

Date: Feb. 1, 2018
To: Students' Council
Re: Report to Students' Council


Hi Council!

February! What the Heck! Time is freaking flying. I am thrilled to say I am feeling pretty solid and excited to rock out the remainder of the term. I also got to go to The Luke M. Jansen Poli Sci Bonspiel this weekend and want to congratulate the PSUA on such an amazing event.

Cannabis

I sat down with the Medical Students Association to discuss their provincial and federal advocacy for ensuring safety and health in cannabis consumption. In the future, it likely will be a legitimate conversation about how it will affect campus culture, academics, and safety. Hoping to do some more research over February and see what wiggle room we can find for external advocacy (maybe mental health funding?).

BOG/GFC/SENATE

The joint summit occurred on Friday the 26th , and it was a resounding success. I was a member of the planning committee and was amazing to watch the learning moments occur. The event was facilitated to jumpstart discussions on how the University of Alberta deals with the topic of freedom of speech and its commitment to freedom of expression on campus.

CAUS Counterparts Conference



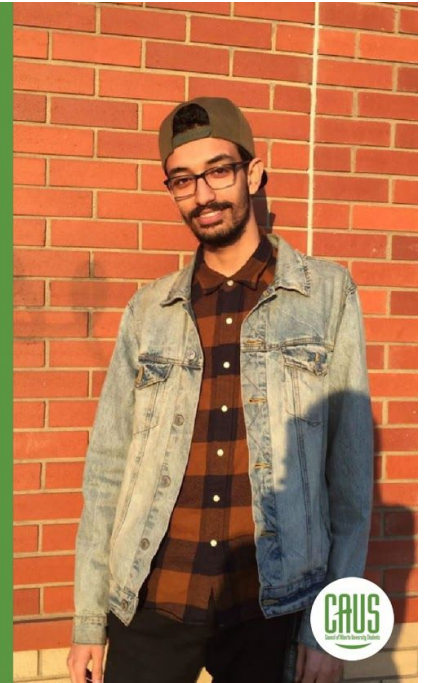
CAUS held its final Counterparts Conference of the year! In the CAUS in-person meeting we discussed some policy direction for engagement with opposition parties in Alberta, cannabis on campus, tuition review, and the international student's paper release. Counterparts went over some topics, and I would look to the other VP's to outline their experience.

There will be a CAUS campaign rolling out next week to build some public pressure to have the results of the tuition review released. Membership, including the UASU and myself as Chair, have had their patience run thin on this file and want to see the results of nearing three years of work.

International Students Paper

“I, myself, worked two jobs with a total of forty hours a week on top of being a full-time student, president of two student groups and VP international of my faculty association... Aside from this financial disadvantage, many international students rely solely on food banks around the city. ”

Akrem Hamami, 4th year International Student at the University of Alberta



Akrem Hamami - CAUS Release

CAUS has released its International Students Paper and there has been a social media roll-out over the last 3 days. I have done a number of media interviews on behalf of CAUS and am excited to see the results of the campaign. This paper and some media attention will be rolled into the launch of a larger campaign next week, which will call upon the Government of Alberta to release its tuition review.

To Note:

- [Edmonton Journal article on International Student Tuition](#)
- Interview for Gateway Report Cards on Wednesday
- Teleconference with the Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance to discuss Open Educational Resources joint paper
- Alberta Party Leadership debate was in Lister. Did not attend but commented extensively online. 🧑

Cheers,
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