

January 5th, 2016

To: University of Alberta Students' Union Students' Council 2015-2016

From: Navneet Khinda

Re: Report to Students' Council, for January 5th, 2016 meeting

Happy New Year everyone!!! Welcome back to what I hope will be a fantastic semester! There's not much to report on – here's what I did right before leaving for the holiday break:

1. President Turpin's Holiday Party

- a. Self explanatory. It was really fun and I got to meet some very interesting people.

2. Presentation for the GALD Fall cohort

- a. In the beginning of the year I gave a presentation about the SU to a group of academics and administrators from Chinese universities. I did the same for a different group. It was very well received! They are beginning to have student governments of their own (albeit to a very different extent than ours) so it's very exciting to share our governance model.

3. Podcast interview with Gateway regarding Lister Association restructure

- a. Leila, our SU advocate for Lister Centre, and I joined the Gateway for an interview about what exactly is going on over there. It should be up later this afternoon!

4. Board of Governors Holiday Event

- a. Another holiday event. This was also quite enjoyable.

5. Board of Governors Meeting

- a. Discussion of Risk Report from Alberta Auditor General – general commentary on the risk universities are taking on in this province
- b. Update on Institutional Strategic Plan. Deadline for feedback from working groups is January 8th.
- c. 2 Syrian students will be joining us through the President's Scholarship Program.
- d. Nominations for new Chancellor are open
- e. International tuition increase passed – I voted against this
- f. Rent increases passed – I voted in favour

6. Coffee with President Turpin

- a. General chat about ongoing issues.

7. Exec Goals work

- a. The 5 of us had a nice lunch together and spent some time mapping out our goals and objectives for the next few months. There are only about 15 work weeks left!!! Scary!

8. Meetings regarding sexual assault project

- a. **From DoS office; Sexual Assault Centre, the Landing**
 - i. I had some meetings about my upcoming project. Ask me more in Council ☺

9. Gave out holiday treats to students

- a. This was a lot of fun! Ah, those student eyes full of gratitude upon receiving free treats...

10. Holiday cards + cleanup

- a. I spent way too much time writing holiday cards but it was kind of nice and I enjoyed it. I also cleaned my office before I left! Amazing!

Cheers,
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