

July 16th, 2013

**To:** Students' Council

**Re:** Report to Council

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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.

Not too much to report! Meetings of the Board will not resume until the fall semester, so it's pretty quiet on the BoG front from my perspective.

There is one development of interest, however. Just today we got a letter from the Deputy Minister of Enterprise and Advanced Education indicating that the *Alberta Public Agencies Governance Act* had been proclaimed. Apparently this Act is in accordance with the Public Agencies Governance Framework adopted in 2008.

I haven't had a good chance to examine the *Act*, but I imagine its purpose is to provide better oversight and damage-control for public boards; this has been a difficult spot for the government lately. You can check out the *Act* here: <http://www.qp.alberta.ca/documents/Acts/A31P5.pdf>.

In Solidarity,

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