

July 26, 2016

Dear Council,

I hope you are all having a wonderful July! I have been out of town quite a bit since our last Students' Council meeting. However, here is a report of my duties to date:

1. GovWeek

There is a little less than two weeks to apply to facilitate a session or register an event with GovWeek! GovWeek planning and advertising has taken up the majority of my desk time in the last few weeks. I am thrilled to announce we have secured **Mayor Don Iveson to be the GovWeek key note speaker** on September 23rd! If you or anyone you know of is interested in applying to host programming please encourage them to **submit an application by August 5th** at www.govweek.ca.

GovWeek Advisory Group (GWAG)

GWAG has met since our last Students' Council meeting. At the meeting we brainstormed stakeholders to approach about getting involved, as well I asked for their opinion on planning the Students' Union run speaker series on Diversity in Governance. Those include a panel on mature students, international students, aboriginal students, women, and students in professional programs. I am thrilled that the Native Studies Students Association will be also hosting a speaker series about indigenous students in governance, and we will be working collaboratively on that panel. **If you are interested in being involved with any of the Diversity in Governance sessions, please let me know!**



2. Meetings & Committees

COFA

COFA has not met since our last Council meeting, however I did send them the **second readings** of the Bylaw regarding Faculty Associations deviation from SU political policy. I will inform council of any feedback I received in my oral update.

Vacancies

The Students' Union is undertaking a project to make our Bylaws and Political Policies available in French. **We are recruiting bilingual students to help with the translation process!** Applicants can send a resume and cover letter by Monday July 25th to President Rahman at president@su.ualberta.ca. More details available <https://www.jobkin.ca/search.htm?moreinfo=5094>.

Provosts

I recently had my monthly meeting with Nat Kav the Vice-Provost (Programs) and Sarah Forgie the Vice-Provost (Learning Initiatives). At the meeting we discussed a **future conference hosted at the University of Alberta on undergraduate interdisciplinary program options**. They both were very enthusiastic about the idea and I am continuing to plan how to move forward. President Rahman and I also met with Provost Dew to go over some goals for the upcoming year. At the meeting we discussed the proposed Centre for Writers move and were told consultation would begin in September. At the meeting, Provost Dew also suggested creating monthly meetings with President Rahman and I to ensure healthy dialogue moving forward.

4. Other Exciting Endeavours

Pemberton

I have been traveling quite a bit lately and recently got back from the Pemberton Music Festival! It was a great little trip, unfortunately I have come down with a bit of a cold since but I hope to be fully recuperated by our Council Meeting!

Podcast Training

On July 8th, the executive and I did **volunteer training at CJSR** so we are able to use the equipment to tape our SU Podcast which is set to launch during GovWeek! It was a neat space and we all learned a lot about the CJSR studio.



Clue Hunt - Orientation

VP Ghosseini, VP Sandare, and I volunteered at the Orientation Clue Hunt on July 11th! It was fun to see the eager volunteers bonding over the event.

Lethbridge

From July 21-22 the entire Executive will be driving out to **Lethbridge for our first CAUS all Exec meeting!** We are excited to get together with our counterparts across Alberta and will be sure to provide updates in our oral report to Council.

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

Marina Banister