

June 12, 2014

**To:** Students' Council

**Re:** Report to Council (for June 17th meeting)

## **Introduction**

Hello Council!

Here's a highlight of what will be in this report:

1. CAUS updates
  - a. Teleconference
  - b. Student employment
  - c. Meeting Minister Horner
2. Council Committees
  - a. Nominating Committee -- Standing Order changes
  - b. Policy Committee – MNIF policy
3. Other
  - a. I graduated!
  - b. Community engagement

## **1. CAUS**

- 1.1** During our teleconference, some of the items we discussed included finalizing dates for upcoming CAUS meetings. We will be meeting in Lethbridge from June 26-28. The following CAUS meeting is a Roundtable where *all* the executives from each of the five schools come together. This will be in Calgary from July 23-24. It's a great opportunity for other execs, such as the VPSLs, to get to know each other and what they're working on.

We are also currently working on finalizing our priorities for the year. Stay tuned for updates!

Meanwhile, I am thinking of ways to engage students/youth and the public for the upcoming political leadership races in Alberta. As you may be aware, the Progressive Conservative (PC) Party as well as the New Democratic Party (NDP) will be choosing a new leader soon. If you have ideas, let me know!

- 1.2** One of our major priorities for the year is ensuring the creation of a provincial student work program. I had a meeting with a summer student from the Ministry. There is no concrete news yet.
- 1.3** CAUS also had a lobby meeting with the President of the Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, Doug Horner, on Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. This meeting was supposed to take place last year, but it never happened, which is why 2014/2015 CAUS met with him. It was a fun session where we discussed our priorities.

## 2. Council Committees

**2.1** During the last nominating committee meeting, we spent time going through the standing orders and changing them significantly. I think they're much more organized now!

**2.2** One of our main agenda items at the last Policy Committee meeting was to begin writing first principles for the new policy on mandatory non-instructional fees (MNIFs). The main principles that I think should be reflected in this policy are predictability (for students), transparency, and accountability.

## 3. Other

**3.1** In case you're interested, I graduated last week! Convocation was pretty fun and I enjoyed it for the most part. I now have a "B.A." after my name! ☺

**3.2** Though I showed up late to the event, I was extremely happy to see a group of Councillors attend the Pride Parade on Saturday! Thank you to those that came out.

**3.3** I also had a short meeting with Derek Roy-Brenneis, the Executive Officer to the Senate and Assistant to the Chancellor. He's a wonderful person who makes sure Senate proceedings run smoothly. We discussed ways to improve the experience of Student Senators for the upcoming year. I'm looking forward to a more regular interaction on this front.

**3.4** On Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, the Executive team will be spending an entire day working on goal planning. I'm really looking forward to having a stronger outline of what I want to achieve this year!

## Conclusion

That's all for now! Be sure to ask me any questions, either in Council, or as a written question. And remember to interact with your constituents via social media! (#uasu or #ualberta on Twitter!)



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