

October 17, 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. Fall Reading Week

The SU President and I have been doing a lot of background work on a Fall Reading Week. I've been working away on some of the minor details that are causing administration discomfort. In particular, we're attempting to work with the Registrar and Dean of Engineering to ensure that the minimum number of instructional minutes never dips below acceptable levels while not adding extra work to the RO. This has been a major focus for me over the past two weeks.

II. COFA Working Groups

After the COFA Senior Board meeting two weeks ago, the "Finance and Admin" and "Advocacy" working groups met to discuss the projects delegated to them. We worked on a proposal for FA-specific awards, enhanced communication structures, and increasing the understanding of tuition and fee governance. I'm impressed at the commitment to collaboration that FA Executives have shown this year.

III. Miscellaneous

The past two weeks have been spent mostly on a miscellany of meetings and projects that will produce more tangible results in the future. I met with the Dean of Students, Provost, Vice Provost Academic Programs and Instruction, Registrar, and Director of International Student Programs and Services around Fall Reading Week. I met with the Vice President Advancement surrounding the leadership college. I met with the Provost to discuss the way forward for affirming U of A student attributes. I worked with our external consultant to finalize the student experience survey for November. I worked with the RO and the Office of Student Judicial Affairs to come up with policy around text matching software. And I attended meetings of GFC Exec, ASC SOS, ASC, and TBAC MBAC. Excluding that last meeting, I've unfortunately received very little correspondence from the University over the past two weeks regarding the proposed 14-15 budget cuts.



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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