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DATE: March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2018

TO: Students' Council Report

RE: VPA Report

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Dear Council,

It truly is amazing how fast this year has flown by. With just one more council before the end of my term, it's hard to believe I will soon be passing the torch to Akanksha as she takes on the VP Academic portfolio. We have begun meeting to start her transition and I know she'll catch on quickly. Congrats to all of those who have or are running in elections this year, and a special congrats to those who won. It's important for the student governance movement that we have strong, sound elections to keep things moving forward.

#### STRIDE

The STRIDE working group held a meeting to discuss the upcoming final session of STRIDE. This session will largely focus on next steps and as a final send off for all of the participants. We also discussed how we will be doing the evaluation for STRIDE overall, which will include a focus group with the current cohort. We will also be including questions that will gauge some of the effects of the UASU Got This campaign as well.

#### PLLC Search Committee

Over the last week I have spent a lot of time on the Peter Lougheed Leadership College Principal Search Committee. The process is still underway with the intent that there will be a new principal over the summer. The process should be wrapping up and I am working with Akanksha to transition the PLLC portfolio in its entirety as well.

#### FURCA Awards

I had the honour of speaking at this year's Festival of Undergraduate Research and Creative Arts awards. This was one of the first events I attended last year when I first was elected so it was nice to get to go back. The Undergraduate Research Initiatives (URI) office hosts this annual event, and for the second year in a row the Students'



Union sponsored 4 awards totally \$1000. This money was provided out of the SEIF scholarship fund, much like many other SU scholarships.

### San Diego Conference

I am currently attending a conference in San Diego hosted by the Association of American Colleges & Universities (AACU) on the topic: 2018 Diversity, Equity, and Inclusive Democracy: The Inconvenient Truths. I am joined by the UGAA Surma Das who works in the Department of Research and Political Affairs. As I'm writing this, we only just landed today and I have attended the keynote so far, however, the topics of this conference are very relevant to the EDI work we are working on at the University of Alberta. I actually ran into the Deputy Provost today before the keynote kicked off, illustrating how this is on everyone's radar. I will be sure to provide a full report for both council and to transition to Akanksha and the new team.

I will be sure to provide further updates at our next council meeting.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shane Scott'.

Shane Scott