

**Date:** 05 July /2018

**To:** University of Alberta Students' Union Council

**Re:** VP(A) 2018/19 Report #5

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Dear Council,

This summer is just flying by. As you may notice, none of the SU Executive are at Council - that is because we are at our Counterparts Conference in Lethbridge! I'm excited to meet with our counterparts, and discuss our priorities for the year which include educational resources, student access to faculty evaluation results and undergraduate research.

### **1. Faculty Associations**

I've completed my initial meetings with all FA Presidents and VPA (or equivalents) and it was great to share our goals with each other.

#### **COFA**

We finally had our first COFA meetings, YAY! These meetings were all really amazing; for each Board we developed a tangible project to work on which I would love to expand on if people are interested.

### **2. Council on Experiential Learning Meeting**

This council is chaired by Sarah Forgie, Vice-Provost (Learning Initiatives) and we met to discuss goals for this year. I talked about consultation for our Experiential Learning Political Policy, and we also discussed the benefits of [Switchboard](#).

### **3. OER Work**

#### **Copyright/Open Access Discussion**

I have a meeting with a law librarian to discuss the copyright landscape on campus. This is a really complicated issue, so I'm looking forward to be

#### **Letter to Professors**

In the next few weeks here, I will be sending a personal letter to every professor teaching an undergraduate class in the fall and winter about affordable academic materials. There will also be a modified version for online release purposes.

### **4. Stride**

#### **PartiyYEG**

ParityYEG is a new organization in Edmonton focused on bringing gender parity to politics and public offices. Their hope is to change culture by empowering women to take leadership roles in public service through education, research, and leveraging networks.

They are currently looking for founding donors and Stride will be great partner here for mentorship, community connections, and developing an external brand value for Stride..

### **5. GovWeek 2018**

Dates for GovWeek have been finalized: January 21st-25th 2018. There will also be re-brand of the marketing - stay tuned! Applications for GWPC and for GovWeek events will be open at the end of September. If you're interested in being involved in anyway, let me know!

### **6. Personal Notes**

#### **Vacation to San Francisco**

I will be on vacation from July 21st to July 29th in San Francisco attending a family friends wedding! If you need me, I will be periodically checking my emails, and will get back to you as soon as possible.

Thanks for reading this report. As always, please feel free to ask questions! My office hours for the Spring/Summer are 12PM-1PM on Friday and I will be trying to do them on the SUB Patio as much as I can! If that time does not work for you, please do not hesitate to send me a message and we can figure out a time that works for us! I've also finally finished settling into my office and it feels really homey and I have delicious chocolates - come visit!

Kind regards,



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