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Monthly Report - July, 2017

Contribution Hours:
229

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- #TextbookBrokeAB
- Grade Appeal Assistance
- Chinook Award Changes
- Guide to Student Rights and Responsibilities
- Campus Stores Canada BiiG Conference

#TextbookBrokeAB

#TextbookBrokeAB has taken up the majority of my time this month, however, it has proven to be a highly successful initiative. In collaboration with the VP Academics from the other CAUS schools, we were able to engage students, faculty and politicians across the province. The University of Lethbridge installment of the campaign was very successful. We set up a table outside of the bookstore during rush week and encouraged students to stop and talk to us about how much they had spent on textbooks this semester. We then asked them to write their total on a whiteboard and pose for a photo. These photos were then shared on social media with the hashtag #TextbookBrokeAB and distributed to appropriate politicians to increase awareness surrounding textbook cost inflation and to draw attention to Open Educational Resources as an alternative. We also conducted a survey here at the U of L and got a lot of responses so next time we conduct this campaign talk about affordable and accessible recourses on campus we tangible results to base claims off of.

Grade Appeal Assistance

I have been quite busy this month assisting with student grade appeals. The individual cases are highly confidential therefore, I am unable to go into specific detail regarding each one.

Chinook Award Consultations

This year due to the minimum wage changes the money allocated to the Chinook Awards also needed to be increased. Since this award is associated with the Students' Union Royal, Hailey and I were involved with the consultations with Eramus Okine, the Vice President Research, of where the extra money should be allocated from. We analyzed many different situations to see how we could get the money allocated to go as far as it could. We have figured out a way in which the award can be sustained for the next few years, and will keep discussing what the long term solution to sustain the award will be.



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Guide to Student Rights and Responsibilities

I have been working on a Guide to Student Rights and Responsibility throughout my term as Vice President Academic. This is an initiative to ensure that students know what is expected of them, and for students to know what they can expect from their professors. Furthermore, this is to ensure that students know what resources are available to them in one easy to find and interpret document.

Campus Stores Canada BiiG Conference

I was invited to be a part of a student panel at the conference in Niagara Falls. The panel was full of industry representatives alongside students. We discussed the value of resources that are available to students as well as affordable and accessible resources. It was a great conversation to be a part of.



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Committees/Meetings, etc., attended in June:

*ULSU Executive Council - January 5th, 11th,
Chinook Award Meeting- January 9th, 25th
Grade Appeal Committees - July 7th, July 12th
AVP Leadership Meeting- January 10th
GFC Library Meeting- January 10th
Arts and Science Executive Meeting- January 12th
Teaching Center Advisory Meeting- January 12th
Admission Standards Committee- January 17th
Curriculum Coordinating Meeting- January 22nd
Arts and Science Executive- January 22nd
Student Speaker Challenge Planning- January 23rd,
Board of Governors Teaching Chair Meeting- January 24th
Executive "Ask us Anything" Meeting- January 24th
General Assembly Meeting- January 25th
Academic Quality Assurance Meeting- January 26th
Meeting with Kathleen Massey and Susie Kennedy (Guide to Student Rights)- January 29
January 31st- Campus Stores Canada BiiG Conference*

Thank you, and feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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