Thursday October 15th, 2020

With the leaves changing color and classes beginning, we reminisce of the times where the bowl was filled with students eager to be on campus. The year has started to ramp up for the executives who are all excited to be a part of the many University of Saskatchewan committee meetings as well as engaging the undergraduate student body. The University of Saskatchewan's Students Council has been gathering virtually for the weekly meetings on Thursdays and has elected the students at large to populate the USSU committees. During the month of September we also had the opportunity to discuss the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Policy as part of the University's consultation process. Our work continues with the Anti Racism MOU and had the opportunity to meet with Peter Stoicheff to work on the second draft. We have also created our Campus Groups Office to better support the over 100 different students groups ratified with the USSU and hosted Campus Clubs week which offered a number of training opportunities for student leaders. Our senior managers have been working very hard to ensure that students are able to receive their transit passes and maintaining the business of the USSU.

With the help of Martin Gaal, PhD, Lecturer Department of Political Studies we are planning a Mayoral Candidates forum for undergraduate students which will be hosted on October 20th via Zoom. We have also released a call out for students to ask the Provincial Party leaders questions and will be quizzing them on their answers in relation to post secondary education. The USSU executive has also been working with The Undergraduates of Canadian Research-Intensive Universities (UCRU) to plan our national lobby week and continue to advocate for students on a federal level. We look forward to developing relationships with our elected officials to continue our advocacy efforts on a municipal, provincial and federal level.

The Executive took some time to get coffee at Louis Loft (which is now open from 9am to 4pm) and sign some thank you letters for the students who won prizes during our Welcome Week events. We encourage you to grab a coffee and a bite to eat at saskatoons “Best Place To Eat on Campus” - Planet S

With respect,
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