



May 25, 2012

To: Students' Council 2012-2013

Re: Report of the Vice President Academic

Hello Council,

My apologies for the late report. Below, see a summary of relevant activities over the past few weeks. I look forward to your questions and feedback.

I. GFC Student Representatives

Discover Governance provided all GFC and GFC Subcommittee representatives with a comprehensive welcome package. This included information on the committee structure, role, how to read outlines of issue, asking effective questions, and other available resources. We have also coordinated the first meeting of GFC Student Caucus, where students can better understand the agenda for the May 28th meeting of GFC.

II. Assessment and Grading

I have continued to meet with Vice Provost (Academic Programs and Instruction) Dr. Bill Connor to outline the transparency concerns the SU has with the proposed assessment and grading policy suite. These concerns should be addressed with an amendment to policy that requires Department-specific procedures to be communicated to students through the Calendar. Dr. Connor has drafted the wording for the amendment, in consultation with the policy-writers.

III. Teaching Awards Reception

I attended the 2012 Teaching Awards Reception on behalf of the SU last Tuesday. The UofA now has 38 3M teaching fellows, the highest in the country. Congratulations to Drs. Forgie, Varnhagen, Lucy and Samek.

IV. Goals

Over the next week I will be writing the first draft of my goals document. If you have any feedback on the advocacy work or projects that I should undertake throughout the year, please don't hesitate to send me an email at vp.academic@su.ualberta.ca!

Cheers,


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