

Date: July 10 2019

To: Students' Union Council

Re: President 2019/20 Report #6

Dear Council,

I have had a really busy few weeks, with high-stress moments for sure. I'm definitely feeling some burnout, but trying to take care of myself so I can best support the Vice-Presidents, all of whom are flourishing! The lack of sun in this summer weather is definitely having some impact, but the weekend is looking good!

1. Executive Committee

- We have completed our Executive Goals document!!!! I am really happy we got this done much faster than anticipated because it just means we can work on them much quicker.
- A lot of us will be out of the office during the month of August for a variety of reasons. I will be out from Aug 7th to the 16th for a CASA Get-out-the-Vote Conference in Calgary, for the Students' Union Development Summit (SUDS) and for a small family vacation.

2. Internal University

- **International Student Tuition Model Discussions**
 - I met with the Registrar to further discuss the implications of the new program based international model. I've attached a few information items to the bottom of this Students' Council Order Papers.
 - As always, if you have any questions, please let me know.

3. External Advocacy

- **MLA Meetings**
 - VP Brown and I met with MLA Sarah Hoffman (Critic of Education) and it was a really productive and helpful meeting. We will also be meeting with MLA Lori Sigurdson (Critic of Seniors and Housing) this Thursday!
 - Our asks are around: Accessibility and Affordability, Institutional Funding and Deferred Maintenance, Diversified and Innovative Learning Materials, Student Wellness and Mental Health and Student Employment.

4. Internal Students' Union

- The Director of Research and Advocacy has a dual report to myself (the President) and the General Manager, so we just completed his performance evaluation.
- Stride, the Elections Office and the Office of the President are all partnering to create a series of 'Election 101 Workshops'. If you have any tips/suggestions, please feel free to let me know! These will soft-launch for right before the by-elections.

5. External University

- I had a discussion with a student leader from the UBC AMS about how we created our Equity, Diversity and Inclusivity strategic plan at the UAlberta because they are trying to get their University to do the same. Although there is so much work to be done regarding this topic, this plan is one of the first in the U15 schools.
- VP Agarwal and I had a meeting with the Gateway regarding their diversity and inclusion focus groups and it was such a great and productive session.

Thank you for reading my report and I look forward to any questions you may have either via email or during question period. My office hours this semester will be by appointment, so please feel free to send me an email.

Cheers,



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