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To: Students' Union Council

Re: Vice President Academic 2019/20 Report #4

Dear Council,

The sun is out and it's a wonderful time to sit out and work at RATT on the Patio! I am excited to say that I convoked this past Tuesday with a Bachelors of Science - definitely surreal to think how fast five years went by. I will be back as an Open Studies student. The past while has been busy with much planning for the next year. Here are some updates.

1. Executive Retreat

The executive team met on Friday to crunch through the executive goals. We have made great progress on this, and we are excited to present to you all at Council!

2. Edmonton Journal

I had my first ever media interview with the Edmonton Journal regarding free expression on campus. My message was clear and the same as I have been saying - that we as a Students' Union support open dialogue and discussion while maintaining a respectful, compassionate and inclusive environment. The interview went well overall.

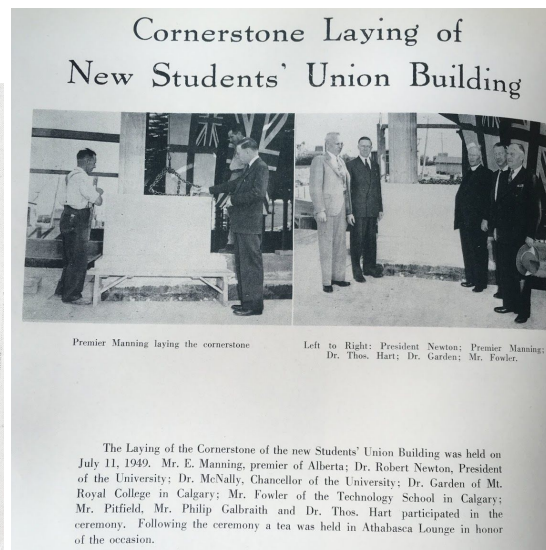
3. Research Event!!

Thanks to everyone who has shown interest in joining the tentatively named "Research Event Planning Committee" which will be meeting in the next few weeks. The mandate of this group will be to brainstorm some ideas about a research event (1-2 days) in early October. The purpose of the event is to educate undergraduate students as to the options and opportunities to get involved in undergraduate research. Studies show the importance of mentored research and the impact it can have on the undergraduate experience, and yet many students are not aware of the opportunities available to them, especially the thousands of dollars of funding which do not look at GPA requirements. This working group will consist of various stakeholders including councillors, students at large, URI members and faculty/staff. **If you are interested please** send me an email (vp.academic@su.ualberta.ca) with your stated interest and resume no later than June 21, 2019.

4. Mid-Year Meeting

Thursday was the mid year meeting where staff and us met to go through the executive goals and get feedback. We presented the goals and were able to get some feedback, as well as hear about staff perspectives on some of the various issues.

To end off, here are some photos from 1950 of the Students' Union Building! We have a rich history here and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for all your work in serving students across campuses.



Just a reminder that I am always here to talk if you need anything! Shoot me an email and we can grab coffee!

Cheers,



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