

October 8, 2015

To: SU Council

From: Guv'na Khan

Re: BoG Report for October 13, 2015 Meeting

Safety, Health, and Environment Committee Meeting (September 30, 2015)

The changes to the terms of reference for BSHEC were successfully passed. The last step would be for the changes to be approved at the General Board Meeting. Here are some of the additions made:

Provide oversight regarding student health and wellness initiatives and strategies on campus:

- (i) review and approve University policies and procedures relating to student health and wellness issues;**
- (ii) receive for information, review and provide recommendations on management or other reports relating to student wellness trends and initiatives at the University;**
- (iii) receive for information, review and provide recommendations on management-led and other campus strategies and programs to create a wellness culture for University students;**
- (iv) monitor University compliance with all relevant student health and wellness legislation, regulations and University policies and procedures; and**
- (v) consider matters pertaining to the University's interaction with government departments or agencies, such as other post-secondary institutions, dealing with student health and wellness.**

Also, BSHEC will provide advice to the President, through the Chair of the Board Human Resources and Compensation Committee, with respect to the responsibilities and performance (in relation thereto) of those Vice Presidents whose responsibilities are within the mandate of the Committee.

Learning and Discovery Committee Meeting (October 1, 2015)

The Student Union and Graduate Student Association (GSA) both had presentations about their goals for the school year. President Khinda presented for the Student Union; if you are curious about how it went she would be best to answer that.

What I found most interesting about the GSA presentation was their stance on tuition. This is from Colin More's (GSA President) presentation:

- **The GSA supports tuition increase directly tied to the Alberta Consumer Price Index**, and opposes across-the-board graduate student tuition increases to the international student tuition differential beyond that
- **The GSA opposes the introduction of new market modifiers** that are not part of an agreed upon regulatory framework and meaningful consultation
- **The GSA opposes the introduction of new Mandatory Non-Instructional Fees or increases to any Mandatory Non-Instructional Fees beyond the Alberta Consumer Price Index** that does not result from an agreed upon regulatory framework

A portion of Colin's presentation that may affect undergraduate students negatively involved their goals relating to housing. This is from the presentation:

- Advocate for quality graduate student housing
- **Improve housing opportunities**, maintenance, and services for graduate students living on University residences

My concern had to do with improving the number of spaces for graduate students may mean less space for undergraduate students. In particular, the graduate student residence houses non-graduate students which include Law students and Medicine & Dentistry students. If the GSA is serious about advocating for more space, the Graduate Residence would appear to be a logical place to start. I don't think this is a serious concern but maybe something to pay attention to.