

**July 16th, 2024
6:00 P.M.
Cascade Room/Zoom**

The University of Alberta and the University of Alberta Students' Union occupy Indigenous land in amiskwacîswâskahikan (Beaver Hills House), on Treaty 6 territory. From time immemorial, the banks along the river valley have been known as the Pehonan, a meeting place for the nêhiyawak (Cree), the Niitsítapi (Blackfoot), Métis, Dènesų́łíné (Dene), Ojibway/Saulteaux/Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee and others. The University, the Students' Union and much of the city are located on the unlawfully stolen land of the forcibly removed Papaschase Cree.

We acknowledge that sharing this land gives each of us the responsibility to research the historic contexts of Treaty 6, to reflect on our personal relationships to the land, the Nations we've named, and to our roles in upholding justice on this territory. Since they began, the Students' Union and the University have benefited from historic and ongoing dispossession of land and resources from Indigenous Peoples. As a result, it is our responsibility to seek the restitution of this land and its resources. Finally, we seek to do better by working to make our learning, research, and governance align with the histories, languages, teachings, and cultures of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Peoples in the land presently occupied by the Canadian state.

We encourage critical reflection by asking the following question. In relation to the territory on which you are situated, what role do you play in strengthening the resistance and resurgence of Indigenous students within your communities?

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Vice President External Report

Description of the Information Item

Vice President External Report for July 16th, 2024 Council Meeting

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Date: 07/16/2024

To: Students' Union Council

Re: Vice President External 24/25 Report #3

Yahoo Council,

I hope you're having a good summer. As you will see in my report, it has been a busy few weeks since the last council meeting.

Calgary Stampede:

The Stampede is Alberta's largest annual political event, bringing together people from across the province and making student representation vital. During my five days in Calgary, I met with over 40 MLAs and several MPs to discuss student concerns and aspirations for the future. I also worked with student leaders from across Canada to ensure that, after the summer break, students remain a priority for both the government and the opposition.

I had the opportunity to meet with the Premier several times, along with 20 other cabinet ministers, both provincially and federally, ensuring our voices were heard at the highest levels. I also engaged in detailed conversations with Naheed Nenshi, the new leader of the Alberta NDP. While our discussions with MLAs were often brief, they were essential in humanizing the student movement and reinforcing our role as key stakeholders, paving the way for more in-depth policy discussions in the future. President Glock joined me for two days, further strengthening our efforts.

We attended various events hosted by major provincial and federal parties, including the Premier's Pancake Breakfast, the South Calgary UCP Stampede Breakfast, George Chahal's Stampede Breakfast, and the Alberta NDP's Pancake Breakfast. Additionally, we supported women in politics at Equal Voice Calgary's Stampede reception and attended many other events organized by Government Relations and Public affairs groups.

Some of the most impactful conversations were with Minister Sawhney and her Chief of Staff, Sarah Amiry; I met with them several times over the five days. I look forward to building a strong relationship with the Advanced Education Ministry in the coming months.

CAUS Policy Conference:

President Glock and I attended the CAUS Policy Conference, where we established CAUS advocacy priorities for the year. This conference brings together student associations and unions from across the province to share the perspectives and needs of their students. The UASU presented our priorities, which were developed through consultations with the executives, councillors, and other stakeholders.

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The conference proved fruitful as we engaged with fellow student leaders and highlighted that the challenges faced by students at the University of Alberta resonate with those across the province.

Global and Mail Interview about Housing:

Housing in Edmonton has become a significant issue, with rent for a two-bedroom unit increasing by over \$380 in the last two years. This rise in rental costs is the biggest reason students rely on the Campus Food Bank. Many need help with rising expenses, with 11% skipping meals twice a week. I emphasized the urgent need for more affordable, multi-bedroom housing to help students share costs. You can find the full article [here](#).

City Council Public Hearing:

The City of Edmonton is working on district planning and recently held a public hearing. I spoke at this hearing, giving students perspective and emphasizing the urgent need for affordable housing and reliable transit as top priorities in our planning efforts. You can listen to my comments [here](#), starting at 1:45:10.

