

December 5, 2017

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Students' Council

Hello Council,

I am writing this report in Ottawa as VP Larsen and I are doing advocacy work with the Canadian Alliance of Students' Associations. For that reason this report will be more brief than usual. I would also like to say that I thought our last council meeting was excellent and I was very pleased with council's engagement on all matters.

Please find a summary of my work below.

University Business

Dean of Students

VP Ushakov and I had our annual meeting with the Dean of Students. At the meeting we discussed orientation planning for next year, Bar None, as well as the upcoming freedom of speech summit.

Student Financial Aid

VP Larsen and I had a meeting with folks from Financial Services at the U of A. They are looking to phase out the ability to pay tuition with cash or in-person debit. VP Larsen and I are working with Financial Services to make sure this transition is as smooth as possible.

External Business

CASA

VP Larsen and I have been in Ottawa for the week doing federal advocacy. All of the meetings I attended were very successful and we thought the trip was valuable. If you are curious as to what we advocate on at the federal level, you can find that information here.

http://www.casa-acae.com/building_access_building_canada

A few meetings ago I mentioned that I was not pleased with my role on the CASA Internal Review Committee. I have since resigned from that federal committee. The vacancy has been filled by another member.

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CAUS

The provincial government announced another tuition freeze. You can read more about that announcement here

<https://www.su.ualberta.ca/about/news/entry/325/students-welcome-renewed-tuition-freeze-with-backfill-funding/>.

Other Exciting Endeavors

UASU Town hall

The UASU executive will be having a town hall. Students can come in person or ask us questions online. Please help spread the word with your constituents. <https://www.facebook.com/events/1952721761643568/>

Everything else!

VP Paches and I recently presented to a group of administrators from China on the work our Students' Union does. It was a great presentation as there are lots of differences between SU's here and in China.

VP Paches, VP Larsen, and I attended Bar None. It was a great event and congratulations to all the student organizers.

Personal

I will be taking a personal vacation from December 7 – 14. I will respond to urgent matters but besides that will be offline.

Closing Remarks

My Fall semester office hours will be Thursdays from 12:00PM-1:00PM in SUB 2-900! Feel free to drop by if you have any questions or would like to discuss anything.

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

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UASU President