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DATE: March 12<sup>th</sup> 2018

TO: Council

RE: VPA Report

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Dear Council.

In case you missed it, I was away. SURPRISE. Since I was out of office for the elections, I will provide you with a short update of some things on the horizon.

### Council on Experiential Learning

The Council on Experiential Learning met today. This is the second last meeting of the year and we have nearly completed the process zoning in on our mandate and our principles. The purpose of the Council is to fulfil Objective 7 of For The Public Good, the University's strategic plan. This objective is to:

Increase graduate and undergraduate students' access to and participation in a broad range of curricular experiential learning opportunities that are well-integrated with program goals and enrich their academic experience.

#### Strategy 1

Increase students' experiential learning through mutually beneficial engagement with community, industry, professional, and government organizations locally, nationally, and internationally.

#### Strategy 2

Develop global competency in our graduates through access to short and long-term outbound international experiences.

#### Strategy 3

Expand professional development opportunities for graduate students and post-doctoral fellows.

### FURCA Awards

This Thursday is the annual Festival of Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities (FURCA) awards. This is exactly what it sounds like, according to their website

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"FURCA is our annual, campus-wide celebration of undergraduate research, showcasing the research and creative achievements of undergraduate students across all disciplines." The Students' Union is supporting two awards for this fund.

#### General Faculties Council

The next GFC meeting will be held on Monday March 19<sup>th</sup> from 2-4PM. The only items on the agenda are The Cannabis Act and the University of Alberta, ad hoc Recommendation for a Free-Standing Nominating Committee Jonathan White and Housing for Students who Parent. If you have any thought on these items I encourage you to let me know.

#### IUD Campaign

Marina Banister has spear headed a new campaign about IUD, reminding students that they are able to buy an IUD that lasts for up to 5 years, under their student health plan with Student Care! Take a look:



I'm eager to be back and to finish my term on a high note!

All my best,



Shane Scott