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VP EXTERNAL MONTHLY REPORT

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WELLNESS WEEK

Wellness Week planning is currently in progress. Jessica and I have reached out to several partners at UFV and in the community such as the UFV Alumni Association, Financial Aid and Awards, counseling, Mental Health Awareness Club, Perr Resource Leadership Centre, StudentLife, Campus Recreation, the foundry, Esposito Family, and the UFV Executive team.

We have received an overwhelmingly positive response and will have a full schedule of events completed by the end of this week Jan 29.

Events will be taking place following reading break from Feb 22-26. The intention is to have a series of events each day and have a wellness theme per day. Themes are determined by different areas of wellness such as community wellness, physical, financial. There is a lot of excitement around this pilot project.

In addition to this, I am working on a survey to gauge student awareness of resources and whether the current supports are sufficient. From this data, we will determine whether an informational campaign is needed or if there are any gaps in student needs that we can fulfill.

On the same note, CASA is beginning their Close the Gaps campaign and encourages resharing and participation to make it as impactful as possible.

FALL READING BREAK ADVOCACY

I have done a considerable amount of research on the matter of a potential fall reading break. I was unable to come up with any possible schedules for the break with our current guidelines for semester dates. The decision to have a fall reading break will require some tradeoffs.

Currently, following discussions with the executive, we will give students several possible options for the break with pros and cons for all. These will span in areas of exam dates and teaching days.

The executives are going to bring this proposal to senate prior to the end of the term but there are several tasks that need to be done still. What we are currently doing is meeting with the UFV executive to communicate and get feedback with their comments and concerns which we can incorporate in our proposal. Following this, we need to collect student data that will support our ask. We anticipate that a majority of students will be in support of a fall break.