

STUDENTS' COUNCIL LATE ADDITIONS

Tuesday, July 22, 2008
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

LATE ADDITIONS (SC 2008-07)

2008-07/6 GENERAL ORDERS

2008-07/6d **CLARKE MOVES THAT** Students' Council appoint (1) member to the Bylaw Committee

2008-07/6e **BRAGA/FLATH MOVE TO** strike item 2008-07/6b and replace it with the following motion:

SAINCHER/LANE MOVE THAT in the event that in the 2009 campus-wide elections, there is no referendum on a student health plan or the referendum on a student health plan fails, the following applies:

1. There will be faculty-wide votes in the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry and the Faculty of Law concerning student health plans for students of those faculties.
2. The votes will take place in conjunction with councillor elections.
3. The votes will be overseen by the SU and be conducted to mirror regulations surrounding faculty student fund referenda wherever feasible and except as otherwise stated herein or ordered by council at a later date.
4. The specific health plans put forward will be chosen by the respective Faculty Associations and approved by the SU executive no less than 30 days prior to the first day of the 2009 council elections, given that the following conditions are fulfilled:
 - a. At least three detailed proposals by three different providers have been presented to the Students' Union Executive by each respective FA, along with recommendations about which provider and plan to choose, at least 60 days prior to the first day of the 2009 council elections;
 - b. The recommended contract carries no penalty for early termination in the event that a campus-wide health plan is instituted in the future, no matter whether the new health plan contracts with the same provider or a different one; and
 - c. There is an opt-out provision for students who present proof of other health coverage.

2008-07/7 INFORMATION ITEMS

2008-07/7c Retreat Report from Speaker

Please see document LA 08-07.01

2008-07/7d Jacqueline Geller resigns from Bylaw Committee

Please see document LA 08-07.02

2008-07/7e CBAS Report

Please see document LA 08-07.03

2008-07/7f Janelle Morin, President- Report

Please see document LA 08-07.04

2008-07/7g John Braga, VP Academic-Report

Please see document LA 08-07.05

2008-07/7h Beverly Eastham, VP External-Report

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2008/09 Spring Council Retreat

Speaker’s Report

Preparations

Truth be told, I was unaware that I was going to be a main contributor to Council Retreat preparations until Monday, May 26th. The retreat was to occur on May 30th, 31st, and June 1st. This left very little time for me to adequately prepare. It was through President Morin’s hard work and the work of administrative staff in 2-900 that we successfully planned this retreat. Were it not for them, this retreat – if it had occurred at all – would have been a major failure.

President Morin and I met on the morning of the 26th to discuss Retreat and to divide and conquer the To Do’s. First, we decided on a Retreat schedule. President Morin and the Vice Presidents Operations and Finance, and External respectively would be unable to attend the whole of Council retreat, and I would not be present for the Sunday portion of retreat. Due to this and a couple other complications with anticipated presenters’ schedules, we decided that the best possible course of action was to cancel the Sunday portion of Retreat and to make the other 2 days more information intensive. We both felt that last year’s Spring Council Retreat was successful, but that it had more “down time” than we could afford. My tasks became to write-up a schedule and send it to President Morin. If she approved the schedule, she would send it down to the Students’ Union Print Centre (hereafter referred to as SUPC). This task was not expected to be completed Monday as we wanted to include the names of presenters.

President Morin and I contacted prospective presenters Monday; thankfully, all those contacted were prompt in replying to our e-mails and we knew who would be coming and the duration of their attendance before Friday. We wanted to utilize Vice Presidents Braga and Flath since they would be knowledgeable enough to conduct a session and because we wanted for Council to become more familiar with members of the Executive Committee. We also sweet-talked some well-known SU aficionados to give presentations, namely Justin Kehoe, Amanda Henry and Chris Lê.

Due to the cost of Retreat, the Executive Committee, Governor Janz and myself all decided that RSVPs would be needed and that a quorum would have to be met in order for the retreat not to be cancelled. Virtually all councilors sent in their RSVPs and President Morin and I were aware of the expected number of attendants by our meeting on Monday. This helped a great deal as it was easier to determine timelines, equipment needed and food.

