

July 12, 2016

Dear Council,

I hope you are all having a wonderful July! Here is a report of my duties to date:

1. GovWeek

The GovWeek applications to facilitate a session or register an event have launched! More information can be found at www.govweek.ca. We advertised this by sending an email to all students who hold representative positions at the UofA, newsletters, social media, as well as individual messages. Our statistics show there have been a high amount of traffic to the website which is exciting. If an organization or someone you know is interested in applying to register their event or session, please encourage them to do so before August 5th! All Councillors are encouraged to use GovWeek as a platform to engage with their constituents, please feel free to contact myself or CAC Chair, Ben, if you are interested in planning something as a Councillor or Council Committee. PS, thank you VP Sandare for the comic!



GovWeek Advisory Group (GWAG)

Since the last Students' Council meeting, the GovWeek Advisory Group had their first meeting. We had an excellent discussion where I explained GovWeek in more detail and they provided me feedback on the application forms and marketing. We will meet again later this month to discuss more about GovWeek planning.

2. Committee Business

COFA

The Council of Faculty Associations Senior Board met on Tuesday July 5. At the meeting we discussed the upcoming Faculty Association Bylaw as well as the proposed Department Association

Bylaw. There were 9 members present out of a possible 13, and the majority were in favour of the Bylaw. For the most part, they appreciated the balance between being a stringent process while still allowing the Faculty Association options. The FA execs also provided me with feedback on the Department Association Bylaw that I will be bringing to Bylaw committee later in July. They were in favour of the initial concepts and I am proceeding to do more in-depth consultation on a per-faculty basis.

Bylaw

VP Sandare, VP Ghossein, President Rahman, and I all attended the most recent Bylaw committee to help iron out the FA Bylaw before it comes back to Council. It was a fruitful meeting where the committee added more clarity to first principles.

Vacancies

The Bookstore is launching an Advisory Group which will aim to make sure the services they provide and products they offer are relevant to students. They will be recruiting for student at large members in August so keep your eyes out for that!

4. Other Exciting Endeavours

The Executive gave Board of Governors Chair, Michael Phair, a tour of the Students' Union Building. After, we discussed goals at RATT on the Patio! He said he had a great time.



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

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