

Date: 21/06/2018  
To: Students' Union Council  
Re: VP(X) 2018/19 Report

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Dear Council,

As per usual, the last couple of weeks have been very busy but also loads of fun. I would also say that the weather here in Edmonton was even nicer than it was in Quebec City, so way to go Edmonton!

### 1. Updates

- Quebec Student Union Caucus meeting: From June 15-17, I attended the caucus meeting of the Quebec Student Union as the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations representative. It was a great weekend where I was there to learn and create links with the organization. A large part of the discussion was centered around graduate student issues (many of the QSU members are graduate associations). CASA and the QSU will be revisiting the partnership agreement this year as well, so it was good to establish these base relations leading into those.



- Mental Health Commission of Canada: Former CASA Chair Shifrah Gadamsetti, who is now a member of the advisory committee for the Mental Health Commission of Canada, reached out to me and CASA's Executive Director about participating on another group with the MHCC. After a discussion with the folks at MHCC, CASA's ED, Manjeet Birk, will be representing CASA to this organization. I look forward to the work our organizations will accomplish together in promoting good mental health on campuses.
- Cannabis legalization: I am sure many of you heard that the Government of Canada will soon be giving Royal Assent to the bill to legalize cannabis in Canada. I have already met with our marketing team to begin looking at educational materials to distribute to students as this happens. The official date for legalization will be October 17th, 2018.

### 2. What's coming up

- Meetings with politicians: in the next couple of weeks, I will be meeting with various MPs and MLAs to continue our advocacy efforts. These officials include MP Kerry Diotte and Minister Feehan.
- CAUS Executive Director hiring: As I sit on the hiring committee for the Executive Director position of the Council of Alberta University Students, we will be interviewing a series of candidates over the next week. We hope to have an ED starting work by the end of July.
- Intro to government: President Larsen and I will be attending workshops being put on by the Ministry of Advanced Education of Alberta, along with other student leaders, on June 25 & 26.

It is very nice to be back in the office! I am also planning my balance between UASU and CASA priorities, and feel very good about both. My next office hours will be on June 28th from 2:30-3:30 at RATT on the Patio, so come hang out and enjoy the sun!

Kind regards,



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