

August 7, 2013

To: Students' Council 2013-2014

Re: Report of the Vice President Academic

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Hello Council,

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

## **I. Be Book Smart**

The SU is planning on reaching out to students at the start of the year with a "Be Book Smart" campaign. The campaign, which will be centred in SUB, is intended to get students thinking about alternatives to buying their textbooks new. I've been working closely with our marketing and communications departments on these plans.

## **II. Student Experience Survey**

I've drafted a set of approximately 60 questions to ask University of Alberta students as part of a survey commissioned through Research and Evaluation Services. Topics covered include finances, teaching quality, and extra-curricular involvement, and will be used as part of our ongoing advocacy efforts. It should be administered in the early Fall semester.

## **III. Student Connect Soft Launch**

The Registrar's Office has launched its new service model called "Student Connect". This brings many administrative tasks such as transcripts and admissions advising to a one-stop shop. The new model is currently struggling with long wait times, so they have initiated a hiring process for more front-line staff.

## **IV. Miscellaneous**

I'm attending the Student Union Development Summit at UBC, I attended a presentation by the Office of Safe Disclosure and Human Rights, and a meeting of the Student Financial Aid Task Force. Finally, I've been involved in a number of internal SU meetings surrounding the University's budget.



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](mailto:vp.academic@su.ualberta.ca).

Sincerely,

  
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