

May 30, 2011

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Students' Council

Hi Council,

This week the AMICCUS-C (Association of Managers in Canadian College University and Student Centres) conference is taking place in Edmonton. Our General Manager, along with much of our Senior Management Team have been working on this for quite some time and will be attending/hosting the conference for the majority of the week. The office is buzzing with excitement and I very much look forward to hearing about the successes when it is done. My apologies for the tardiness of this report but please find below what I have been up to over the past couple of weeks.

COUNCIL OF ALBERTA UNIVERSITY STUDENTS (CAUS) RETREAT

The Vice President (External) and I have been talking to our marketing department to gauge a timeline for working on design work for one of our CAUS priorities (a Get Out To Vote campaign). It is looking like CAUS will likely use our design department to help with the campaign, which will be a very exciting project. CAUS will be producing its priority documents shortly and when that is done we will be able to make them publicly available to council in order for you all to see what CAUS will be working on over the year.

CANADIAN ALLIANCE OF STUDENT ASSOCIATIONS (CASA) RETREAT

The Vice President (External), the Director of Research & Political Affairs, and myself attended the CASA Western Regional Transition in Chilliwak, British Columbia on the weekend of May 13th. The transition was generally good, mostly focused on lobby training, current issues updates, and learning about how to best use CASA. We have a very strong contingent of student leaders from the West and I very much look forward to meeting the rest of CASA in July.

THE PAW CENTRE

The Vice President (Operations & Finance), our General Manager, and I met with the all of the stakeholders and their legal councils on Monday, May 16 to discuss the agreement. The meeting was very productive and positive and I am very optimistic that we will be bringing an agreement for Students' Council to ratify shortly.

FALL READING WEEK

The Vice President (Academic), the Director of Research and Political Affairs and myself attended the first Fall Reading Week Task Force meeting on Friday, May 27. The meeting was very useful but it made me realize that the timeline for bringing a proposal forward by the end of the summer is very tight. This will become a priority for me over the coming weeks and I will be meeting with University Registrar tomorrow to discuss how best to move forward from here.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

I attended the May 13th Board of Governors Meeting where I presented on the Students' Unions fees for 2011/2012, which were approved. The agenda was fairly light but there was a very good discussion that came about from the Board review, which just occurred. I feel that the discussion was incredibly useful for me to learn about some of the intrapersonal dynamics on the Board and will help be a more useful member of the year.

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.

"I have my values, and if you don't like them, well I've got some others" – Mark Twain