

January 3, 2013

To: Students' Council 2012-2013

Re: Report of the Vice President Academic

Hello Council,

Happy New Year! Below, you'll find a report of my activities since the last meeting of Students' Council. For those of you who took the break to consider running for the position of Vice President Academic of the SU, please don't hesitate to contact me if you'd like to learn more. I'm intending on hosting a job-shadow day sometime in early February.

I. Evaluation of Teaching

The second meeting of the CLE Subcommittee on USRIs was productive. We added one Department Chair to our membership, and fleshed out our Terms of Reference. The group hopes to develop a plan by the end of June on how to best proceed with the recommendations from a 2009 report on the evaluation of teaching. I'm looking forward to working with the Subcommittee to improve how students can provide feedback to instructors and administrators that enhances and rewards teaching.

II. Collegium VOCALE

The first meeting of the Provost's Collegium on the Vision for an Outstanding CAmpus Learning Environment took place before the break. We oriented ourselves to the task of visioning 10 years to the future from the student perspective, and drafted a Terms of Reference. I have submitted a document for discussion to the Collegium, and am working with the University's AVP Digital Strategy to summarize other University of Alberta visioning documents related to the student learning experience.

III. University Governance

Colten and I met with the University Secretary to discuss procedural issues surrounding GFC and its subcommittees. We're hopeful that student representatives will see agendas and other meeting materials circulated in a more timely manner, so that they can be fully prepared to participate in meetings.

IV. Experiential Learning

The UPIO and I conducted research on experiential learning, and submitted a discussion paper to Policy Committee early this year. Based on the data, I'm excited to work with Policy Committee to develop a new experiential learning policy that we'll hopefully bring to Council later this semester.

Sincerely,


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