

March 22, 2016

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Council (for March 22, 2016 meeting)

Introduction

Hey folks,

This is the second last council report that you'll be reading from me and I'm sad to see that out time is almost over together. That said, congratulations to the councilors that were re-elected, I'm sure you will do great next year.

This meeting I have also brought a couple policies that need to be passed but I will explain them in more detail during debate today

Municipal

This Thursday I will be meeting with Edmonton City Councilor Andrew Knack. There isn't much on the agenda past a general check-in but I wanted to run ETS fines for not having your U-Pass by him and see if he had any thoughts. The U of C recently wrote a letter to the City of Calgary outlining the issue with students forgetting their transit pass and being fined for it.

As well, we had an Edmonton Student Alliance meeting last week where the Provost from MacEwan University came and spoke to us. He came of behalf of the Edmonton Coalition of Post-Secondary Institutions, a group of all the Provosts in the city. This was a good presentation where he outlined the goal of the coalition as starting to establish Edmonton as a 'learning city' due to the large amount of students and post-secondary institutions we have. This will be interesting to watch develop in the future and thankfully my successor was able to be at the meeting.

Provincial

April 3-6 will be the CAUS Lobby Con where we will be out at the Legislature lobbying MLAs. The great thing about CAUS Lobby Con is that all the incoming Presidents/VPXs will be able to come and learn how to lobby.

CAUS is also currently running a campaign for the renewal of mental health funding, and I would really appreciate some help from any councilors who are interested. We have a Facebook group for all CAUS schools that we are using to organize the campaign, and I can add you to the group as well as work on our own campus specific campaign.

Federal

The federal budget will be announced today and please ask me in Council about any updates that relate to post-secondary.

Other than that, not much to report federally. I will be working with the Board of CASA and my committee to wrap up the projects that we have to pass them on to the new members of CASA.

Internal Students' Union

The Student Experience Survey that I spoke about before was launched and closed. It was a success as we received over 1300 responses. We have now accepted a bid from a market research company that will be coding all of the responses and running cross tabulations on the data we received. After that, myself and Surma (who works in the Department of Research and Political Affairs) will write a final report. By the end of my term we should have a good idea about what the 'student experience' is on campus at the U of A!

That's about it folks, sorry for the late report but hopefully it answers all your questions and more, see you all soon.

Until next time,



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