

July 9th, 2012

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Council

Bonjour Council!

I don't have too much to report at this time, as the meetings of the Board of Governors have ceased until September, as is regular. I am also currently in Quebec until the end of July on the Explore Program. It's an excellent federal program that allows you to take some time to learn one of Canada's two languages. If you're interested in checking in learning French, I would highly recommend checking it out. I've set aside a lot of time on this trip to engage in some strategic planning for the Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative Position. Besides this, I do have a few items to update Council on.

Safe Spaces/Sensitivity Training for Council Retreat

I've been in communication with some on-campus experts in the fields of Safe Spaces/Sensitivity training. I feel confident that we will be able to include a component of training in this regard at the next Council Retreat. I feel this is important because, as elected representatives, we represent students and serve as their voice to the government, administration, and community. As such, it is very important that we have a high level of awareness for diversity.

Council Meeting Accessibility

Myself and other councillors are continuing to push for accessible council meetings. At this point progress has been made in policy development, but it will likely be some time before we have well-developed policies and infrastructure to ensure Council is as accessible as possible during meetings.

Ethical Finances and the University

At the last Board of Governors meeting, I asked whether there are any stipulations for ethical considerations for the university's investments. I've been doing some research into ethical investments, as I want to be sure that the investments of the University are in line with high degrees of ethical standards. At this point, I have no reason to believe they aren't, but it concerns me greatly that there are no University policies in place stipulating an ethical standard for investing. I will continue to investigate this issue.

That's it for now. As always, if you have any questions, concerns, or comments, please feel free to contact me using the information below.

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