VPA Council Report

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Well, the SU elections results will be announced in a matter of hours, so things are definitely a bit tense (DIE Board ruling is currently taking place). The last few weeks have been busy, but generally quite draining. It's difficult maintaining focus and high energy levels during elections season, but I feel like I've done well in this regard. Here are some brief notes about the last two weeks.

TRANSITION

I'm currently working on a detailed transition package for whoever becomes the next VPA. My plan is to have this done by the end of the weekend, and then present it to the next VPA at some point early next week. Following a few days of well-deserved rest, I'll be starting up transition with the fortunate winner!

BLOG

I've posted a few recent blogs, both of which are elections related. The most notable prediction is a 30% voter turnout, which is ambitious but nonetheless possible.

TEACHING AND LEARNING ENHANCEMENT FUND

I spent about five hours in a committee meeting reviewing professors' TLEF applications, and selected several recipients of the collective \$800,000 annual fund. I spent another solid five hours preparing for that selection meeting by going through the 28 applications.

STUDENT ATTRIBUTES PLAN

Following a year of hard work on this plan, I can say with confidence that it is close to done. We have a report to come out to Council and faculty associations on campus. Most notably, I am organizing a CLE Subcommittee on Attributes and Competencies co-chairs meeting for next week, at which we will discuss the Plan.

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

Working on the final report, to be sent out to community members across campus! This is a long time coming.

COUNCIL OF FACULTY ASSOCIATIONS

I chaired a CoFA meeting earlier this week, which was hosted by the Native Studies Students' Association in the picturesque Pembina Hall. It is impressive to see what each faculty association is working on.

QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions whatsoever, please feel free to contact me. It's crazy — unbelievable, really — that the year is quickly coming to a close. But there is still just over 1.5 months left, and it's all about consistency until then.

Cheers,

-Emerson