

Date: 27/07/2018
To: Students' Union Council
Re: VP(X) 2018/19 Report

Dear Council,

I am writing this from a very hot residence room at the University of British Columbia, where we have just finished the 2018 Canadian Alliance of Student Associations Policy & Strategy Conference! I will be awake again in a few short hours, in order to travel to Nanaimo, BC, to visit the British Columbia Federation of Students conference to do some recruitment work for CASA.

1. Updates:

- CASA Policy and Strategy: Having just wrapped up the CASA 2018 Policy and Strategy (#PoliStrat2018) conference, I can confidently say it was a success! The Priority Themes, divided into advocacy and research priorities, were passed unanimously by the membership, as were the Board of Directors Action Plans for the year. We also had an unprecedented number of observer associations from across the country join us, such as the Cape Breton University Students' Union, the University of Manitoba Students' Union, and the British Columbia Institute of Technology Students' Association. What's more is that we were given an exclusive consultation for the federal government's National Youth Policy by Member of Parliament Peter Schiefke (Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister on Youth Issues). This was followed by a tour of the UBC Farms and a dinner with MP Schiefke, which I made significant progress on attracting federal attention to Campus Saint-Jean issues.



2. Other points

- Student integration to Edmonton: President Larsen and I met with Councillor Dipinto to discuss the Edmonton Youth Council's potential involvement in a greater student integration initiative for all students moving to Edmonton from outside of the city (Alberta, Canada or international). I will be engaging in conversations with EYC, the City

of Edmonton and the Edmonton Student Alliance to determine the level of interest and potential opportunity in this project.

- MP & MLA meetings: Being in the office between July 16-20 allowed for President Larsen, DRPA Fahim Rahman and myself to engage in a number of meetings with both MPs and MLAs in the Edmonton area. These included: Dr. Bob Turner (NDP MLA), MP Michael Cooper (CPC MP), Minister Eggen (NDP MLA)'s Chief of Staff, Thomas Dang (NDP MLA), and attended the Premier's K-Days Pancake Breakfast with the Executive.
- Department of Research and Advocacy: I am participating in the interview process for our newly restructured Department of Research and Advocacy. It is my hope that this department has an excellent Director and External Advocacy Advisor in place by the end of the summer.

3. Coming up / Things to Note

- Meetings: I have meetings with Minister Bilous (NDP MLA) and MLA Dach (NDP MLA) in the coming week.
- Vacation: I will be taking my summer vacation during the week of August 6-10. During this time, I will try to minimize my interactions with work so as to relax to the best of my abilities with my family and friends. If there is anything urgent during that week that you wish to discuss with me, please contact President Larsen.

It has been a crazy week, and I am crazy tired, but I am constantly happy to be here and inspired by the leadership I get to witness across the country at CASA. Office Hours. I will host office hours on Thursday, August 2nd at RATT for those who wish to join me!

Kind regards,



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