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To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Students' Council

Hello Council,

Summer is officially here! I hope everyone is enjoying the nice weather. Please find below a summary of my work since our last council meeting.

Goals

STRIDE

I am pleased to announce that the first cohort of STRIDE met and it was a big success! The participants were excited to be there, asked great questions, and were able to bond with other members. STRIDE will have an online presence through the hash tag #suSTRIDE. I was also able to join MLA Stephanie MacLean on behalf of the Status of Women, and other notable supporters of women in politics at a media availability to mark 3 months before the deadline to register as a candidate for the upcoming municipal elections. I was pleased to represent the UASU at this event, where I specifically highlighted STRIDE and what the program hopes to achieve.

University Business

Meeting with UAI

I met with someone from the University of Alberta International. At the meeting we discussed the University's plan for internationalization. I was able to give them some feedback on the plan from a SU perspective, and the VP's will be providing feedback at a later date as well.

BoG Meeting and Dinner

I have a Board of Governors meeting and dinner before our next Students' Council meeting. It will be after I send in this report however, so I would be happy to provide an oral update during our Students' Council meeting.

Internal SU Business

Internal Meetings

We have had lots of internal SU meetings in the past few weeks. This includes a communications meeting, where we discussed the SU newsletter, social media, and the website. We had a business group meeting, where we discussed the bars and how to

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continually be improving our businesses. Lastly we had our mid-year managers meeting. This is a semi-annual all day meeting with the SU exec, SU managers, and a few other staff where we discuss the strategic direction of the organization and communicate our annual goals.

GSA/SU Dinner

The SU executive went for dinner with the Graduate Students' Association. It was a great opportunity to get to know their incoming executive team and discuss areas of collaboration for the upcoming year. In particular they were very interested in STRIDE and seeing if we can open that opportunity up to their students.

External Business

CAUS Meeting

VP Larsen and I attended a Council of Alberta University Students' meeting in Calgary. At the meeting we discussed our schedule for the upcoming year, passed our budget, as well as brainstormed on a response for the mental health funding announcement that was going to be happening the following day.

Wellness Summit

VP Larsen, VP Ushakov, and I attended the Wellness Summit in Calgary. The day was full of informative sessions on campus resilience and it was effective at prompting us to think critically about how universities and students' unions support their students. The Government of Alberta also announced mental health funding. You can read about the announcement here <http://caus.net/beta/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/17-06-20-Mental-Health-Funding.pdf>.

Other Exciting Endeavors

Arts Convocation

I had the opportunity to attend convocation with VP Larsen and VP Scott for the Faculty of Arts! It was very special as a lot of my peers in political science got to cross the stage.

Closing Remarks

As always my spring/summer office hours are Wednesday's from 12:00PM-1:00PM in Students' Union Building (SUB) Suite 2-900. Please feel free to drop by during this time if you ever want to chat.

Thank you for reading my report and happy to answer any questions you may have.

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