

October 13th, 2016  
To: Students' Council  
Re: Report to Students' Council

### **Council Report #12:**

Hello Council,

Welcome back to your bi-weekly edition of the Vice-President (External)'s Council Report. This Thursday is October 13th, a (almost) spooky reminder that October is almost halfway over! I hope many of you are counting the days till Halloween, because it really is creeping up much faster than you'd think. Almost like the beginning of this weeks updates, which are about to happen, now.

#### **Provincial**

##### **Advocacy Meeting with Ministry of Economic Development and Trade**

This is more of a primer for my oral update at next Tuesday's council meeting. On Monday, October 17th, I will be meeting with the Chief of Staff for Minister Deron Bilous. I am looking forward to updating council on any interesting developments that may take place.

##### **Deferred Maintenance**

As many of you know, the University of Alberta currently has between \$600-800 mil. in deferred maintenance needs between our campuses. The deteriorating state of our buildings affect the extent to which students are able to engage with their campus as well as the quality of their engagement. Many buildings such as our residences, heritage and arts buildings have very visible deferred maintenance needs and not so visible plans to improve them. For this reason, I met with the UofA Vice-President Facilities and Operations to learn more about the steps the univeristy has taken to fill these needs through advocacy, as well as to collaborate on a messaging strategy to make sure deferred maintenance needs are filled. During my meeting I was able to learn more about the way buildings are upkeep, the reports the university submits, as well as upkeep initiatives such as combining experiential learning with deferred maintenance to offer students the chance gain real world experience. The meeting was very informative, and I am looking forward to my next one!

#### **UASU**

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**Art Committee**

On the 12th the Art Committee had its first meeting, one that I think was especially productive. As a committee we decided that our mandate would be to Sustain, Discover and Inform - a trio of overarching ideas that our goals and initiatives would link back to. We decided that to Sustain meant to establish and formalize a structure through which we would be able to ensure that there are clear guidelines surrounding using and updating space, one that could be passed on year after year. To Discover meant to find the need that we would be able to fill, which in turn would help students discover a connection to the art in our space. To Inform meant increase student interest and awareness to the art already existing and to be existing in our space, as well as to help students understand the art that is already there. We hope to meet again in the next couple of weeks or so, and begin work on a few projects that fall under the overarching categories.

**EMP FEST**

Interested in helping students access tools and resources that could help them with employment? Interested in working to advise the planning of a massive SU initiative? Look no further! EMP FEST, a five day festival of employment taking place Feb 6-10, is looking for students applicants to sit on the festival advisory committee to help provide input on the major aspects of the festival. EMP FEST hopes to target students in three general demographics: those early in their degree, those in the middle of their degree and those late in their degree. For those early in their degree EMP FEST aims to help students find direction and decide their career path. For those in the middle, EMP FEST will help students manage workplace expectations, as fine-tune their marketable skills. For students late in their degree, EMP FEST aims to connect students with employers and professionals to help them as they begin to kickoff their career. If you are interested, or know someone who is, please be sure to note that the application deadline is October 23rd! For more details see below:

**VOLUNTEER: EMP FEST Advisory Committee**

**Description:** From February 6-10th, the University of Alberta Students' Union will be holding EMP FEST, a five day employment festival. To help advise the planning and major aspects of the festival, the EMP FEST Advisory Committee (EFAC) is looking to recruit 9 member-at-large positions of individuals representing students, areas of the university, as well as members from the general public.

The committee is looking for members who will help advise and provide input on: the selection of events to add to the schedule, the selection of major speakers for the festival, as well as outreach and methods of attraction to the festival.

**Eligibility:** Individuals representing students, areas of the university and members of the general public

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Commitment: At minimum once a month, until the festival. Although, if need be, additional meetings may be called at the discretion of the membership.

Deadline to Apply: October 23rd

More Information: For more information please contact Students' Union VP (External) at [mike.sandare@su.ualberta.ca](mailto:mike.sandare@su.ualberta.ca). Please apply via the link below.

How to Apply: <https://goo.gl/forms/fMXHR06rFLW8y0qu1>

And there we are folks! I hope you have all enjoyed this weeks' edition of "Report of the Vice-President (External)". It has been a jam packed past couple of weeks and I am only looking forward to what more we have in store!

I hope you love this as much as Kanye loves Kanye,  
Mike Sandare