

May 30, 2013

To: Students' Council 2013-2014

Re: Report of the Vice President Academic

Hello Council,

See below for a report on my activities for the past two weeks.

I. GovCamp

Kudos to the Speaker and Student Governance Officer for coordinating an excellent joint FA-Council retreat. Approximately 35 student representatives attended, and resources from sessions should be available online shortly.

II. Fall Reading Week

On behalf of the SU President, I presented to the GSA Board on the value of implementing a fall reading week. After an insightful conversation, the GSA Board chose to vote to support the implementation of such a week, which is a positive step forward. I also attended a meeting to discuss the Provost's Office's perspective on the week.

III. Comprehensive Institutional Plan

Also on the President's behalf, I attended a meeting of the Academic Planning Committee. The Provost and VP Finance and Administration presented on the University's Budget and Access Plans. After concerns about the removal of the wording "non-permanent" when describing the CoSSS fee, I moved to amend the document as such. The amendment was voted down, and I ultimately voted against approving the plans.

IV. Miscellaneous

I attended diversity training, a workshop on eUSRIs, lunch with University Governance, a presentation on the Alberta Council for Admissions and Transfer, and meetings of the Academic Policy and Process Review Task Force and the Convocation Committee. I also presented to 30 senior administrators from Chinese universities on the value of student government.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call me at 780-492-4236, or email me at vp.academic@su.ualberta.ca.

Sincerely,


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