

Date: May 25, 2017
To: Students' Council
Re: Report to Students' Council

Hi, Council!

Just looking at my calendar and realizing what a whirlwind the past month has been. Since the last time we were together, I have transversed the country and haven't spent much time at home. As of today, I've worked nearly 220 hours, and there is still one more retreat (getting hype for GovCamp!!!). I've done my best to be the first to arrive and last to leave at every opportunity and consistently raise our political policy objectives. It has been amazing so far, I am still rocking hard, but I am very excited to spend some time with my cat this week.

CAUS Changeover and Chair

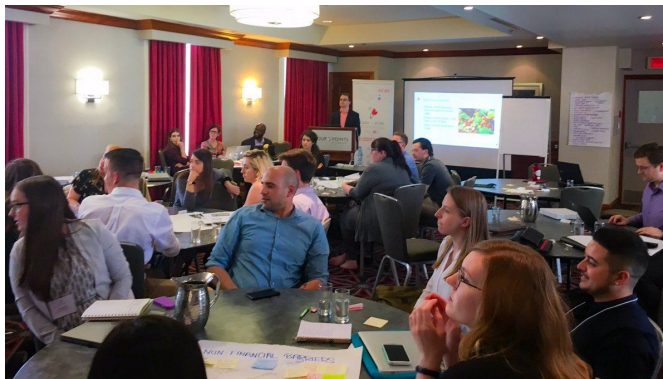
From the 13th - 16th I was at the Council of Alberta University Students Changeover, and I believe it went especially well. CAUS, as our provincial advocacy group, represents students from UofA, UofC, UofL, Macewan, and Mount Royal, in all nearly 100,00 students from across the province. I am thrilled to be serving as their Chair for the coming year, which means that on occasion I will represent not only UofA Students Union but that whole group of students. Our union's political policies and my mandate align closely with CAUS's current advocacy, so I am thrilled with to work in close cooperation with that body. Ultimately it will also give our council very direct access to the Alberta political landscape on Post Secondary Education. Asides that, we did begin advocacy direction setting for the year, and there will be an update on that in mid-June.



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CASA Foundations

I am currently writing this report from Ottawa, as I am at the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations Foundations conference. It thus far has been an incredibly valuable learning experience, and I have been brought up to speed on the national student movement. One incredible piece of information is that for the first time in Canadian history, CASA will represent students from across the entire country, including students from Quebec. These new partnerships should translate into a very efficient year for federal advocacy, and I'm excited to get started. I will have to follow up with an oral update, as today we will be electing our Board, which has a tendency to go quite late into the night.



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Asides the ongoing external advocacy, we've been doing some work at home as well. Research and briefing projects have started on tenants rights and student employment strategies. There should be some more information in late June or early July on that front. Our Department of Political Research and Affairs has also started to plan polling stations and engagement for the municipal elections. We should have stations for not only Edmonton but some of the surrounding municipalities as well. My political policy review is scheduled in for my time in the office over June. Asides all that, I am happy to chat with anyone about our external advocacy anytime.

Cheers,



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