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To: University of Alberta Students' Union Council

Re: VP(A) 2018/19 Report #16

Dear Council,

Welcome to 2019! It's wild how fast this term is going. Together, we have gotten a lot done, and for that, we should all be happy. From *An Act to Improve the Affordability and Accessibility of Post-secondary Education*, to working with the Landing, to removing iClickers, to using Switchboard, getting more vegetarian options at the bars, and so much more that you can see in our Midterm Goals Document (attached in December 11th Council Agenda), I'm excited for the rest of this term! I hope everyone took the break to relax and are back and ready to grind. If there are goals you still want to pursue, feel free to reach out to me, and I would love to support you! Read ahead for some updates.

1. GovWeek 2019

As you all are aware, GovWeek is launching from January 21st-25th. Please follow the event page [HERE](#) to keep track of the sessions and attend the ones you can.

2. Academic Advising Survey Launch!!!

One of the platform goals I ran on was "improving academic advising" and this year the COFA Advo Board developed an academic advising survey to help us better understand the academic advising landscape. Please share and fill out the survey here:

<https://goo.gl/forms/RumW1YENv00AVk6i2>

3. Faculty Associations

AUFSJ

The current President of AUFSJ has resigned and their VP Finance Eric Einarson will be taking over for the next few months. I've reached out and connected them to the SU (including Discover Governance) again and of course, we will support them in any way they need.

4. Items to Note

- The entire Executive will be away at a CAUS Counterparts Conference from Jan 9th-11th in Calgary.
- AntiFreeze is the week of Jan 7th-13th, so if you see wild students chasing a yeti, you know what's up!
- Science Week (hosted by the ISSS) and GEER Week (hosted by the ESS) is from Jan 14th-18th so keep your eyes peeled on social media to attend some events!
- I will be hosting some **Stride Lunch and Learn Sessions** about navigating identity in SU Elections if you're interested in coming to some of these sessions let me know!

My office hours for the Winter semester are most likely going to be by appointment only, unless I Council would prefer a set time - let me know your thoughts, please! Let me know if you have any questions at all and if you made it this far, thanks for reading my report!

Kind regards,



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