

May 28th, 2015

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

From: Navneet Khinda, POTSU 2015-2016

Re: Report to Students' Council (for June 2nd Meeting)

Dear Council,

This will be a short read – enjoy!

Executive Summary

1. CASA Foundations Conference
2. CAUS conversations
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4. Upcoming
 - a. Exec Retreat
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1. CASA Foundations Conference

Most of my time since my last report to you has been spent in Ontario. On Monday, May 18th we left for Ottawa. The rest of the week was full of presentations on a variety of topics – discussions about the history and purpose of CASA; political climate updates, how to develop policy, media training, etc. Some notable speakers included David Coletto and Ross Finnie (look them up! They are *very* interesting!)

In addition to these sessions, the membership also had to carry out CASA business. Among that included electing the new Board of Directors. Congratulations to our very own Dylan Hanwell for winning a position on the Board of a national organization as the Director of Advocacy! CASA also went through the process of hiring a new Executive Director.

Following the end of the conference, I spent a couple days in lieu visiting friends.

2. CAUS Conversations

The membership at CAUS has been discussing possible items to bring up with the new Minister of Advanced Education, Lori Sigurdson. We are very excited to work with her.

3. One-on-ones!

Over the summer I hope to have quick one-on-one meetings with each of you! Thank you to those who have been able to coordinate a date with our Executive Coordinator, Robyn. If you have not yet received an email, please get in touch!

5. Upcoming

- Exec Retreat: On Saturday, May 30th, the Exec team in conjunction with our General Manager, will be having a day long “retreat”. We aim to have these once a month so that we can keep up on bigger files and have more through discussions.
- Vacation: I’m very excited for the next week because I’ve planned my vacation!!! I will be largely unavailable from June 4th-June 11th.

I’m looking forward to seeing you on Tuesday!

Cheers,

Navneet Khinda

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*Parliament
Hill seen
from my
picnic spot
on a hot,
sunny day!*