

July 9, 2014

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Council (for July 11 meeting)

Introduction

Hey crew,

The last two weeks have been pretty tame, which has been nice. The biggest thing for me was the CASA Board Retreat that I went to (read more in the 'Federal' section. Other than that, the last week was really relaxed, my main focus being the GOTV campaign and hiring a Campaign Coordinator/sending out invites to party leaders. As well, we now have a new Director of Research and Political Affairs! Woohoo! His name is Jon Mastel and I'm sure that you will meet and like him!

Municipal

Nothing really on the municipal front, one thing that President Khinda and our staff did talk about is student jobs in the city, both with the City of Edmonton and private businesses. I think it warrants a type of visioning/strategy document and potentially a political policy in the future that I will be working on. I am setting up meetings with a few city councilors and we are also hoping to buy a membership to the Edmonton Chamber of Commerce to connect with businesses.

Provincial

Nothing has really happened with CAUS over the last two weeks, through there will be the CAUS Roundtable on July 23-24. The meeting gets every executive of all CAUS schools out to meet one another and talk about the ideas/issues that they may be having with the counterparts. It will be in Lethbridge and will allow the other executives to hang out and meet other student leaders from across the province!

Federal

So I was in/travelling to Ottawa for 3 days last week for the CASA Board Retreat as I sit on the Board with my role on CASA. It was a ton of fun to be in Ottawa for Canada Day and we got a lot of work done over the two-day retreat. In reference to my position, we have decided that we would like to do a bit of "soul-searching" for the committee that I chair, the National Advocacy Committee (NAT). As well, the staff have been tasked with the creation of an overall advocacy strategy for CASA, including non-governmental advocacy which promises to be really interesting.

As well, we have decided on a logo for the GOTV campaign, which I absolutely love. And just because I like you folks so much, I'll put the design below. If you would like to see the colours, make sure to view this online!

**Internal Students' Union**

The DRPA has landed. I repeat, the DRPA has landed. We have hired a new Director of Research and Political Affairs named Jon Mastel and he is now officially in office. Jon comes to us from working with the leader of the Alberta Liberals as well as a caucus researcher for them which is really great experience to have for the role. I believe that currently he is in the process of reading the mountain of research on his desk and we couldn't be happier.

Welp, that's about it for this week, hopefully you have some questions for me. But if not, I shall suffer in silence. Waiting patiently to spew the glory of the U of A Students' Union from my lips, trembling at the mention of advocacy, and forever stickin' it to the man.

In solidarity,



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