Food was ordered from *L’Express* by administrative staff and a catered dinner was scheduled for Saturday evening. We had plenty of food for the retreat and I’m sure that the staff in 2-900 appreciated the leftovers. We did have to reschedule the catered meal to an earlier time, as we now wanted to leave Saturday evening instead of Sunday afternoon.

The Retreat booklet was the last big thing to get done. We wanted the booklet to have any information not included in Council binders that would be necessary for retreat. We wanted to have the standing orders for each subcommittee that would have a breakout session included in the booklet so that the sessions would go smoother. We decided that any committee that didn’t have a guaranteed 3 people in attendance would get cancelled, so it was pretty smooth sailing from there, we found the standing orders quickly and it was easy to add them to the booklet.

Other preparations included determining equipment needed for presentations, reminding councilors of necessary belongings to bring along, changing the bus pick-up time to Saturday and preparing the presentations themselves.

One last point for the preparations portion of this report is that the administrative team was crucial to the realization of this retreat. Astra Aquí was particularly helpful for Janelle and I. We would not have been able to do this without the extraordinary help from Catherine and the admin team.

Retreat

Day 1

Not surprisingly, what we had planned to be the schedule didn’t turn out to be the schedule. Before we had even reached the cabin, I had a revised schedule.

In the booklet we listed 17:30 as the departure time. This was because we were supposed to leave at 6, anticipating that people would get there ~15 minutes late and we would need to pack our stuff in the bus, we would end up leaving around 17:50 – a shocking 10 minutes early. This actually worked, so I suggest doing it in the future.

20:00 Introduction to retreat.

This is where we presented the schedule changes, introduced the presenters and welcomed everyone to retreat.

We also made a list of expectations. On behalf of the presenters, I told councilors what we expected from them, I also told councilors what I (as Speaker) expected of them on this retreat. The councilors told me what they expected to get out of retreat, the presenters, and myself (as keeper of the schedule).

20:30 Goals pt. 1

There were some errors in our anticipation of Chris Lê’s schedule, and he was completely unable to present, but was a very welcome guest.

We decided to split the Goals section into two parts; one for the councilors to present their individual goals and the other for them to present goals that they have for the upcoming Council as a whole. Vice Presidents Flath and Braga also touched on their goals in relation to Council

Most councilors answers were: I didn’t know what the SU did, so I ran to find out and educate others.

21:00 Advocacy (Braga)

Vice President Braga explained the roles and structure of the Advocacy Department. He also explained why it was created, the prestige of our dear department as well as the roles of the members of that department. Successful endeavors of the SU – to which the Advocacy Department was instrumental – were also discussed.

We wanted to put Advocacy before History & Purpose because we felt that it led into History & Purpose, as well as the fact that the H & P session typically yields a lot of discussion and we didn’t want to go too late into the night.

21:30 History & Purpose of the SU (Henry)

Hopefully this answered some of the councilors’ bewilderment. Amanda did a great job presenting on this. Kehoe and other people at Retreat would add their little bits of knowledge where applicable.

Some of the things discussed where:

- When the University opened
- Buildings the SU used to own
- When Aberhart backhanded the Senate
- Past presidents of the University and the SU
- Major accomplishments of the SU

As usual, we ran over time a bit and got to chatting too much. It was fine though, because we had anticipated that, hence why we put it last.

The bonfire started late (we couldn’t find the wood or matches) and ran late. The best part about that night was definitely the jam session. It became legendary. It was epic. Epic. The very talented Chris Lê spent most of his time on the piano,

Councilors Dehod and Kusmu brought their guitars, and other equipment. At one point, those 3 people were all using their instruments, Kehoe had a shaker, Kustra was using a garbage can lid somewhat like a tambourine, Murphy had spoons and Flath had a cheese grater and I was running around trying to capture the rapture with Lê’s camera. You can all see the pictures on *Facebook*.

Chris Lê arrived sometime during the evening, but left before dawn with Amanda Henry.

