

August 11, 2011

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Council

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## **Canadian Alliance of Student Associations**

The Vice President (External), the Director of Research & Political Affairs and I attended the CASA Policy and Strategy Conference from for the last week of July. The Vice President (External) did a very good job of getting our priorities on the CASA agenda. He was also nominated to be the chair of the Bylaw Committee and will serve in that capacity for the year. I am very satisfied with the outcome of the conference. The Vice President will soon provide you with CASA's lobby priorities and we will be able to more clearly communicate the work that was done at the conference at that time.

## **Council of Alberta University Students**

Along with other members of the Council of Alberta University Students (CAUS), the Vice President (External), the Director of Research & Political Affairs and I met this week with Alison Redford, a leadership candidate for the Progressive Conservative Party, and Glenn Taylor, leader of the Alberta Party. Both meetings were very informative and productive. CAUS also met with the Alberta Graduate Council and the Alberta Student Executive Council, which are the other two student lobby groups in Alberta, to discuss our priorities for the year. There was some great discussion and I very much look forward to working together in the future. The three groups also all attended a Government Orientation session where we had an opportunity to talk with the Deputy Minister and other members of the Advanced Education and Technology Ministry.

## **Fall Reading Week**

The Fall Reading Week Task Force met again and had a very productive discussion on the format of the final report and on a process to narrow down the options. I feel that we are now getting close to a final report and recommendation of options.

## **Meeting with Facilities and Operations**

The Executive met with the senior members of the Universities Facilities and Operations portfolio this week to share goals. The meeting was a great opportunity to share ideas and talk about collaborative opportunities. We have a lot of goals that involve F & O and I am optimistic that we can work together to accomplish them.

## **Communications**

I have been attending a lot of meetings regarding SUtv and Infolink. We will be finalizing the Infolink re-branding soon and will begin working more closely with the University on finding space for the

expansion. We have also made some progress on the Infolink un-staffed terminals and will be working more closely with the University more closely on that front as well.

### **PAW Centre**

The Vice President (Operations & Finance), the Vice President (Student Life), the General Manager and I attended a PAW Centre Steering Committee where many of the ongoing issues were discussed. We are optimistically that sustainability continues to be a priority of the project and that the design work will be finalized soon.

**If you have any further questions, suggestions, or concerns**, please do not hesitate to follow-up with me, either in person at SUB 2-900, by phone at 780-492-4236, or by email at [president@su.ualberta.ca](mailto:president@su.ualberta.ca).