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To: Students' Union Council

Re: Vice President External 2021/22 Report #13



Dear Council,

I would like to begin by thanking you for the birthday wishes! Writer F. Scott Fitzgerald said “When a man is tired of life on his 21st birthday it indicates that he is rather tired of something in himself.” I can proudly say that as I write this report, I am not tired of life. Instead, I have some exciting updates to share from this last week of the exciting projects happening in my life.

Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA)

National Indigenous Advisory Committee

The National Indigenous Advisory Committee is a standing committee of CASA that serves as a forum for Indigenous students. Its function is to be a direct form of contact between Indigenous students, the Membership and the Board of Directors on matters of importance to the organization. The committee is currently looking for additional members and is open to any Indigenous student who attends a member institution.

I have been in contact with the President of ASC, President Beaulieu-Mercredi, and we are currently working to ensure that there is a representative from our institution. I look forward to updating the council on whom that/these folks will be.

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National Advocacy Committee

As many of you know as Director of Advocacy of CASA, part of my role is to chair the National Advocacy Committee. As we move past the Federal GOTV, the next items on our Committee action plan are:

1. Doing a debrief with membership of the campaign
2. Updating our Advocacy Guidebook
3. Creating mini-social media campaigns based on the priorities of CASA this advocacy year.

Our main focus currently is trying to receive feedback from CASA membership on their thoughts of the guidebook and ask members what or what does not help etc. Once we have received feedback from membership, the committee will begin to update the guidebook based on the requests or concerns of membership. We are also hoping to offer a week long advocacy training session; however, a couple logistical questions have to be clarified with the CASA home office.

GOTV Municipal

Shoutout to Councillor Noor and Viloso for helping put out posters letting students know who the candidates in their Ward are and Where they can vote.

I hope many of you got the chance to vote in SUB. We are still waiting to hear back the total number of folks who voted at our on campus station. While advanced voting has come to an end, you still have Election Day OCTOBER 18TH!!!! To GET OUT and VOTE. Make sure to bring your ID and proof of residence. Visit edmonton.ca/forvoters to find your nearest polling station.

Executive Alumni Research

As I am sure many of you know, the Bylaw 1100 was updated a few years ago for the role of the UASU VP External. There is now a part of my role that deals with external fundraising efforts. Therefore, we are just doing some preliminary research on some of our former Executive alumni. One of our alumni from the 1980's was one of the first VP Finances and now lives in Prague! It's incredible to see the history of our SU.

Moving forward

The rest of the executives and I will be attending the Student Union Development Summit in Vancouver this weekend. I can't wait to share with you all, all the things we shared from this 3 day conference.

The Legislative Assembly of Alberta will be returning to the chambers in the coming weeks. Before then, President Ley and I will be setting up introductory meetings with some of the Edmonton area MLAs, this is especially important as we know the Provincial Government has plans to open up the PSLA .

I will be out of the office next week, however if you do have an emergency or need to reach me, you can always contact me on whatsapp

Have a great weekend all

Yours Externally,



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