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To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Students' Council

Hello Council,

After four years on council, I can officially say that this is my last written report to Council! It has been an honor to serve as the President of the University of Alberta Students' Union. It has been a busy time at the University of Alberta. Please find an update on my work below.

University

Protest

As you all know, there was a protest on Friday April 6 where hundreds of students, staff, and faculty braced the -25 weather to stand in opposition to the recently passed budget by the University of Alberta, Board of Governors. Given that the concerns from the campus community continue to be ignored by senior administration, we now call on the Government of Alberta to not accept the budget presented by the University.

Board of Governors

Although another meeting of the Board of Governors has not been called, I did sit in on a teleconference which was intended to update the Board of the "situation" at the University. I have a Board Finance and Property Committee meeting on April 18.

External

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VP Larsen and I attended the Council of Alberta University Students' Advocacy Week. It was a great week of meetings where we talked to government and opposition about post secondary issues. A personal favorite moment was when a Government Minister asked for an update on the UofA situation and told me that she would be surprised if the government accepted the budget given all the opposition from students, staff, and faculty. VP Larsen can update more.

Media

Myself as well as the Vice-Presidents have been doing several media interviews about what is happening at the University of Alberta in regards to budget cuts and cost increases.

Internal

We are creating an internal political code of conduct for our staff, which is intended to make sure the organization stays non-partisan.

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Myself and the other Vice-Presidents have been focusing on transition as much as possible during this busy time with University advocacy. I am very pleased that many of the incoming vice-presidents have been fully participatory in University advocacy strategy thus far.

Closing Remarks

My Winter semester office hours will be Tuesdays from 12:00PM-1:00PM in SUB 2-900! Feel free to drop by if you have any questions or would like to discuss anything.

Thank you for reading my report and happy to answer any questions you may have.

Marina Banister
UASU President