

January 31, 2014

To: Students' Council 2013-2014

Re: Report of the Vice President Academic

---

Hello Council,

Below you'll find a summary of my progress over the past two weeks.

## **I. Attributes and Competencies**

After three and a half years of hard work, the SU along with the GSA brought our report on student attributes and competencies to Deans' Council. Our report recommends that the University adopt seven learner outcomes, focus student programs around these outcomes, and provide some level of assurance that the University fosters these attributes. The attributes were initially sourced from students, and are: ethical responsibility, scholarship, critical thinking, communication, collaboration, creativity, and confidence. The report was warmly received, and Deans were interested in the University providing more support and communication around these seven attributes.

## **II. Leadership College**

We met with senior administrators to discuss the leadership residence. They emphasized that it was just like any other residence, but with dining spaces to accommodate students living in other residences in East Campus Village and a few larger meeting spaces for guest speakers or teleconferencing. It went for discussion at FDC and will be going for approval in late February. We also presented to the donors on the topic, and emphasized that the University needed more time to develop plans that are grounded in research and play off university strengths. The Fergusons explained that they have been working on the idea for a number of years and that the project was fast-tracked on the anniversary of Lougheed's passing. The SU has developed a rough draft of our discussion paper on the College, which we will be sharing with students and administrators in the coming weeks.

## **III. Miscellaneous**

I attended meetings with the Vice Provost (Academic Programs and Instruction), Dean of Students, and the Executive Director of International Student Programs and Services. I attended meetings of Tuition and MNIF Budget Advisory Committees and the Student Governance Committee, and chaired meetings of GFC Student Caucus.



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,

  
Dustin Chelen