

July 25, 2017

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Students' Council

Hello Council,

Hope everyone is having a great summer. The UASU exec team has been working away since our last council meeting. VP Larsen and I will be out of town attending a Canadian Alliance of Students' Associations conference during our upcoming council meeting, so will not be in attendance. I would be happy to respond to any written questions in advance or defer to VP Scott, VP Ushakov, or VP Paches in my absence.

University Business

Signature Areas

The University's signature areas committee has recommended two signature areas to Deans Council. That means that the University is moving closer to announcing signature areas in the Fall! I am not sure if those areas are public information yet, but once I confirm I would be happy to update council.

Vice-Provost

Gerald Beasley, Vice-Provost and Chief Librarian, is stepping down from his post in administration. Gerald has always been very student friendly and VP Scott and I met with him before his departure to discuss the state of libraries at the U of A, as well as meet his successor. It was a productive meeting where we shared ideas on how to best serve students.

Dew 1-1

VP Scott and I had our reoccurring meeting with Steve Dew. At the meeting we received an update on significant events coming up with the University, an update on mandatory indigenous studies classes, as well as discussed presenting to Deans Council on student governance.

External Business

ESA Mixer

The Executive and I attended an Edmonton Student Alliance mixer. At this event, all executive members from the various post-secondary institutions in Edmonton met to get to know each other as well as discuss common goals for the upcoming year. The Students' Association of MacEwan University (SAMU) hosted the mixer, which was very kind.

CAUS/Counter Parts Conference

The UASU executive went down to Lethbridge last week for the CAUS and Counter Parts Conference. It was a great conference where all the provincial counterparts could get together and discuss advocacy and areas of possible collaboration. At the CAUS meeting during the conference, we finalized our priorities document for provincial advocacy.

Marina Banister, *President*

2-900 SUB • 780 492 4236 • marina.banister@su.ualberta.ca

CASA Conference Call

I had my first conference call for the Internal Review Committee last week. On the call we discussed what we hoped to achieve in the coming year, including how we want to launch our committee work at the Policy and Strategy Conference. One of the upcoming projects could include developing a CASA membership attendance policy.

Other Exciting Endeavors**Food**

The exec went for lunch with Gitta Kulczycki, the VP Finance of the University, to discuss our upcoming goals for the upcoming year. We also went for dinner with the Education Students' Association executive and attended the Premiers K-Days breakfast.

Ryan Jespersen Show

I had the great pleasure of being a guest on the Ryan Jespersen Show on 630 Ched. I was joined by two other young leaders in Alberta to discuss politics from the perspective of a "millennial". Ryan's show is the most listened to talk radio show in Alberta so it was an honor to be asked on as a guest.

Stampede

VP Paches, VP Larsen, VP Scott and I went to the Calgary Stampede last weekend. It was great fun and an awesome opportunity to bond with other executives in Alberta in an informal setting.

Exec Retreat

The executive, our general manager, and director of political affairs had an in town retreat last week. At the retreat we discussed our project allocation fund, created time lines for our years goals, and discussed how we could improve as both a team and an organization.

Closing Remarks

As always my spring/summer office hours are Wednesday's from 12:00PM-1:00PM in Students' Union Building (SUB) Suite 2-900. Please feel free to drop by during this time if you ever want to chat.

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

Marina Banister
UASU President