Day 2

Day 2 started out rather early when you consider what time most of us went to bed (or in Kehoe, Dehod and Flath’s case, loveseat). While no one pulled a full all-nighter like last year (Janzie and Kehoe), a good number of people stayed up well past 4. Day 2 was packed with information, games and food.

8:30 Breakfast

Breakfast was to last an hour with the first session of the day occurring at 9:30. We had ceareal, toast, fruit, muffins and even some almonds.

10:00 Committee Structure and Purposes (Kehoe)

The first session started late (shocker) and dealt with the committee structure of Council and the purposes of each committee. This is fairly straight forward so no one seemed to have problems with it. We made sure that we said at least a little bit about each committee in order for everyone to understand why we structure it thus and where things go once they leave Council floor. (sometimes abyss, mostly not)

11:00 Committee Breakouts

I took bylaw committee and a couple councilors who weren’t yet on a committee of Council while Kehoe took UPC and EPC. If people were on a policy committee and Bylaw committee, I asked them to come to bylaw because it had less members at retreat.

Kehoe and I went through the Standing Orders with each committee and gave them a run down of some of their yearly duties. For Bylaw Committee, I told them that they will have to make extensive editorial changes to bylaws, as they do every year. I also explained to them a bit about what they have the power to do on their own and what they need to bring to Council. I also spoke to them about referenda and plebiscites as

well as bringing guests in when they draft second readings because their input often helps a great deal.

Kehoe went through some of the history of our policies, how you write them for second reading, etc. I don’t know everything he talked about, because I was running my own session... obviously.

We did not touch too much on the financial committees of Council because I was told Dollansky would be doing that in Council fairly soon. I felt it would be best to leave it to then since it would go on record and more councilors would be present. As it turns out, he is planning on doing it closer to – or even during – the Fall session.

12:30 Lunch

Bylaw ended a bit early, but fairly close to on time, in order for me to go and get lunch ready. UPC & EPC went a little bit over on time, but a negligible amount. A quick game of Ultimate Frisbee was played before lunch.

1:30 Free Time

Free time did start earlier than this (whenever one finished their lunch), but this was the official start time in the schedule. Some people resumed playing Ultimate Frisbee, others had a relaxed chat with one another in the sunshine, and I tidied up, took pictures, got to know some councilors and avoided the gargantuan swarms of bugs.

14:15 Money Session (Tag team)

While I was expecting Dollansky to be making a financial presentation soon, we all felt that it was important that we talk a bit about SU fees, our power of taxation and some of the extra fees we have such as DFUs, FAMFs and FMFs. John explained very clearly that a FAMF and a FMF are *not* one in the same and how FMFs are very outdated and that we shouldn’t have them anymore.

15:00 Mock Council I (Bugler)

We decided to hold 2 mock councils so that people would have time to digest what happened during the first session and come back for a second go with a little bit more know-how.

We started out by some of the more experienced participants doing a demo for everyone else. This was a good idea because a lot of terms are so new to new councilors that they are easily forgotten for the first couple weeks of their tenure.

For the agenda, I took some suggestions from people at the beginning and whatever we didn’t get to, would be used in the second session.

Some of the more experienced participants used common errors made by new councilors to make a point. I was very impressed by the number of brave souls who threw their hats into the ring and started participating from the get go.

16:00 Laws (Bugler)

I went through some of Roberts’ Rules, Standing Orders and Bylaw. I wish I had had more time to go through Bylaws and talk about them more in depth, but you can’t always get everything you want... like a pony.

17:00 Council Outreach (Bugler)

Very briefly we touched on what Council Outreach was, the importance of creating a network within the SU for peer support and help, and what councilors can do to educate their friends and constituents on their activities.

17:30 Packing/Free Time

Pretty self-explanatory. Again, U.F. resumed.

18:30 Dinner

The caterer came in earlier and began dinner. We had chicken and salad. I didn’t really enjoy what we had for dinner (I thought the chicken was really dry and the salad was super oniony) but other people seemed to enjoy it, so I wouldn’t start a riot if the SU used them again next year.

