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Dear Council,

It has been a busy few weeks! Between going to Vancouver for a conference to planning GovWeek, it is never a dull moment in SUB 2-900! Below is a report of my work to date.

GovWeek

I am pleased to announce that 63 out of the 70 GovWeek applications were accepted by the GovWeek Advisory Group, and have now been asked to confirm their session/event with our executive coordinator. After the preliminary scheduling, it looks like there will be approximately 10-14 events a day for the 5 day celebration. Our office has been busy scheduling and coordinating all of the submissions! Also, please mark in your calendars our keynote speaker, Don Iveson, who will speak on Friday September 23rd at 1:00PM!



SUDS

Last weekend, the executive and I joined approximately 100 other students' union executive members at the University of British Columbia for the annual Students' Union Development Summit. It was an amazing professional development opportunity and my highlight was speaking with other executives about the similar and different challenges they encounter. I did however have to cut my trip short to attend a family wedding, but the time spent there was excellent in establishing relationships with my counterparts across Canada.



Faculty Association Dinners

It is a tradition for the SU Executive to go for dinner with each of the Faculty Association Executive at the beginning of the new school year. On Wednesday August 17th, we kicked off that tradition with dinner with the Engineering Students Association. It was neat to

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hear more about what they had planned for the year, and how we could work together. I would highly encourage all Councillors to reach out to their Faculty Association in September to meet! In fact, many FA's chose to register their General Meeting's in GovWeek! That is an awesome opportunity to go show support for your Faculty.

Dinner with Chancellor Stollery

Another tradition is for the SU Executive to go for dinner with the Chancellor each year. Chancellor Stollery graciously offered to host this in his home. It was wonderful to hear more about the work of the Senate and share what the Students' Union is working on with the Chancellor.

Prepping for September

Last week, the executive and I spent lots of time helping prepare for orientation and Week of Welcome. We met to discuss the annual President's Address, which this year the Vice-Presidents will be co-hosting. As well, we participated in filming a video for Orientation.



Executive Retreat & Announcement

Now that our term is almost 1/3 over (!) the Executive and I spent Friday August 19th going over our work to date and what we want to accomplish in the last 2/3rds of our term. It was a good opportunity to touch base and refocus before the busy September session starts. On Friday we also had a press conference to accept a cheque in support of the Myer Horowitz renovations! Thank you to all the Councillors who came out to support that initiative.

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



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