

Date: 13/09/2018
To: Students' Union Council
Re: President 2018/19 Report

Dear Council,

Hey folks! Long time no report! This week has been surprisingly busy, even have a full day Saturday! Been really happy to spend a lot of time on campus though!

Honourable Premier Notely Visit & Announcement



Premier Notely Visits UASU 2018

We were thrilled to be visited by the right Honorable Premier Notely on Thursday. The Premier and Minister Schmidt were on campus to announce 400 new tech-related seats for students across the province, 25 of which will go towards after education in computer science at the UofA. The first step on province-wide capacity, we hope to continue to see such investments. The Minister and Premier publically stated that the tuition review should be released in this sitting of the Legislature, which is of incredible importance to students. I have been working on that file for nearly 18 months and thrilled to see that public commitment to legislation for the fall.

I will stress that in less than a week we have had the leaders of two political parties visit the UASU, meetings and facetime with 3 ministers, and a number of MLA's drop in. The fantastic work that has been done by our team, both executive and staff, to ensure that post-secondary education remains front of mind will make a difference come the election season.

Academic Planning Committee

On the 12th Councillor Bilak and I were in attendance at the Academic Planning Committee. We received the first breakdown of the 16.9 million that was allocated from the 2% increase as one-time funding to be rolled into this years budget. It appears the majority of the funds were spent on (1) academic programs (2) benefits shortfall (3) safety and security. I am currently following up to get numbers in writing. We also know that the University will focus on participation rates, student financial support, and research funding (diversifying the economy) in the next election.

To Note:

- Met the President of the Graduate Students Association to review priorities for the year.
- Met with MP Lake to discuss federal UASU priorities.
- Was scheduled for a dunk tank!
- Scheduled for the AUFSJ BBQ Friday.
- Scheduled for the City Wide Welcome event on Saturday.



Premier Notely with UASU 2018 Executive Committee

Cheers,



UASU President
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