

March 28, 2017

Dear Council,

First of all, congratulations to everyone who ran in a Students' Council, General Faculty Council, Faculty Association, or Department Association election! I was able to attend the announcement party at Dewey's on Thursday and the whole bar was full of energy and excitement.

1. Meetings & Committees

Provost

President Rahman and I met with Provost Dew last week. At the meeting we discussed when the report from the external reviewer regarding the PLLC will be released to the public, unfortunately no definitive answer was given. We also discussed the provincial budget, as well as reviewed some goals for the incoming executive team.

OER Group

I attended a meeting for the Open Educational Resources Group last week, it was an exciting meeting as I learned about the summit they are preparing to learning about open educational resources at the University of Alberta. In fact, my colleague, the VPA from Calgary Students' Union will be the keynote speaker. If you are interested in applying to this summit you can find more information here <https://docs.google.com/a/su.ualberta.ca/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe1mrVMHBwVf9-rspLgT8NWreXa-tDAHCG6PP-gNq7xhLPxCg/viewform?c=0&w=1>.

GFC

There was a GFC meeting on Monday March 20. As always I hosted the GFC Student Caucus meeting the Friday before where we discussed the agenda in advanced and I was able to answer any questions they had. At the GFC meeting we discussed learning initiatives, got an update from the Ad Hoc Committee on Academic Governance and Delegated Authority, voted to approve the sexual violence policy, got an update on the decommissioning of the nuclear reactor in the dent/pharm. building, as well as received the recommendations from the Scholarly Writing committee. Despite it being a relatively packed agenda, it was a brief meeting.

Student Governance Meetings

I had the opportunity to present to the Business Clubs Council on what would be involved in transitioning some of their clubs into department associations, it was a very fruitful meeting and I expect that many of their clubs will transition next year. I also attended an Alberta Pharmacy Students Association (APSA) council meeting where they are discussing some advocacy work they are doing within their faculty. Lastly, my successor, Shane Scott, and I will be attending the Medical Students' Association annual general meeting on Monday.

Registrar Office

VP Paches, VP Sandare, President Rahman, and VPX-Elect Larson and I attended a meeting with staff from the registrar's office. It was a productive meeting where we outlined some of the goals the incoming executives hope to achieve, as well they told us some of their priorities for the upcoming year.

2. Projects

Interdisciplinary Committee

The report for the interdisciplinary conference is now completed and is making its way through the marketing department for formatting! I am pleased to say it should be made public shortly.

3. Other Exciting Endeavours

Transition

President Rahman was out of town following the election, so I am now beginning the transition process to the position of president. I was able to attend an alumni council meeting with President Rahman on Saturday, as well have met with him several times to go over content. I am also fully in the swing of transitioning VPA-Elect Scott. In our most recent meeting we went over all the university committees the VPA sits on.

Events

I have also been busy attending events in the past few weeks! I attended the Fiji formal, which is the annual formal dinner for Phi Gamma Delta, a fraternity on campus. I was able to attend two events for Urban Week, which is a week on urban planning related content put on by the department



association GAPPS. The week was inspired by GovWeek, so I was honoured to moderate a panel on Urban Governance.

Thank you for reading this report and I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

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