Met with Michael Janz:

President Glock, VP Flaman, and I met with City Councillor Michael Janz to discuss various important topics. We discussed the city's current initiatives and what the Student Union plans to focus on in the coming months. Our discussion also included identifying potential areas where the SU and the city could collaborate effectively to benefit the students.

Flix Bus:

VP Alva and I met with the City of Camrose to discuss collaboration on the FlixBus and explore the support we can receive from them. We discussed utilizing their communication channels to promote the bus, ensuring its long-term viability after the pilot program. We'll also meet with other stakeholders soon to continue progressing this initiative.

CASA Committees:

I attended the first meeting of the National Advocacy Committee (NAC), where I was elected vice chair. I plan to work closely with the committee on advocacy initiatives. Additionally, we held the inaugural meeting of the Election 45 Committee in preparation for next year's upcoming federal elections, which will involve a significant amount of work. I'm looking forward to working on these committees.

UPASS:

As the UPASS negotiations are underway, we met with other student associations from Edmonton to discuss how to proceed and collaborate.

CASA Policy and Strategy Conference:

President Glock and I are currently in Toronto for the CASA Policy and Strategy Conference. We are highlighting the most critical issues for our students. This conference is crucial for establishing our advocacy priorities for the year and addressing the issues that matter most to our students.

Thank you for reading this report. As always, if you have any questions, concerns, or thoughts or if you'd like to get involved, please don't hesitate reach out.

Regards,



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Vice-President External 2024-25

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Vice-President Operations & Finance written report to council

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Is there anything else that you would like to include?

No.

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To: Students' Council
Re: Council Report

Introduction

Hey Council! We're already 20.77% of the way throughout our term and boy does time fly when you're attempting to grow non-student revenue to reduce the reliance on student revenue to fund our services, pursuing more deals and discounts for our undergraduate student membership, and negotiating big multi-year deals with external parties (among other things). Here are some of the things I have been working on recently and other miscellaneous updates.

Visiting other campuses

I alluded to this a bit in my oral report at our last meeting but after the annual [Studentcare Stakeholder Meeting](#) that Renson and I attended in Montreal back in May, I took the opportunity while out east to:

- Take some vacation time to explore a few cities I have never been to before, and
- Visit a handful of campuses/student associations to look around and chat/network with counterparts there in an effort to:
 - Learn more in-depth about the types of services they offer their students/members to see if there is anything they do that we could adopt here to improve our services,
 - Learn more about the businesses they run (if any, not all of them do) to see if they offer more products/services or just run more efficiently that we could mimic, and
 - Give me an opportunity to pitch some of our digital initiatives (such as [SUTV](#) and [UASU Perks](#)) to bring on more partners as clients; thus increasing our non-student revenue which is something I very specifically campaigned on this year.
 - As an aside, I recently learned that SUTV is now in use at six institutions including ours, and UASU Perks is currently in use at four institutions, with another three which should be ready to launch at their institutions soon.

Here are some of the noteworthy things I saw while I was there:

- [Carleton University Students' Association](#) (CUSA)
 - [Their coffeehouse \(Rooster's\)](#) has an [exceptional selection](#) of halal and vegetarian options clearly denoted on their in-person menu (though not online). But speaking of online, you can [order online](#)! And you can save \$40 by bringing your own container ([compared to our \\$25](#)).
 - Their [campus bar \(Ollie's Pub & Patio\)](#) has a patio (which Dewey's currently does not but is something we're looking at adding)! In addition to pool tables (which Dewey's has), they also have [dartboards](#) (which Dewey's does not)! And they were popular too.

