

Date: 10/08/2018
To: Students' Union Council
Re: VP(X) 2018/19 Report

Dear Council,

As the summer winds down, I hope you are getting in your final moments of relaxation! I can already see more students than normal walking around SUB as the craziness of September is almost upon us...

1. Advocacy Meetings

- President Larsen and I met with Alberta Minister of Trade Deron Bilous on July 31st. The meeting went quite well and the Minister seemed particularly interested in international students (which was refreshing). I also met with MLA Lorne Dach on August 3rd, who was particularly interested in student employment and Board of Governors super-majorities.



2. CAUS Budget Submission

- The Council of Alberta University Students will be submitting its Budget 2019 proposal to the provincial government in the coming weeks. UASU was in charge of writing the Student Employment portion, in which I have pushed for an overhaul to the Summer Temporary Employment Program. It is my opinion that the STEP program must now evolve in its entirety to meet the needs of students.

3. Campus Saint-Jean Advocacy

- I sent an email to MPs Peter Schiefke and Randy Boissonnault on the issues facing Campus Saint-Jean, including a 3-page report detailing how the Campus, and accessibility to post-secondary education in French in minority provinces generally, is in need of help. I am happy to provide details of this report to Councillors at their request. Below is a photo of the science building for CSJ that was proposed 10 years ago and

not constructed because of financial disagreements between the University, and provincial and federal governments.



4. Saudi Arabian Students

- I have been speaking with several counterparts at student associations across the country on the severity of the situation involving the recall of Saudi Arabian students to leave Canada at their government's request. It is very disappointing that students have been caught in the middle of a diplomatic dispute between countries. CASA has issued the following statement that I had a hand in writing: <http://bit.ly/2KSCC2N>

5. Coming Up

- SUDS: I will be heading to Vancouver with the Executive for the Student Union Development Summit, hosted by the Alma Mater Society of UBC (their SU), from August 15-20th.
- Advocacy: President Larsen and I have meetings coming up with MP Randy Boissonnault (former SU President) and federal Minister of Natural Resources Amarjeet Sohi.
- ASA meeting: On Wednesday, August 22nd, members of the Augustana Students' Association are coming to meet with the Executive. I look forward to discussing how we can better advocate to the City of Camrose on student issues with them.

September is now on the horizon, and that means 30,000 students returning to our campuses for the year. I hope you are all as excited as I am! My next office hours will be Tuesday, August 28th from 3-4pm.

Kind regards,



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