

Date: 22/10/2018
To: Students' Union Council
Re: President 2018/19 Report

Dear Council,

I will not be in attendance for council! On that note, if you've any questions for me, please submit them for the late additions. Besides that, I'm thrilled to have caught up on emails just in time to spend next week out of office!

Strategic Plan Committee

The strategic plan committee continues to meet weekly. We have just finished reviewing the mission and values of the document and are about to dive into goals. I predict that we should be able to complete the process by late February. My thanks to everyone who has put in the hours thus far!

Conferencing and Events Catering

The new kitchen is fully up and running and I am personally thrilled by the new catering that we will be able to offer from here on out! The team there has done an amazing job despite numerous unforeseen roadblocks. We've had tremendously positive feedback on a number of new items and variety. The investment in the kitchen and re-organization of the department is now visible and looking forward to returns in the new year.

Student Leaders Summit

I spent last Saturday at the Student Leaders Summit! Congratulations to VP Bhatnagar for putting together such a smooth day of professional development and consultation. I took part in a morning panel, gave advice on team management, and covered what happens to FAMF's in an optional fee environment. I learned quite a bit and thanks to all those who attended.

CASA Advocacy Week

VP Brown and I are heading to CASA Advocacy Week from the 25th to the 1st. As VP Brown Chairs CASA this year, I remain the primary delegate and will be the voice of UASU at the table. I am particularly thrilled that the first advocacy asks on the document is to ensure that international students have better access to work opportunities and a streamlined process for visas, something I have championed for a number of years. You can read some fantastic research on the impact of international students in Canada [here](#).

To Note:

- I continue to sit on the CASA EDI committee which on Monday adopted a work plan and will begin crafting recommendations for CASA.
- I have joined the advisory committee for the BoG/Senate/GFC joint summit for the second year. Those who are members on Senate or GFC, it is a fantastic half day event in which we do a deep dive into a particular challenge for the university community.
- Attended a Community Engagement Advisory Committee meeting. The university is reviewing on an institutional level the ways in which it interacts with the broader community and the impacts of such.
- The Board Ad-Hoc Group on Membership and Mandates continues to meet on a regular basis. Relevant is that a clause for board committee principles of membership will be to make attempts to include community representatives, which hopefully will allow for students to sit on a wider range of board committees in the future.
- The University is finishing the final round of consultations on its new budget model, tuition and fees, and MNIF's in the coming month. I should be able to provide a full update following the board meeting in December, however, the fiscal picture of both the university and the province does not look favourable.
- I will be on vacation from December 6th - 13th and will only be reachable in event of an emergency.
- I intend to host a number of elections workshops in the new year, however, any members of council or the public who wish to speak to me about elections, feel free to reach out anytime.

Cheers,
Reed Larsen