Vice-President (Academic) Council Report

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Hi everyone,

Because of the number of activities currently going on, this will be a fairly short Council report. Here we go!

CANADIAN ROUNDTABLE ON ACADEMIC MATERIALS

Planning for this event has taken up the majority of time. With CRAM 2012 taking place on February 9 and 10, I've been meeting frequently with the U of A Chief Librarian, Dr. Mary-jo Romaniuk, Vice-Provost Dr. Ernie Ingles, Bookstore Manager Keith Schmiedl and a team of about five other individuals to organize the bulk of the event. I have been securing speakers, inviting more student associations to attend (UPEI is a new addition), creating and refining the schedule, putting together a short one-page reading list and more. Although we are closing in on being fully prepared, there is still quite a bit to do this weekend. If you want to listen in as a student delegate, let me know ASAP!

WORLD RECORD

I've been pitching in with the dodgeball efforts, specifically for the recruitment of students, and participating in class talks. This took up the majority of my day on Wednesday February 1.

In less than 7 hours, I'll be one of 5000 students to break UC Irvine's dodgeball record!

BLOGGING

On Thursday February 1, I wrote a new blog post, though I do not know whether it will go up by the end of today (Friday), given the number of interviews and media calls rolling in to SUB 2-900.

SCIENCE AND ARTS WEEK

I attended a number of events from these two weeks, which were outstanding. A shout out to CBAS and the ISSS for hosting a week full of exciting events.

TRANSITION

One of the things that has been on my mind for the last month is transition. With three months to go in my term, it is time to start writing a comprehensive transition plan. On Thursday February 2, I initiated the process, and whoever is the next VPA will have an excellent two/three month transition into the job.

COFA PLANNING

With CoFA set to take place next week, the SGA Amanda Henry, the SGO Giselle General and I sat down to plan the next general CoFA meeting and CoFA Subcommittee on Strategic Planning. The February agenda is absolutely packed. At this CoFA meeting, the Native Studies Students' Association will make its probation/recognition presentation.

SPORTS REPORT

In what looks to be the final legacy game of the Bears and Pandas season, the B&P volleyball teams romped the Calgary Dinos, sweeping them 4-0 over the weekend. With the post-season nearing, it looks like our volleyball teams are peaking at the right time.

If you ever have questions, please let me know! Feel free to give me a call at 780.492.4236 or e-mail at vp.academic@su.ualberta.ca.

Cheers,

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