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Dear Council,

I can hardly believe it is already the end of Fall semester! What a whirl wind. Please find below a report of my duties in the past few weeks.

## **1. Projects**

### Interdisciplinary Learning

I have been working away at organizing the InterD Conference for February 4th. I have had meetings with the Undergraduate Research Initiative, a professor from Augustana, and the director of the Centre of Teaching and Learning, all of whom have agreed to be session hosts.

## **2. Meetings & Committees**

### Ad Hoc Committee on Academic Governance

I had a meeting for the Ad Hoc Committee on Academic Governance. At the meeting we decided to break into smaller groups to work on specific topics that pertain to academic governance. I have been made lead of the group which will make a recommendation to any changes pertaining to GFC Main. This is a big job, but I am excited to get started with providing recommendations! VP Gossein and I also met with Frank Robinson, a former Dean of Students, who also sits on the Ad Hoc Committee with me. Dr. Robinson has been made lead of COSA which has historically been a student led committee that was part of academic governance.

### FA Meetings

I have been very busy with Rebecca Taylor from Discover Governance in attending Faculty Association meetings! We joined the Engineering Students' Society (ESS), Augustana Students Association (ASA), and Campus Saint Jean Students Association (AUFJSJ) meetings. It was been a great opportunity to see how these FA's operate on the ground, as well as answer any questions they have. VP Paches and I also attended the Education Students' Association (ESA) AGM and the entire executive went to the Alberta Pharmacy Students Association (APSA) annual event, Mr. Pharmacy. Lastly, we had lunch with the Business Students Association (BSA) which means that we have taken almost every faculty association out for a meal, a very successful year for FA meals!

### ACAT

President Rahman and I attended an Alberta Council of Academic Transfers (ACAT) meeting. At the meeting we relayed student feedback we have received on strengths and areas of growth for transfer students. Primarily relating to students who choose to go abroad and discussions of grading difficulty between universities.

### Provost

President Rahman and I had our monthly meeting with the Provost. At it we discussed international students tuition, experiential learning, the InterD conference, the PLLC task force findings as well as what the executive hopes to accomplish in the tail end of our term.

ASC SOS and CLE

I had two academic governance meetings since our last students' council meeting, ASC SOS and CLE. Both meetings had a relatively small agenda with few items pertaining to undergraduate students, so not much to report here!

Committee Chairs Meeting

Thank you to all the Committee Chairs (and Councillor Brophy!) for attending the Committee Chairs meeting I facilitated. It was a very productive meeting where we discussed committee attendance, chair reports, chair turn-over, and Treaty recognition. Happy to update further in my oral report.

**4. Other Exciting Endeavours**Media

I have been doing some media interviews in the past few weeks, primarily about my thoughts on the statements Sandra Jansen read in the ledge and how that pertains to other women wanting to get involved in governance. Interviews included the Metro, Radio Canada, CBC Radio. On CBC Radio I was joined by former VPOF Cody Bonderchuk and the MacEwan Students' Association VPX Carly Casebeer.

Job Shadow Day

I had my Fall job shadow days on Thursday and Monday. I had a total of 7 people sign up which was very exciting! I tried to have it a normal half-day in the office so people could get a good idea of the job, as well as leave time to answer any questions they may have had.

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



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