

November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012**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.

As always, it's been a busy few weeks what with midterms, papers, a fierce headcold, and a BURC and BHSEC meeting. I'll share here a few details of what was discussed in the Board University Relations Committee (BURC) meeting this past Monday.

We welcomed Christopher Pu, the new NASA BoG representative, as an observer to the BURC meeting. Unfortunately, he hadn't yet received his appointment from the Ministry of Advanced Education & Technology, so he wasn't allowed to vote. Hopefully his appointment will be coming soon, especially since he's been waiting on it since sometime in October. Myself, Colten, and Ashlyn all faced similar lengthy delays in our appointments from the Minister's office. Hopefully the process of approving Board members to their duly elected/appointed positions will become more efficient soon.

Following that, we received updates from the VP External Relations and the VP Advancement on various awareness-raising initiatives the University is engaging in to raise its profile. Upon asking, I was glad to hear that that the University is taking steps to ensure students are being included in these initiatives as much as possible.

We also received an updated from the VP Advancement, VP External, and Acting Provost on updates to the university's honorific naming policy. There was a good deal of meaningful discussion and Q & A surrounding the new policies which are coming through the works, and I'm looking forward to discussing it at the Board level after approval from BURC sometime in the next few months.

Other than that, not too much else worth mentioning here was covered. As always, if you have any questions, concerns, or comments, do not hesitate to be in touch.

In Solidarity,

**Brent Kelly**

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