

November 14, 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. As a reminder, please RSVP no later than Tuesday November 19 to participate in "VPA for a Day", a job-shadow taking place on Monday December 2, 2013.

I. Lougheed Leadership Initiative

After our meeting with the Board Chair a few weeks ago, the President quickly set up a meeting with us to further discuss the Leadership College. The meeting was productive, and the University was appreciative of the constructive discussion paper developed by the SU. Moving forward, the SU President and VPSL will represent student interests on the academic and project steering committees for the Leadership Initiative. In addition, the SU will be refining the discussion paper to continue to describe a vision for a student leadership initiative that fits with our and Lougheed's vision for an empowered student body.

II. Undergraduate Research Symposium

The third annual Undergraduate Research Symposium will take place on Friday November 22 in CCIS. This year, the symposium is hosted by the Undergraduate Research Initiative, as part of a broader "Festival of Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity". The symposium will feature displays and posters from across disciplines at the U of A, as well as more information on how to get involved in undergraduate research. It's great to see a Students' Union led project continue to gain momentum, with the support of the broader University community.

III. Miscellaneous

I attended the Conference Board of Canada's Skills and Post-Secondary Education Summit in Toronto, and will submit a report to Council shortly. I reviewed 42 proposals for undergraduate research projects and worked with the committee to select the recipients for the URI stipend. I presented about Students' Unions to a cohort of 30 Chinese administrators as part of the University Mentorship Program. I attended meetings of TBAC MBAC, the university engagement group, Academic Policy and Process Review Task Force, and chaired a meeting of the COFA Member Services Working Group. Finally, I met with the Dean of Students, the Director of the Bookstore, and the Provost and Vice-President Academic.



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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