

September 10, 2014

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Council (for September 15th meeting)

Introduction

Hey crew,

It feels like it's been a really long time since I've seen you all, and I'm really looking forward to it now. The past few weeks have picked up quite a bit since the last council meeting. The best way to describe it is a ramp up to a very busy week this week. Check out below what has been happening, but lots of stuff in terms of Get Out the Vote. Go check out www.SUvotes.ca if you haven't yet.

Municipal

Not too much happening at the city level in the past 3 weeks, though there are a few things that will be coming up. First, President Khinda and I will be going to a breakfast session with Councilor Andrew Knack where we will meet with him as well as many of the other Edmonton student associations to talk about some of the things the city can do for students. I plan on bringing up housing and student jobs in the city mainly, but if you have any other issues or thoughts let me know!

As well in local politics, we will be headed over to the McKernan Community Barbeque to meet some of the people in the community, a community where a lot of our students live.

Provincial

During Week of Welcome I joined the Students' Association of MacEwan University in meeting with Richard Feehan, the MLA for Edmonton-Rutherford. We talked about all of our asks from CAUS and Mr. Feehan had some good input for us on them. One of the things he said is that we should balance our advocacy priorities with non-financial asks, such as policy changes. Currently the only one we have is to move MacEwan and Mount Royal University to Section 1 of the PSLA, but it may be an avenue of policy that we can look into.

Federal

Loooots on Get Out the Vote. I'll try and keep it quick with what's been happening on the ground. For the actual campaign we are sitting at 1800 online pledges and about 4-500 filled out paper pledges that need to be entered in the system. As well, we have 99 volunteers (looking to you councilors to put us into the triple digits).

We are planning a few events as well. We will be having a French debate viewing party at Campus St. Jean with AUFSJ on September 24, an English Debate viewing party in either RATT or Deweys on October 8th, and an elections results viewing party in Deweys on October 19th with the Political

Science Undergraduate Students Association. As well, we have decided against organizing a debate, but rather getting a bunch of candidates on campus to get students to meet and interact with them. That said, Law students have held a debate and apparently Medicine students are interested in holding one as well.

I am also helping organize our campaign which has taken a significant amount of time in figuring out the software we are using as well as organizing volunteers. All in all, I'm really happy where we are but we are really going to have to push to make it to 7500. It's still attainable but a lot of work.

Internal Students' Union

A highlight of the last few weeks was definitely the Augustana Vikings/Golden Bears hockey game that the whole Executive went to go see in Camrose. The Golden bears won, but it was great to be there with students from both campuses cheering for the two teams. Really, we won either way.

A busy few weeks, and quite exhausting at times but even as I write this I can't begin to explain how much I enjoy this job. We really do go to a great university, with even better people.

Onwards and upwards,



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