19:30 Mock Council II

This session was more active than the first. People gained their footing a bit and saw that I wouldn’t chew them out if they weren’t exactly right. Mock Council was a great idea that we continued from last year and should continue in future Retreats. It helped me as Speaker and it helps the councilors so that they know what they’re doing so when they come back, they’re not terrified to speak because they’re so insecure about their parliamentary skill (or lack thereof).

20:30 Cleaning up

Originally I had this time scheduled to have a secret closing ceremony. It was going to involve the presenters and senior councilors welcoming new councilors (*not* in a hazing way) to the 08/09 year. This didn’t happen because I didn’t have

adequate time to prepare it during the week, plus we needed time to pack up the bus.

21:00 Departure

Everyone helped carry things into the van and the clean up was really easy to accomplish. We left on time and even took a couple minutes out to take a picture of those that were left.

Unfortunately, this picture is sans Henry and Lê, who were both key in the success of the retreat.

As we were leaving the site, an impromptu singing session broke out and we sang a song from *Grease*. It was magical. I nearly called *Disney*.

Conclusion

I really enjoyed myself at the Retreat and more than one person came up to me afterwards and told me that they enjoyed themselves. I was really taken aback when Council presented me with flowers and some of the other planners with gifts.

Some things that I would suggest to future planners of Council retreats:

- Have a feedback sheet
- Find out if *you're* planning Retreat more than a few days in advance
- Talk more about the financial side of the SU, even if you think there's going to be an in-Council presentation soon
- Keep minutes during the Retreat (they don't have to be super well written, just a sort of run-down of what's happening incase you end up having to write a report or someone asks you questions).
- Bring an instrument (such as a cheese grater and utensil or a rain stick)

Some things that I really suggest keeping:

- Have Committee breakouts. I think it gets them a bit more familiar with their committee and there really isn't transitioning that goes on from one year to the next, you just pray that someone who's been on that committee before is on it again.
- Make a schedule, *but keep in mind* that you won't stick to it too much. Everything tended to get moved up by 15 minutes or a half hour or even switched around days. Something that people told me they really enjoyed was that I wasn't hounding them all the time to stick to the schedule. Try and rush people along where it's needed, but if they're playing Ultimate Frisbee and you're already 10 minutes late, wait until the next point is scored and go from there.

- Most of the sessions were really great. Keep the Mock Councils for sure. I would say to keep it in 2 parts as well, with a demo in the first session.
- Everyone *LOVED* having retreat at the Mission. The downsides were so minor; it was far away from a hospital (but no activities had danger associated with them that couldn’t be fixed with a First Aid Kit) and there were giant swarms of harmless bugs. I would say that those downsides are negligible when compared to the great view, spacious rooms, piano, fire pit and big field to play on.
- Don’t tell people that they can bring alcohol. They shouldn’t be bringing alcohol on Council retreat. A religious group owned where we stayed, so it would be disrespectful to become really rowdy and inebriated. Everyone had a *great* time and there wasn’t a drop of alcohol in our bodies.
- Asking old exec/councilors to come. It’s especially nice if they have been both a councilor and an exec (or played a role in Council outside being an exec) because they have added perspective.
- Bring a camera, but don’t take too many pictures because then you don’t get to participate as much. No one cares if you take a picture of that pretty bird that sat on the balcony.

Finally, I like to make a couple special thank yous:

Catherine van de Braak, Astra Aqui and the other girls on the admin team
Janelle Morin who worked miracles considering her schedule and the
timeline we had.

Justin Kehoe
John Braga
Amanda Henry
Kristen Flath
Chris Lê

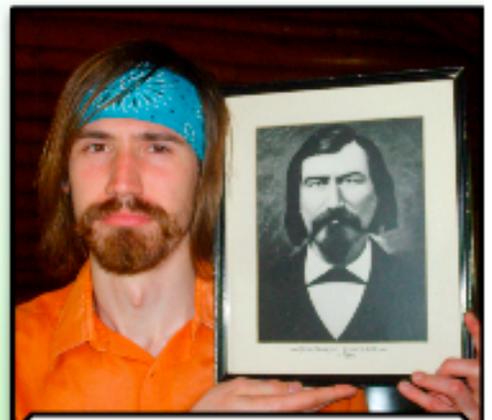
Those that attended Retreat. Everyone agreed that it was very helpful, even
for those who have already sat on Council. There is always things that
you forget and new things to learn. In addition, everyone was great
about cleaning and being respectful to one another and the presenters.

