



March 28, 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. Fall Reading Week

I'm ecstatic to report that Petros will be accompanying Provost and Vice President Academic Dr. Carl Amrhein as he signs-in Fall Reading Week to occur starting in November 2015. There will be a signing in ceremony which all students are invited to at noon on Monday March 31 in the Myer Horowitz theatre in SUB. Advocacy is a slow process that requires persistence, flexibility, and excellent negotiation skills. I am proud to have supported two out of the four SU Presidents who have worked to make this a reality.

II. Student Attributes and Competencies

I co-presented the final report on Student Attributes and Competencies at the last GFC meeting of my term. The report itself was met with a mixed response at GFC, but senior administration of the University acknowledged that students have helped the University get a head-start on defining learning outcomes for the University of Alberta. A number of governments have or are planning to implement accreditation processes based on student attribute acquisition, and the Campus Alberta Quality Council has indicated that it will move in this direction. I expect the Provost's Office to discuss how best to continue the discussion, and given the fundamental nature of the questions being asked I don't see an easy answer. I will update Council in my final report.

III. International Students' Association

William and I have worked extensively to prepare for the ISA Town Hall. This will draw together 5 proposals to create a representative group for international students, and help set a direction for the upcoming year. William and I will be working with the proposers to refine the ideas discussed at the town hall and help prepare a constitution and working structure for the new group.

IV. Miscellaneous

I attended meetings with the GSA VP Academic, the Deputy Provost, the GSA Executive Director, the Dean of Students, PAUFSJ, the Student OmbudService Director, the Office of Sustainability Academic Director, the AASUA Executive Director, the Presidential Search consultants, and the CTL Interim Director. I chaired the last meeting of GFC Student Caucus, and attended meetings of Bylaw Committee, GFC, GFC Nominating Committee, Academic Standards Committee, Leadership Academic Coordinating Committee, and the Leadership Communications Working Group.

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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