

February 4th, 2016

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

From: Navneet Khinda

Re: Report to Students' Council, for February 9th, 2016

Hello Council!

Since we have such a quick turnaround from our last meeting, here's a very short report:

1. UofA Communications Advisory Council meeting

The University Relations office runs this committee. People from various areas of the university met together to listen to some of the changes the university is making in their marketing strategy. They're moving towards a strategy of sharing more local stories and centralizing their story telling. This is very interesting given the current media environment – with so many media takeovers, this leaves our community with fewer people reporting on local stories. The U of A is capitalizing on this – they can fill that gap and tell their own stories in their own way.

2. Upcoming APC/Board Budget and CIP Briefing

This is a very standard budget briefing. I will be seeing this same material three more times – at APC, BFPC, and the Board meeting on March 18th. It is currently in draft form so I will share more after we have the briefing.

3. CFB AGM

I went to the Campus Food Bank Annual General Meeting today. They approved some bylaw changes which I personally had resistance too, but they had answers for all the changes and the membership approved them. The bylaw changes introduce a lower threshold of financial accountability and greater flexibility for calling meetings and the passing of motions. They drafted these bylaws with the Board, but the SU and GSA representatives on the Board were excluded from this process. The SU and the GSA representatives abstained from the vote.

4. MNIF ToR

I will be presenting to you a draft of the Terms of Reference regarding the proposed Mandatory Non-Instructional Fee Oversight Committee at this Council meeting. I still have a number of questions and concerns to work out with the administration, but I would like to get your feedback on this model as it currently stands. If I am satisfied with the final draft of the ToR, the next steps would be to go through the governance cycle:

- February 24th: Academic Planning Committee
- March 1st: Board Finance and Property Committee
- March 18th: Board of Governors meeting

There would be two motions: (1) to eliminate existing MNIFs and (2) to establish this oversight committee and the three new MNIFs. For your reference, here is the [SU political policy on MNIFs](#), which directs my advocacy.

I hope to have a few more meetings about this on Monday or Tuesday, before Council. Because some of my information could change, I will bring the draft ToR to the meeting so that you have the most up-to-date information.

Cheers,



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