Rundle Mission for hosting us

L’Express

In Solidarity,

Brittney Bugler



WE SHARED IN MANY ACTIVITIES AT COUNCIL RETREAT...

KEHOE DID GENEALOGY WORK



OVER HALF OF THE RETREAT ATTENDANTS PARTICIPATED IN AN EPIC JAM SESSION.

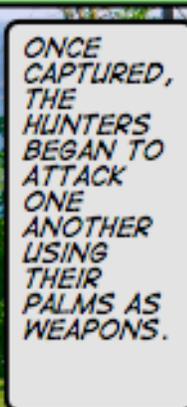


KUSTRA DANCED IN A FIELD

DEHOD CHASED HIS DREAMS



A COVETED FLYING APPARATUS WAS HUNTED DOWN...



ONCE CAPTURED, THE HUNTERS BEGAN TO ATTACK ONE ANOTHER USING THEIR PALMS AS WEAPONS.



OVERALL,

WE HAD FUN.



DID I FORGET TO MENTION WE ALL GOT SU TATS ON OUR RIGHT BUTT CHEEKS?

Dear Council,

I hereby resign from Bylaw Committee.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Geller

Hello Council,

As CBAS-SU Liaison, I have thus far met with the Board of CBAS twice this summer. The first was on June 5th 2008, and most recently, I attended a CBAS Board Meeting on July 7th 2008. At our first meeting, I worked with Portfolio Holders Leah Trueblood and Meaghan Goebel to establish my duties to CBAS throughout the year and any major goals we have for 2008-2009. I look forward to being active in the Arts community through CBAS by holding office hours, attending meetings, and being involved in major events being hosted by CBAS. As well, I have kept up regular contact with the CBAS crew keeping them informed on the going-ons of Students Council.

At our second meeting (with Leah, Meaghan, and portfolio holder Jason Wong via speakerphone), we worked on a number of exciting proposals for the upcoming year. An official Arts Handbook is undergoing its final proofs, to be ready for September. I saw a sneak-preview and it looks fantastic! Jason updated us that he will be looking at budget revisions for 2008-2009 in the fall. Most of CBAS's money comes from locker sales, grad photos, and grad rings.

One of most exciting events that we have on the table right now is the tentatively titled "Arts Without Apology" week, mostly likely to be held in November. This will include "Snacks and FAQs" sessions, a forum discussion, and a talk from Avi Lewis! For those of you who don't know, Lewis is a Canadian TV host and documentary filmmaker (and former VJ and Political Specialist for MuchMusic and counterSpin). We can't wait to have him on our campus in the fall. If you have any questions, feel free to ask me in question period or send an e-mail my way.

Britt Kustra

Report to Council Edition 6.0

Janelle Morin, President 2008-2009

July 22, 2008

Dear Council:

Read on for amazing insight into the riveting world of reading, meetings and caffeination →

Emergency Planning

The University is working hard to implement an emergency planning system, to be unveiled in September. We have been providing help and feedback on their methodology and expect to see a precise, well-thought system in place come September. Council may expect a presentation on this in the near future.

Bed Bugs

Newton Place has bedbugs... an unfortunate occurrence. We were asked to speak to media, and have coordinated our message with the Residence Halls Association and representatives from the Newton Place Residence Association.

Executive Retreat

The Executive went on retreat for one day last week. Despite the cushy implications of the word "retreat," the day was anything but relaxing – it was a lot of very hard work and reassessment of our current path (although it was a lot of fun in the way anything challenging can be fun). Keep us on course with questions! We will do our best to strengthen the commitment to get you the required information to adequately challenge our assumptions and actions.

