

April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016

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

**From:** Navneet Khinda, POTSU 2015-2016

**Re:** Report to Students' Council (for April 5<sup>th</sup> meeting)

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Dear Council,

I write this report in the midst of a very bittersweet moment in my year. This is my final report to you as President, and while I am very grateful for all that I've been able to do, it is also a very reflective time for all of us leaving.

While there are still a number of things I am working on, and will be doing so until May, here is a report of the last two weeks.

### **1. CAUS**

I appointed myself as the social commissioner for CAUS and that meant facilitating all the evening events. Besides that, I spent Sunday in training and briefing sessions and Monday I spent a lot of time at the CAUS meeting. My advocacy meetings, or stakeholder meetings as we are calling them now, go from Tuesday-Thursday.

### **2. Pre-Budget consultation**

VP Hanwell and I, alongside two incoming VPs (Mike Sandare and Robyn Paches) attended Premier Notley and Minister Ceci's pre-budget consultation that took place at the School of Business. We were able to ask them three questions, which is quite good in terms of student representation. I actually gathered a lot of good feedback from that meeting, which is really helpful for our current advocacy efforts. We asked about mental health funding, student financial assistance grant funding, the tuition and fees review, and sexual assault.

### **3. University VP Search Committee**

VP Rahman and I attended this initial meeting on behalf of the Students' Union. We received a debrief on the process and we had initial conversations about what the next few meetings will look like.

### **4. Registrar's Office meeting**

We attended the last edition of our standing SU-RO meetings, but this time with the incoming executive team! There were a lot of discussion items on the table, but one notable change is that starting this summer, all courses that take place at Campus St. Jean will be labeled with a marker that says "Faculté St. Jean"; similar to Augustana courses. This is an important change because there are some students that get confused by the seemingly duplicate course offerings. This change will save people very valuable time.

**5. Lister**

On Tuesday morning, I have a meeting with the Vice Dean of Students, Residence Life – Sarah Wolgemuth. I hope to resolve any final issues regarding the new Lister representative association(s) at this time. My goal is that we begin the nomination and election process ASAP. Please ask me for updates on this file during Council.

**6. Residence Fees**

We are bringing forward a new motion to make it clear that we want next year's executive and Council to create SU fees for Residence Associations, similar to fees charged by Faculty Associations. If we make this motion, it will make our direction to our Board representatives that much more clear. I will also explain this more thoroughly in Council.

**7. Goals**

We'll be presenting to you updates on how our platform and team goals have progressed over the year. Come armed with any questions you may want answered! This truly has been a very dynamic year, and while we may not have done everything we thought we would at the beginning of the year, we have all seen a lot of change. I am very proud of the team we have become and the growth I've seen in Council this year.

**Other meetings/miscellaneous:**

- Academic Planning Committee
- Alumni Association: Educational Engagement Committee
- Coming up Tuesday morning: U of A – SU grant funding agreement negotiations
- April 14: Provincial budget to be released
- April 22: Board University Relations Committee
- April 26: Board Finance and Property Committee

See you soon!

Cheers,



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