

Date: 25/03/2019
To: Students' Union Council
Re: President 2018/19 Report

Dear Council,

Typing this up in the 11th hour of my travel back from the east coast! It has been a hell of a week. I also have council know that I turned down a week's free vacation to focus on transition, so been a weird day.

CASA

I and VP Brown just spent a few days in Halifax for CASA's annual general meeting. VP Brown will have a much more fulsome update on the amazing wins they have seen in the federal budget. I was thrilled to see the EDI strategic plan for the organization come forward, as well as, a membership sponsorship program to create an indigenous caucus for CASA. I spoke to both motions and looking forward to their implementation in 2019/20.

Transition

I have begun the transition with VP Bhatnagar and this will be my priority for the remainder of my term. The outgoing president is still largely involved in the retreat planning and ensuring continuity, something I am looking forward to. Our outgoing team has set a number of expectations to ensure the process is smooth and we started earlier than ever on material creation.

Board of Governors

The Board of Governors met on 15th in the morning. A special thanks to Councillor Kim for her ongoing engagement and coming for the budget votes. I spoke and voted against all motions in regards to the budget. One of my amended motions from Budget Finance and Property Committee which defined delegating authority on Mandatory Non-Instructional Fees and ceilings for costs also passed. We received some coverage for the budget, however, the indication from the President that he will not be seeking a second term was most covered news. You can see our statement [here](#).

DIE Board

I was called as a witness to DIE Board last week in response to the application 2018-10 (Allowance of DFU Referendum/Plebiscite Questions). I wrote up a full response and case from my perspective on the bylaw process and gave some verbal testimony. The results where that

Students' Council was found to be in contravention with bylaw in approvals, however, there would be no other action besides this recognition. I encourage folks to read over the ruling if they are interested, as I would argue that council should certainly look into clarifying and simplifying our elections, referendum, and plebiscite bylaws.

To Note

- This Wednesday VP Brown and I will be heading to a budget briefing with Minister Morneau downtown.
- I am yet again behind on emails, apologies to anyone waiting on a reply from me.
- I attended the Changing Lives Brunch over the weekend and was thrilled to see the impact statement from the grant that the Students' Union gives out.

Cheers,



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