

Date: 25/06/2018  
To: Students' Union Council  
Re: President 2018/19 Report

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Dear Council,

I am currently at the University of British Columbia for the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations and it is soooooo hot. Think staying in Lister centre with 100% humidity and no air movement. Happy to be here!

## Association Presidents

I was thrilled to sit down with the Presidents of the Non-Academic Staff Association, Academic Staff Association, Post-Doc. Association, and the Graduate Students Association Presidents . We have made a commitment to regular meetings and to discuss some priorities for advocacy for the fall. In particular, all members remain concerned about the budget repercussions of last years Board of Governors decisions. These meetings and the level of communication is an amazing development that has come out of last years advocacy efforts.

## Counterparts Conference

The Executive Committee was in Lethbridge from July 9th - 11th for the Council of Alberta University Students Counterparts Conference. We shared best practices with our 5 member institutions. I personally gained a lot of value from a presentation from the I Believe You Campaign coordinators and the work that will be put in to expand that campaign this year.

## Advocacy Meetings

The UASU has had a number of advocacy meetings, including with MLA's Dang, Turner, Shepherd, Minister Eggen's Cheif of Staff, and MP Cooper. The Executive Committee also attended the Premiers breakfast and spoke with a number of government members. We have had good reception on a number of our priorities and the relationship with government continues to strengthen. We have gathered a lot of interest in our GOTV efforts and have even uncovered what could be some avenues for funding maintenance in the building.



## Cannabis Orientation

Myself and VP's Brown and Bourgeois sat down with a representative from the Dean of Students to go over the universities current position in cannabis and consumption policy. The working groups recommendations appear to be fairly liberal (following the City of Edmonton), however, the administration does have an obligation to create a clear air strategy as directed by the general faculties council. I am most interested in finding ways to collaborate on educational campaigns on campus to best inform students on the appropriate places and practices to consume cannabis and the health and safety of students at large.

## Things to Note

- **Filistix** - The news has leaked, Filistix will be our newest tenant in SUB.
- **Donations** - Our General Manager has returned from vacation and we've received a positive response from Moodys on their donation. We should be closing that file within the week.
- **Filming** - The Executive Committee participated in filming for Orientation videos this week. I am very excited for September.
- **PLLC Principal Louis Harder** - I had a meeting with Louis Harder to discuss the future of the PLLC program and to go over the leadership opportunities the students union offers.
- **Canadian Alliance of Student Associations** - Myself and VP Brown are currently at CASA's Policy and Strategy Conference. We will be able to update council on their priorities following this week.
- **Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion** - Executive Committee and Councillor Mpoé met to discuss the students unions equity, diversity, and inclusion political policy. We identified the need for a more wholesome review and will have some recommendations for council coming forward.



It should be noted that I am thrilled to be working with such an amazing group of executives. The completion of our priorities document and a compressed transition has meant that everyone on the Executive Committee has displayed tremendous leadership in their portfolios.

Cheers,  
UASU President  
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