- While there, I chatted briefly with my counterpart - Vice-President Finance & Secretary-Treasurer Sam Easby - about CUSA's interesting in constructing a building of their own and moving out of the Nideyinàn Building. Was able to share some perspectives I gained while going through the Real Estate Certificate program through the Alberta School of Business and offered to lend a hand in any way I could.
- Not CUSA-run, but there's also a [24-hour staff-less convenience store](#) in the building; which was interesting as that's something I've been wanting to implement at SUBmart somehow as there isn't really anything for late-night food once the last of the food court vendors closes at 10pm (although it wouldn't have to be staff-less per se as there's another campus further down that has a staffed 24-hour convenience store).
- [University of Ottawa Students' Union](#) (UOSU | SÉUO)
 - In the lower level of the Jock Turcot University Centre (their SUB), there is a stage area similar to SUBstage but with tiered [amphitheater-style](#) seating. Potentially something for the SUB Planning Committee to consider when they revisit the SUB Master Plan this year?
 - They also have a set of [Amazon pick-up lockers](#) which is something I had pushed for at the time our [Canada Post](#) outlet inside SUBmart was [closed](#) (which ultimately was never adopted and now we have two others on campus; St. Joseph's Residence and Lister Centre).
- [University of Toronto Students Union](#) (UTSU)
 - In the lower level of their [newly-renovated space](#) is bookable multi-purpose space (not unlike a lecture hall) for their student groups to make use of.
 - [Bikechain](#) (which is not a UTSU service but is housed in their building) is a similar service to our [Bike Library & Workshop](#) in that they offer bicycle rentals for students and an on-site mechanic to provide guidance for students who need to do minor repairs on their own bikes. What they offer (that we don't) is that by appointment on Fridays, they also offer drop-off repairs where the mechanic will work on the bike for you (for a fee of course) which might be easier or more convenient than trying to haul it to a bike shop.
 - Not UTSU-related but in their bookstore, they carry UofT-branded apparel made by [Roots](#), [OVO](#) and [Peace Collective](#). This is something similar we saw at UBC's bookstore last year, which sells [UBC-branded Lululemon](#) apparel. I don't recall seeing anything similar at the UAlberta bookstore so if there is an untapped demand for something of a higher quality that we can bring into SUBmart, there may be an opportunity there.
- Western [University Students' Council](#) (USC)
 - They have a coffee shop / tavern called [The Spoke](#) (which has a [pretty nice patio](#)), and a restaurant / lounge called [The Wave](#) (which is [quite large](#) and has a stage for events & live music). The [burger](#) I had there was also exceptionally good. Both [The Spoke](#) and [The Wave](#) offer online ordering through (which I've been told is something we're working to implement at Daily Grind and Dewey's - might not make as much sense at Room at the Top or RATT on the Patio being they're only open one day per week).

- In the lower level of their building, they have a [miniature shopping mall](#) (not unlike if the retail level of HUB Mall was in SUB instead). Similar to SUB, they have a pharmacy and an eyeglasses shop. But unlike SUB, they also have a small grocery store, chiropractor, dental clinic, and a barber shop (among other things).
- Not USC-related but at their bookstore, they also sell [Lululemon](#) and [Columbia](#) apparel with Western University Branding; more “premium” offerings similar to UBC and UofT. They also sell [assorted body parts](#) which I thought was absolutely hilarious.
- University of Guelph [Central Student Association](#) (CSA)
 - Their [campus coffee shop](#) ([The Bullring](#)), has a [nice cozy atmosphere](#) with a small stage for live music. Their menu is also decent and their price-points are impressive for the portions given that it is a one-off business run by a student association of their size.
 - While run by the [university](#) and not the student association, their [campus pub](#) ([Brass Taps](#)) also had pretty impressive price-points for a majority of their menu. They also have rotating daily specials advertising several weeks in advance along with “everyday value eats” (all-day happy hour pricing essentially).
- [Conestoga Students Inc.](#) (CSI)
 - Wasn’t there for very long and it was later in the afternoon so their office was already closed, but shoutout to CSI President [Nelson Chukwuma](#) who I only recently learned was chosen as this year’s [CAUS Chair](#).
 - Was only on campus to purchase a local-area transit card but while at their bookstore, I spotted an advertisement for Monster Energy; [2 for \\$7](#). Made me curious as to what price they were purchasing from Coca-Cola Canada at which enabled them to offer a multi-buy deal and still earn a profit (if they were at all). Multi-buy deals like that are typically only seen at the larger national convenience store or supermarket chains because of the buying power that comes with being that large (and hence why I’m still continuing my work on creating a Group Purchasing Organization I began last year to leverage that “power in numbers” principle).
- [Waterloo University Students’ Association](#) (WUSA)
 - Due to mounting losses at their campus pub The Bombshelter Pub, WUSA [closed it down](#) in 2018. This as students across the country are, in general, leaving campus earlier (i.e. not hanging around as much after class - especially commuter schools like ours) and [drinking less alcohol](#). After staying closed for a while, they reopened it as a publicly-accessible [student study space](#). Since the kitchen is still there (and much of the equipment was never removed), last summer they tried a smashburger pop-up which was reasonably successful so they brought it back again this year (which was [quite good](#) especially for the price). As much as [I disagreed](#) with the closure of Room at the Top as a six-day-a-week bar and converted into a bookable event space (similar to Dinwoodie Lounge) that was open to the public one-day-a-week on Fridays, the numbers after the fact just make sense. Because we aren’t competing with ourselves as much as we once were (e.g. Dewey’s is mostly full most evenings rather than having two half-empty bars), Dewey’s is back in the black.