Council Coffees

As I would like to hear more about your goals and reasons for being involved in the SU, I've asked Catherine to set up coffee dates. So far, these have been fantastic – I cannot emphasize enough how much your collaboration sets the course for much of what we do, and meeting with Council regularly will inform many of our decision for the better.

Revolutionary Speaker Series

We have officially booked Sue Johannsen as one of our speakers in first semester, and through CBAS, will also be helping to sponsor Avi Lewis' talk in September. I will keep you updated about the speakers as we continue to book them.

University Administration Meetings

Some of the relevant meetings of late: Sandra Conn (Vice President External), Deb Hammacher (AVP External Relations), Deborah Holloway (Information and Communications Manager), Dima Utgoff (Director, Residence Services), and Carl Amrhein (Provost) to forward Students' Union initiatives and look for areas of collaboration.

General Manager Search

This took an exorbitant amount of time these past few weeks, but should be rounding off. We have finished interviewing candidates, and with luck, we will be able to announce the successful candidate at our next Council meeting in two weeks' time.

DIE Board Chief Tribune Selection

As noted last Council meeting, the DIE Board will be selecting a new Chief Tribune (and SEVEN new tribunes, inclusive of the Chief – that is a lot of tribunes!) Please encourage any student you know who is currently neither an SU employee nor a student representative to consider applying for one of these positions, as they are vital to the proper functionality of the Students' Union.

Office of the Dean of Students

An official welcome to our new Dean of Students, Frank Robinson! Frank has officially begun his post as Dean of Students, and the Students' Union is thrilled to be working with him this year.

Emails, emails, emails

Janelle continues to waste her youth in front of a computer screen for large portions of each day.

As always, I'm open to discussion, feedback, thoughts... do not hesitate to contact me about anything you feel is important.

Cheers,
Janelle

CRAM Steering Committee

The Steering Committee is meeting for a Conference Call on July 22nd, 2008 at 12:00 PM MST. Recall that the University of Alberta is a non-voting member of the Steering Committee responsible for transferring our institutional knowledge over to this new body. The Key Principles behind CRAM are still in the drafting process – once they become finalized I will be giving a presentation to Council about Academic Materials and our relationship with CRAM and the Academic Materials Campaign described below.

Academic Materials Campaign

Consultation with Stakeholders (Students' Union, select Faculty Associations, select Deans, AAS:UA, select Faculty Members, and Central Administration) has now been completed. The design stage for the materials is underway and we are looking forward to the campaign going live in September. Look forward to the above mentioned presentation to Council.

CoFA Retreat

Planning is well underway thanks to the AVPA's (Craig Turner) hard work. RSVPing is well underway and we are looking forward to the more comprehensive format we will be providing this year.

8000 Series Bylaw Review

The list of issues and topics, which need to be addressed to bring our Faculty Association Bylaws up to date (and project proactively into the future), has been compiled. Through active interaction with the Faculty Associations I have developed an understanding of where the Students' Union's historic efforts have fallen short and an idea of how to improve them. Much more consultation with the Dean of Students Office, Student Group Services, and the Faculty Associations will be occurring over the next three months, with the intention of bringing Principles to Council in October that will address (in a very broad sense) how Bylaw needs to be altered.

Awards

We are conducting a review of the Students' Union Awards program. There are several new awards slated to be created this year (shh, surprises are coming!). The Awards Committee is still short on members but hopes to be fully operational by mid-August.

The Teaching Gnome

Quality undergraduate teaching is not rewarded, recognized and celebrated by the University to the degree that it should be. The Students' Union's Professor of the Week program was an attempt to raise the profile of undergraduate teaching, however its image was too subtle to grab attention. In comes the Teaching Gnome! The Teaching Gnome will be awarded to instructors across campus who have engaged their students and are excellent at undergraduate teaching. The winner will be selected by committee, and the gnome will be traveling to the winner's office. The gnome will also be present at such as the Festival of Teaching, and who knows – the Teaching Gnome may make a run for VP Academic at the March elections. He will increase the profile of undergraduate teaching by being a uniquely undergraduate initiative and capturing the hearts and minds of students and teachers across campus through his journeys into undergraduate teaching.

