

February 5<sup>th</sup>, 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.

To raise awareness of the SU and the upcoming elections, I decided to set up a 'meet your representative' table in SUB. The first tabling session was a success so I decided to table again this week. Apparently the Grant MscEwan SU have mandatory tabling sessions for their representatives throughout the year. Given the positive response my tabling has been getting, maybe our SU should look at establishing a similar program.

This coming Friday I have a meeting of the Board and the Budget Finance & Property Committee (BFPC). I'm really looking forward to it, as we'll likely be discussing the provincial budget.

Hopefully the provincial government will find the courage to keep post-secondary education as accessible to Albertans as possible. But, frankly, given this government's track record, I'm not terribly optimistic.

Regardless, I'm glad to have the opportunity to have an active role in the conversation at the Board level. Hopefully we'll have the opportunity to discuss executive compensation here at the U of A – some serious work needs to be done to curtail inflationary salaries within our administration.

That's about it for now. I'm looking forward to seeing you folks at Council. As always, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please do not hesitate to be in touch.

In Solidarity,

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