- [WUSA](#) also operates the [FEDBUS](#); a paid shuttle service that ferries students between Waterloo and Toronto - not unlike how we have been trying to find a solution to get students between North Campus in Edmonton and Augustana Campus in Camrose since the pilot program of the Camrose Connector ended. Trying to help out the ASA last year, I had attempted to get more information on that program from their president (who was pretty helpful) and their Head of Operations (who was not). But this year thanks to Vice-President Student Life Renson Alva, we seem to be on track for a [new pilot program](#) coming up and hopefully that turns into a long-term permanent solution.
- As I alluded to earlier, [WUSA](#) also operates a 24-hour *staffed* convenience store called the [Flock Stop](#). Being open 24-hours is awesome in and of itself, but their product selection (given their tiny retail footprint) is even more impressive. They even offer discounts to their [Instagram followers](#) (similar to what we do for UASU members on Mondays if they use UASU Perks).
- Not WUSA-run, but the [Graduate House](#) (the campus pub run by the Waterloo Graduate Students' Association) has a [Street Fighter II](#) arcade cabinet. [The Gallery Patio & Lounge](#) in the AMS Nest at UBC [also had one](#) plus a couple of other games and a football table when we were there last August. I'd like to get something similar in Dewey's or Room at the Top (if there was sufficient demand anyway).
- While I didn't get to see any of the UWaterloo residences in person, I did learn after I returned that while the university itself operates [several residence halls](#), the [Waterloo Co-operative Residence Inc.](#) actually operates several more and is currently the largest student co-operative in North America. As per the [Real Estate News EXchange](#): "At 57%, Waterloo has the highest percentage of off-campus purpose-built student accommodations of any city in Canada" which I thought to be fascinating as one of my campaign goals this year was to look into solutions to address student housing affordability and improve one (or more) of the [types of homelessness](#) that students may face during their time as a student here. While that goal initially began as building or buying a new student residence (similar to how the [UASU built HUB Mall](#) back in the 60's/70's), there might also be other solutions worth looking into such as a model akin to the WCRI or some form of Real Estate Investment Trust (Michael Janz's idea actually) with the UASU as the sole beneficiary.
- Not WUSA or Waterloo related but while in the area, I walked over to Wilfred Laurier University as well. It was later in the afternoon so their campus bar [Wilf's](#) was already closed for the day (as they only open for lunch on weekdays during the spring/summer), and their [food court](#) was shut down for the academic break (and also quite dated IMO). They do have a student association-run [print centre](#) similar to our SUBprint though (which was also closed early). And their bookstore also sells [Roots-branded Laurier apparel](#) similar to a couple of other schools.
- Personal / Non-Work related
 - Some of the non-work related things I did while out east (using vacation days and not while being paid to be clear) include:

- [Hanging out with Renson](#) and climbing Mont Royal in Montréal (while getting severely sunburned),
- Subsisting almost entirely on [Montreal-style bagels](#),
- Visiting the [Bank of Canada Museum](#) and learning more about money,
- Sleeping in an [actual cell](#) from a former jail,
- Having an Iced Rose Latte made by a robot at [Muji](#) while souvenir shopping,
- Getting the brand new [Toronto Blue Jays](#) City Connect jersey and going to my first-ever Jays Game at Skydome,
- Going up to the top of the [CN Tower](#), and
- [Catching up](#) with a childhood friend for the first time since they got married and moved out east to Ontario.

