistant and three Street Team Members. These individuals will aid in the engagement of our membership and the promotion of our programs and services. 4. Our next phase of this goal is to have events / awareness campaigns like 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence, Family friendly events, and more cultural and diverse promotional events.
Increase Mental Health Initiatives	Student-led AA and NA groups: set foundation for sustainability	April 2020	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I have had several meetings with Krystal Waldo, The Addictions Counsellor at Red Deer College. We have established a task list of items that we will need to complete by the end of the 2019/2020 academic year in order to set foundation for sustainability for the Red Deer College Support and Recovery groups. We meet regularly for check-ins and progress reports.

Other Meetings Attended/Tasks as per Job Description:

- New Student Orientation Planning Committee for Fall
- Open House Planning Committee
- Make Some Time Mental Health Week Planning Committee
- Communita's – First and Third Tuesday's of a month 11am-1pm in room 1205.
- Indigenous Land Acknowledgement for RDC - Task Group

Office Hours for the Winter Semester:

Monday – 10:00am-3:00pm

Tuesday – 9:30am-4:00pm

Wednesday – 10:00am-4:30pm

Thursday – 10:00am-3:30pm

Friday – 10:00am-4:30pm