

February 25, 2013

To: Students' Council 2012-2013

Re: Report of the Vice President Academic

Hello Council,

It's been a while since my last report. I've attended a number of meetings and events, listed below, with the highlights summarized for your interest.

I. Bookstore Advisory Group

The Bookstore Advisory Group met on February 11, with a light agenda. We were informed that sales of used textbooks were down substantially, but that overall \$814,000 in expenses were saved, 10 months over 10 months. Margins remain near-static at 21.2% over costs. The student submission to the strategic plan was forwarded to the BSAG for discussion, but the Director requested more time to respond as strategic planning is delayed. Dean Robinson suggested a final meeting before the end of Winter 2013, as well as a unit review for the Bookstore.

II. ASC Subcommittee on Concessions

The Academic Standards Committee struck a subcommittee on Concessions, in response to concerns that students with religious affiliations weren't given appropriate accommodations for missed term work. I am hopeful that this group will also tackle academic concession policies for student representatives and athletes that is being championed by the Dean of Students, and concession policies for students managing mental health issues, as recommended by a recent Queen's report.

III. COFA Senior Board

The COFA Senior Board hosted its Winter semester meeting during the past three weeks. We had thorough conversations about proposed bylaw changes affecting FAs, programming for a joint FA/Council retreat, the Faculty Association Task Force report, and the collaborative marketing campaign. I hope to produce a year-end report to summarize the work completed by COFA this academic year.

IV. Miscellaneous

I attended a number of committee meetings, including the TLEF Award Adjudication Committee, Coca-Cola Award Adjudication Committee, TBAC-MBAC, the Alcohol Policy Working Group, the Subcommittee on the Status of USRIs, and the eUSRI Working Group.



TLAT discussed a proposed eTextbook policy I worked on, and AASUA TLC discussed online learning. I've met individually with a number of FAs to discuss year-end and bylaw changes. I attended the Ignite conference, and a reception at the President's residence. Finally, I'm working on my campaign for re-election.

Sincerely,


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