All in all, I feel the time spent out there was well worth it. The networking and relationship building that started with Studentcare in Montreal and continued as I met (or tried to meet) with counterparts again afterward should prove invaluable as I continue to pitch our products like UASU Perks and SUTV in an effort to grow our non-student revenue sources; and thus decrease the reliance on student-revenue from our membership (whether that takes the form of frozen or lower SU Membership Fees or lower prices in our UASU businesses in the future remains to be seen).

Seeing how other student association businesses have implemented things such as online ordering or dietary restriction-accommodating menu offerings (which are [often](#) asked for [here](#) and/or [promised](#) by VPOF [candidates](#) here) makes it easier to come back and push staff on when precedents have already been set elsewhere.

And the non-work days where I could ease up and recharge the batteries a bit (as I hadn't taken any vacation time since last June as I used up my entire allotment during my Japan trip early on) ensured I could come back ready to roll.

Coca-Cola Canada

Last Tuesday, I had the opportunity to sit in on our bi-annual meeting between the UASU, the university and Coca-Cola Canada. Most of the meeting was a review of our sales numbers across campus and some new product launches, but there was also some discussion of upgrading aging vending equipment across campus, discussion of some opportunities throughout the year - including but not limited to bringing in the [Hug Machine](#) to events like Residence Move-In or Week of Welcome, possibilities for increasing over-the-counter (i.e. non-vending) sales at Campus Saint-Jean (potentially with AUFSJ or ARFSJ), and then the upcoming Single-Source Cold Beverage Agreement renewal.

Universal Transit Pass (U-Pass) Discussions

Monday marked the first day of U-Pass renewal discussions between the student associations who belong to the U-Pass Program, (UASU, SAMU, NAITSA, SANQC and the CSA), the institutions

(UAlberta, Macewan, NAIT, Norquest and Concordia University of Edmonton), and the transit authorities (Edmonton Transit, St. Albert Transit, Strathcona County, Fort Saskatchewan, Spruce Grove, Leduc and Beaumont).

Tuesday morning Renson, Marc, Jon and I will be meeting with the other student associations at SAMU (in their fantastic new building no less) to further solidify the position of the students side and ensure we are all on the same page and making the same ask presenting a unified caucus when we go back to the table with Edmonton Transit and the others on Thursday morning. During the elections this year, I pledged to do everything I can to ensure the negotiated deal provides maximum value for our members and I intend to see that through. As Marc likes to say; “we are working on behalf of our students and what works best for our members - not on behalf of ETS and what works best for them.”

Miscellaneous (Edmonton Oilers)

We’ve had three weeks for the heartbreak to sink in at this point but as we’re all aware by now, the Edmonton Oilers lost Game 7 of the Stanley Cup Finals against the Florida Panthers 1-2 on June 25th in Sunrise, Florida.

While unsuccessful in their attempt at a sixth Stanley Cup, it is still an impressive feat to finish the regular season with a good enough record to make the playoffs (which was in doubt until their nearly record-setting [16-game win streak](#) which began on December 21st), win the twelve games required to make it to the final (four in the first round against Los Angeles, four in the second round against Vancouver, and four in the conference finals against Dallas), then win three more in the finals to force game 7 (which came after they lost the first three and had to claw back from an [o-3 deficit](#)).

Even though the end result of the season is not how we hoped it would turn out, I would still like to recognize the players, coaches, and front office staff that contributed to this season.

Roster

Forwards

#10 Derek Ryan	#13 Mattias Janmark	#18 Zach Hyman	#19 Adam Henrique
#21 Adam Erne	#26 Lane Pederson	#28 Connor Brown	#29 Leon Draisaitl
#37 Warren Foegele	#39 Sam Carrick	#54 Xavier Bourgault	#55 Dylan Holloway
#62 Raphael Lavoie	#71 Ryan McLeod	#89 Sam Gagner	#90 Corey Perry
#91 Evander Kane	#93 Ryan Nugent-Hopkins	#97 Connor McDavid	

Defensemen

#2 Evan Bouchard	#5 Cody Ceci	#6 Ben Gleason	#14 Mattias Ekholm
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#25 Darnell Nurse	#27 Brent Kulak	#51 Troy Stecher	#73 Vincent Desharnais
#76 Philip Kemp	#85 Cam Dineen	#86 Philip Broberg	