Report to Students' Council

July 22, 2008

Beverly Eastham, Vice-President (External)



Hello Council,

Here is a very brief update as to what I have been doing these days. If you have questions, please ask them in question period or come by the office any time.

GM Search

A decent amount of my time since our last meeting has been spent on GM search related activities. The interviews have been conducted and we are now on our way to finalizing the process. If you have any question in regards to the process or when the results will be announced I would direct you to Janelle or Steven.

CASA Policy Committee

The first CASA Policy Committee meeting was held via teleconference on July 10th. At this meeting a number of working groups were set up to deal with the policy initiatives that the membership has decided on for the year. The working groups are as follows:

- CSGP/RAP (Canada Student Grant Program/Repayment Assistance Plan)
- Pan-Canadian Accord Strategy
- Academic Materials/Textbooks/Copyright
- Access (identifying gaps in current policy)
- International Students
- Aboriginal Student Issues

I will be participating in the academic materials working group. As always, if you have any questions or would just like to sit down and talk about CASA let me know and I will be happy to meet with you.

University of Western Heads West

The University Students' Council executive from the University of Western Ontario is once again venturing out west to visit U of A, U of C and UBC. They will be visiting our executive this Wednesday and Thursday and we will be discussing a range of topics including advocacy, programming and student life, SUB expansion, and student engagement.

Team VPA/VPX (AX)

John and I are continuing to discuss many of the issues that are shared between our portfolios. Advocacy within CoFA is one area that we have been discussing quite extensively in the past few days. John has kindly offered me a session at the upcoming CoFA retreat to talk about advocacy and the interaction between the SU and CoFA. I am looking forward to talking with CoFA members and getting their input on a number of issues surrounding the very broad topic of 'advocacy'.

CAUS Meeting (July 26th in Calgary)

As many of you probably know, the location of the CAUS meetings circulates between all of our member schools. As the last meeting was in Edmonton Janelle, Chris Henderson and I will be driving to Calgary for the next meeting which happens to be on this coming weekend. I shall provide an update as to what we discuss at this meeting in my next report.

EAS (Edmonton Alliance of Students)

We have finally found a date that works for all three of our executive teams! I am pleased to announce that – should everything go according to plan – the first meeting of the EAS will be held on August 13th and will include all the executive members from MacEwan, NAIT and U of A. A second meeting will follow shortly thereafter on August 26th between the Presidents and Vice President Externals to further discuss priorities for the year.

Meetings with Senior Admin.

Janelle and I have had several meetings with members from the senior university administration over the past few days. Most of our discussions surrounded priorities for the year and how best to collaborate with the university on shared initiatives (always remembering, of course, that there will be issues in which we will be on opposite sides of an argument and others that we agree to disagree on).

Exec Retreat

On Friday July 18th the executive, Bill and Catherine “took the day off” and went to Bill’s house for an exec retreat. This provided an excellent opportunity to get out of the office for the day and deal with a number of current issues and items that needed discussion. This past Friday we all participated in part of the filming for the administration presentation for Orientation which included all of us skipping and holding hands – what a team!

Associate Vice President External (AVPX)

Karen is continuing her work on the High School Leadership Conference, CPAC and Housing Week. If you would like to be involved in any of these wonderful events/CPAC please contact Karen at avpex@su.ualberta.ca

FREE PANCAKES WITH NASA!

Now I know you are thinking “How cool is that? The National Aeronautics and Space Administration is coming all this way to make me pancakes!”, but NASA here at U of A stands for Non-Academic Staff Association. They will be holding a pancake breakfast tomorrow from 6:00 – 12:00 in Quad. The breakfast is to celebrate their 30th Birthday and I would encourage any councillors who are on campus to go say hello and get some free pancakes (at least I think they are free.. apologies if, for some reason, they are not).

I would love to hear your ideas and goals for the year and help you out in any way I can, If you would like to grab a coffee and chat about what you would like to accomplish as a councillor this year let me know and I will set aside some time to meet with you.

Cheers,
Beverly