

Date: 28/05/2018
To: Students' Union Council
Re: VP(External) 2018/19 Report

Dear Council,

It has been both a fantastic and very active last few weeks. Working with our various advocacy groups has taken me to Calgary, Canmore, Ottawa and Gatineau. I also apologize for this late report, as I was quite occupied at these various conferences.

1. Updates

- From May 15th to 18th, I participated in the Alberta Student Leadership Conference organized by the UASU Department of Research and Political Affairs and Executive Coordinator. This conference was geared towards educating and empowering smaller post-secondary students' associations in Alberta on issues such as media training, Indigenous issues (with guest speaker Marilyn Buffalo), and the political climate in Alberta. The representatives seemed to really appreciate the opportunity to connect and learn more about effective advocacy.
- As a member of the Council of Alberta University Students Executive Director Hiring Committee, I have worked on the job description which has now been published. We hope to have a new ED by the beginning of August to support the organization. You can find more information here: <http://caus.net/jobs/>

2. Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA)

- President Larsen and I spent May 21-25 in Ottawa (and Gatineau) as part of the CASA 2018 Foundations conference, which brought together representatives of all 22 member associations to determine the direction of the organization for the year. I was elected as Chair of the organization, meaning that I will be the official spokesperson for CASA and will work with the other members of the Board of Directors, staff, and membership in accomplishing advocacy goals and interacting with the federal government and other national stakeholders. CASA has also hired a new Executive Director, Manjeet Birk, who I will work with in both of our transitions into our roles. I will be travelling to Ottawa in another 2 weeks for the Board of Directors retreat and am excited to begin this very interesting work.

I hope everyone is enjoying the beginning of summer and the beautiful weather. My **office hours for the end of May, and June will be: May 31 from 11am-12:30pm in Deweys, June 13 from 3:30pm-5pm online (through my Facebook page), and June 28 from 2:30pm-4pm in Deweys.**

You can alternatively email me at vp.external@su.ualberta.ca to organize a meeting at a different time.

Kind regards,



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