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General Assembly November Report
November 2019

Total Hours Contributed: 10 Hours

- ULSU General Assembly Meeting: 2 Hours
- Associate Dean Search Committee Introductory Meeting: 2 Hours
- Associate Dean Search Committee Application Review Preparation: 1 Hour
- Associate Dean Search Committee Application Review Meeting: 2 Hours
- GA Photo Scheduling and Preparation: .5 Hours
- United Way Poverty Simulation Volunteering: 2.5 Hours

ULSU General Assembly Meeting

On November 7, 2019 the ULSU had our November General Assembly meeting. At this meeting we started off by electing our new Arts & Science Representative Ryan Lindblad, discussed planning information for our “Meet the GA Day”, and checked in with executive and GA initiatives.

During this meeting I brought up an initiative dear to me as a Health Sciences student which was proposing to remove substance advertising from the ULSU calendars. On our ULSU calendars we hand out to the general public we have had our main drop down advertisement revolve around substances over the past few years. In 2017-2018 it was the One Stop Vape Shop, and for the current academic year it is the B.O.B. Headquarters. As an organization that reflects the student body and advocates for health and success of all of our students, I feel it would be best to remove these substance advertisements moving forward- specifically the drop down ad on the calendar that is consequently seen every time one looks at the ULSU calendar. Within our student body we have minors, individuals who have struggled with substance misuse, and individuals who are negatively impacted by individuals in their lives misusing substances. I proposed it would be best to use our advertisement space seen by our student body to advertise local small businesses or events that promote wellness or student life. I was pleased to see the GA was heavily in favour of this, and we will be moving forward to examine substance free advertisement options in the future.

I also explained that I would be taking GA headshots so everyone had a professional photo to use for business and SU purposes. I would be sending out the sign up sheet later in November.

Associate Dean Search Committee Introductory Meeting

On Thursday, November 14th I met with Health Sciences Dean Dr. Robert Wood and the Associate Dean Search Committee to discuss the application process, eligibility, deadlines, and confidentiality.

Associate Dean Search Committee Application Review Preparation

Before our second Associate Dean Search Committee Meeting, I reviewed the multiple applications for the position of Associate Dean of Health Sciences. I consulted with my Health Sciences peers to inquire what questions they would like to see asked in the Associate Dean interview process, and formulated mock questions.

Associate Dean Search Committee Application Review Meeting

On Wednesday, November 27th myself and my fellow committee members each brought our ideas on the Associate Dean applications. We discussed and determined who we would like to interview, and reviewed the strengths of each application. We determined an interview schedule, and solidified our interview format and questions.

GA Photo Scheduling and Preparation

Through the month of December I will be taking headshots of our ULSU GA members to ensure we all have professional headshots that can be used in spaces such as the ULSU website. This month I prepared a photo schedule, selected a photo location, and sent out a sign up sheet to the ULSU GA to sign up to have their headshots taken.

United Way Poverty Simulation Volunteering

On Thursday, November 27th I had the privilege to volunteer with the United Way Poverty Simulation for students within the Faculty of Health Sciences. The goal of this simulation is to give Health Sciences students a greater understanding of the complexity of poverty, and to destigmatize the struggles many individuals in poverty face. I played the role of the superstore clerk and it was my responsibility to ensure families were buying groceries for their families, filling their prescriptions, and buying adequate clothing for the duration of the simulation. My role helped to identify how challenging it is to simply provide for one's family while simultaneously coping with pressure to function in society. Not everyone in our society can afford to buy a week of nutritious food, or to fill their prescriptions on time, and through this portion of the simulation many of my peers got to experience this first hand.