

January 2, 2014

To: Students' Council 2013-2014

Re: Report of the Vice President Academic

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Hello Council,

Happy New Year! Below you'll find a summary of my progress since last month.

## **I. SU Review of the State of Academic Governance**

After conducting a tremendous amount of research, the Department of Research and Political Affairs has completed their first draft of a review of GFC and its subcommittees. This initial draft is primarily based on student feedback on barriers to equal and effective participation at GFC, and will be supplemented with additional recommendations and data based on peer and best practices. The report includes a set of 9 major recommendations for procedural reform to enhance the effectiveness of GFC, and enhance the University's ability to govern its growth. I have begun to share the report with the campus community, and will share a more thorough report with Council in the coming weeks.

## **II. VPA For A Day Round 2**

As the SU Executive nomination deadline looms, I'll be hosting a second job shadow day on February 3 from 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM. Those interested in textbook costs, teaching quality, a sweet office, or the future of undergraduate education should RSVP to me no later than January 20, 2014.

## **III. Miscellaneous**

I attended meetings with the Vice Provost (Academic Programs and Instruction), Vice Provost and University Registrar, Provost, Dean of the Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation, Director of the Centre for Teaching and Learning, Director of CAPS, members of CJSR, and the University Secretary. I attended meetings of the Leadership Residence Steering Committee, the Leadership Academic Coordinating Committee, the Standing Advisory Committee on International Engagement and the Student Governance Committee.



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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