

July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012

To: Students Council

Re: Report of the Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative

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Hello 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.

Bonjour again from Quebec! I should be attending next week's Council meeting via Skype. In the meantime, I have a few things to update you folks on.

### **Acknowledgment of Indigenous land**

It has come to my attention that the Students' Union has not recognized that its operations take place on the land of indigenous people. I feel it is important the Students' Union take time to acknowledge the First Peoples who lived – and still live – on these lands. It is important that the Students Union recognize this, just as the University has. When I return from Quebec, I will look to remedy this concern with other concerned members of Council. If anyone is interested in working with me and other councilors to brainstorm the best way for the SU to permanently acknowledge the First Peoples who lived here, please feel free to get in touch.

**BoG Blog is finally ready for posts!**

The tech folks finally had time to get my blog ready for posting. All I have to do now is figure out how to use the content management system, and get writing! I'm thinking I will use the blog for my general thoughts about the university, the SU, and all things related. I'm not sure what my first blog post will be about just yet, but hopefully I will get something up before this upcoming Council meeting.

That's it for now. As always, if you have any questions, concerns, or comments, please feel free to get in contact with me. See you all soon!

In Solidarity,

**Brent Kelly**

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