

August 29th, 2011

To: Students' Council

Re: VPX Report to Council

Dear Council,

This report will mark the one-third line of my term as the Vice President (External), and I will be writing a report on the first 4 months of the job in the coming weeks to track my progress. It has been a pleasure serving with you so far, and the fun is only going uphill from here. It is my pleasure and duty to remind you all that you could be the next Vice President (External) next year (the bestest of all the exec. position). It is early in the year for you to make up your mind, but I hope you spend sometime toying with the idea. Let me know if you have any questions or concerns about my job and/or performance.

Get Out The Vote Campaign

I am honored to announce that on Friday September 2nd we hired Maura Frunza as the GOTV Volunteer Coordinator for the Campaign, after a series of interviews on Wednesday August 31st. If you have not met Maura already, please give her a warm welcome back to the SU family, as Maura was the Assistant Director of Peer Support Center last year. Thank you Justin Williams (Director of Research and Political Affairs) for all the hard work you spent on the hiring process.

On Saturday September 3rd Rory Tighe and I gave a presentation to 600 volunteers from Orientation to ask them to volunteer for GOTV. Thank you Rory for supporting me with the Presentation.

A special thank you to CAC and all the Volunteers for the SU council table at Clubs Fair. Latest update on the names signed up for Volunteers is **140** from Clubs Fair alone. Thank you council and CAC for supporting this initiative.

Elections Alberta

On Saturday September 3rd there was a meeting with Bart West the Returning Officer for the University of Alberta Campus riding Edmonton-Riverview with almost all the campus residence Enumerators. I discussed Bart about how to best phrase the question regarding ones Ordinary Residence. As you all know by now, where you ordinarily reside determines where you vote. I shared my concerns that Students might know the effect of the question when asked by an enumerator, and Bart agreed. Bart said that he would draft the question such that it would ease the understanding of students and follows Legislation. Bart also explained how the enumeration process will occur. So the first week will be solely using enumerators to door knock on various residence. The second week will utilize door knocking AND two booth with enumerators on campus: one in HUB mall and the other in Lister Hall. International House chose not to utilize the door knocking, and only to utilize the booth.

On Wednesday August 31st, I attended an RHA (Residence Hall Association) meeting chaired by our very own VP (Student Life) to inform the representatives from each Residence about the Enumeration process.

Senate

On Tuesday September 6th, I had an Honorary Degrees Committee Meeting with the Senate. Today was Senate Orientation Day, followed by Senate Executive Committee meeting where we discussed what the first Senate Plenary Meetings on September 22 and September 23 Agenda will be like. I did a lot of readings

regarding the Senate in these last couple of weeks with regards to the senate. I am also in the process of preparing a Students' Union Report to the Senate on what the SU has accomplished in the last couple of weeks. I am looking forward to an amazing year with the Senate.

Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA)

As a member of the Long Term Strategic Planning Committee I helped draft a Strategic Plan Survey to be sent out to all the members of CASA this past week. Also, please read the CASA pre-budget Submission attached as an information item.

Cheers,
Farid

"Serenity now... Insanity later!" Lloyd Braun - Seinfeld