Goalies

#30 Calvin Pickard	#35 Olivier Rodrigue	#36 Jack Campbell	#74 Stuart Skinner
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Hockey Operations

Jeff Jackson CEO, Hockey Operations & Alternate Governor	Paul Coffey Special Advisor to Owner & Chairman
Ken Holland General Manager & President Of Hockey Operations	Bob Nicholson Special Advisor & Alternate Governor, Hockey Operations
Keith Gretzky Assistant General Manager - GM, Bakersfield Condors	Bill Scott Assistant General Manager - Salary Cap & Hockey Operations
Brad Holland Assistant General Manager - Director, Professional Scouting	Kalle Larsson Senior Director, Player Development
Rick Pracey Director, Amateur Scouting	Bob Green Chief Amateur Scout
Kris Knoblauch Head Coach	Glen Gulutzan Assistant Coach
Mark Stuart Assistant Coach	Dustin Schwartz Goaltending Coach
Noah Segall Video Coach	David Pelletier Skating Coach
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Justin Mahe Manager, Hockey Analytics	Shaun Mahe Coordinator, Hockey Development
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Brad Harrison Assistant Equipment Manager	Shane Olmsted Assistant Equipment Manager
Chris Davie Assistant Athletic Therapist	Ryan Williams Physical Therapist
Stephen Lines Massage Therapist	Chad Drummond Head Strength & Conditioning Coach
Joel Jackson Assistant Strength & Conditioning Coach	Jeff Cubos Consulting Chiropractor
Joey Moss Dressing Room Attendant, Once An Oiler Always An Oiler	

Final fun fact; there was an “[abundance of UofA connections on display in \(the\) 2024 Stanley Cup Final](#)” this year, including Head Coach Kris Knoblauch who played five seasons with Golden Bears Hockey and graduated from the University of Alberta in 2004 with a Bachelor of Education.

Regards,

 

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Vice-President Operations and Finance 2023-25
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To: Students Council

Re: Vice President Student Life Report #3

Executive Goals and Govcamp

I have been working alongside the executives to complete our executive goals for the upcoming year and provide a comprehensive presentation to council. It was also great to chat and talk about some of Council's priorities during Govcamp. Shoutout to Malijha for leading an informative session on writing meaningful Land Acknowledgments and Robel for the discussion on how to include everyone in decision making and leadership.

Flixbus Update

I met with Miron (ASA President) to discuss potential start dates for the bus pilot project and subsidies for students. There are more meetings to come with UofA Facilities and Operations staff as we work to secure parking spots on campus for the bus as well as finalize the pilot project agreement between the parties involved.

SU Hiring

I was a part of the hiring committee for the role of Manager of Reconciliation, Inclusion and Sustainability at the SU. This role will allow us to align with the SU's sustainability, social responsibility and equity seeking practices.

U-Pass Negotiations

U-Pass negotiations are currently underway with ETS. The VPOF, SU Manager and I have been working to gather and analyze ETS student rider data to negotiate the best deal for students. We want to bring forward the student perspective of taking transit in meetings with ETS with a key focus on safety, accessibility and affordability.

CoFA Member Services Board

The Council of Faculty Associations (CoFA) Member Services Board had our second meeting in July. We discussed the adoption of the Rutherford food pantry by student groups. Members also shared updates from each of their respective portfolios.

SU Committees

As a part of the Finance Committee, we recently appointed 2 student-at-large members. I am also on the Social Media sub-committee where we are working on our goals for the year. Policy committee was unable to meet quorum this week but I am working to ensure we update our student statistics to renew our Mental Health Policy later in the Fall.

Orientation / WoW

I was a student panelist at Family Orientation on Saturday, July 13th and we had over 150 attendees comprising parents and students. Lots of good questions were answered and I was happy to promote the SU's role on campus and the opportunities we provide for new students to be involved across student governance and other roles at the SU. Planning for the Indigenous flag raising ceremony at Campus Kickoff has also been completed and we will have Indigenous performers as well.

Regards,



Renson Alva

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