

August 9th, 2012

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Council

Hey Council,

Before I proceed with my report, I would like to acknowledge that our university and our Students' Union are on Indigenous land. Specifically: Cree, Saulteaux, Metis, Blackfoot, and Nakota Sioux.

They are faculty, staff, students, family, and friends, and they are still here. I acknowledge that we meet on treaty 6 territory. That treaty governs the relationship between first-nations and non-first nations citizens. I am thankful for this opportunity for us to meet on this land today. This statement will be included at the front of my report to council until either the time that my term ends, or Council moves to make a similar statement available for public viewing.

It's good to be back in Edmonton!

My time in Quebec was excellent, but I'm happy to be back. Not an awful lot to report at the moment. I've attended a few meetings over the last few days. Of note was the joint Bylaw-ERC committee meeting held last Tuesday. We discussed the idea of working together more closely when formulating legislation, and also discussed some of the reasoning behind there being two separate committees. No final decisions were made, but the discussion was quite thought-provoking, and it is likely that we will have another similar meeting in the future to continue the talks.

Now that I'm back, I'm going to continue my exploration of the University's investments, and also set up some sort of meeting with stakeholders/councilors regarding a statement by the SU

acknowledging its operations take place on indigenous land. As I've stated before, I feel it's important that the SU chose to not remain silent in acknowledging the people who lived here and still live here, and upon whose land we base our operations. If you are interested in meeting to discuss the SU taking such a stand, do not hesitate to be in touch.

That's about it for now. I'm eager to hit the books again and get into another year of school. The new school year means Council meetings will tend to be more active, and BoG meetings will recommence. I'm feeling refreshed from Quebec, and very much looking forward to diving in head first!

In Solidarity,

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