GSA VICE-PRESIDENT STUDENT LIFE
REPORT TO COUNCIL FOR SEPTEMBER 26, 2011

To: Council Colleagues
From: Hillary Sparkes, VP Student Life
Date: September 11, 2011

Dear Council Members,

Welcome back! I hope that your term is off to a good start and that you aren't getting too frustrated with our busy, noisy and energetic campus. I attended the Alumni Council Pep rally in Hawrelak Park during frosh week so I got to experience all that first year energy up close!

The following are a few items I'd like to highlight that have happened over the past month:

The **GSA Orientation** was a HUGE success. Thank you to all our volunteers on that day and leading up to it. We had approximately 400 students attend and many University services were there to help introduce our new students to the U of A. Katie Biittner, one of our office staff, did an amazing job organizing it and making sure that it went off without a problem.

Departmental Orientations have been going along very well. We have 37 departments who have requested we come and talk to their students. Again, a big thank you to those who volunteered to help deliver the GSA message to new students at various departments across campus. We really could not have done all of these orientations without your help!

I am still in contact with PhD Comics and we are just going through the Terms or Agreement to make sure that we are ok to show this movie here on campus. I am very excited to bring this to our campus and think it will be a great event. I will need your help to make sure we get a great turnout at the event.

My portfolio is moving along nicely and I am looking forward to the work that needs to be done this term.

Hillary Sparkes
VP Student Life
Graduate Students' Association

August 18	New Student Experience Working Group

	Meeting with office re: student groups
August 19	Meeting with Residence Services re: orientation
August 22	Council
August 23	Lunch with Vice-President Facilities and Operations
	Meeting with student re: school bus service at Michener Park
August 24	GSA Board
August 26	Monthly SU/GSA Exec Breakfast
	GSA Departmental Training
August 30	Power Plant Tour
	Graduate House Residence Council meeting
August 31	GSA Board
	Fall Orientation
September 2	UAI InfoMart
September 3	Block Party at East Campus Village
September 6	Departmental Orientation (Library and Information Studies)
	Alumni Council/ Pep rally
September 7	GSA Board
September 13	Meeting with Vice-President Finance
	Residence Budget Advisory Committee
September 14	Health Promotion Advisory Committee
	GSA Board
	Undergraduate Research Initiative