



July 11, 2013

To: Students' Council 2013-2014

Re: Report of the Vice President Academic

Hello Council,

Below you'll find an update of my activities from the past two weeks.

I. Academic Relations Group

I'm pleased to announce that Teresa Lin, Victory Obiefuna, Finbarr Timbers, Nikki Way, Fahim Rahman, Jeffry Kochikuzhyil, Brent Saccucci, Rafael Valdez, Juliana Ho, and Breden Kunimoto are the members of the 2013-2014 Academic Relations Group. I'm looking forward to the first meeting, hearing what their priorities are, and getting them more involved in the academic affairs of the University.

II. GFC Review Task Force

I met with President Samarasekera's advisors regarding her GFC Review task force. They informed me that the SU could not appoint the student representative on this task force, and instead Indira would be appointing only professors and students with an academic background in governance. The SU President and I provided a list of undergraduate students with an academic interest in governance to the President. I continue to be disheartened at the President's desire to control how campus is involved in governance, oversight, and accountability, and am exploring working with the GSA, PDFA, NASA, and AASUA to review GFC from a student and staff perspective.

III. Miscellaneous

I've had a number of meetings which I've used to begin discussing my goals for the year. I discussed academic accommodations for student representatives and retention with the Dean of Students, and study abroad marketing and international student mentorship with the Vice Provost International. I attended meetings of the Student Financial Aid Task Force, the ASC Subcommittee on Accommodations, and on the Integrated Budgeting Framework. I've also been working with Councillors on updating political policies, enhancing council engagement, and reviewing DFUs. The VPSL and I have continued to explore international student mentorship programs.



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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