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OFFICE OF THE
VICE PRESIDENT (EXTERNAL)

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To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Students' Council

Council Report #8: Meeting, Meeting, Meeting

Hello Council,

Welcome to the 8th edition of the VP External Council report. Here we will go over major developments happening here at UASU, especially those related to our student advocacy! So sit back, relax and tune into today's episode!

Provincial

Provincial Advocacy Efforts

UASU is proud to announce that on the 17th of August we've hit **10** provincial advocacy meetings (including transition meetings with former VP Dylan Hanwell)! So far we have had 5 meetings this month and are looking forward to two more later this month.

Notable developments have been: UASU has been dealing with issues regarding student residence and have consistently been bringing it up in our meetings, it seems there are many MLA's who are interested in the exclusion of Dormitories in the RTA; UASU brought up the building of Muskwa House to Minister Feehan, who noted we should speak to the Minister of Infrastructure regarding issues with buildings, Min. Feehan also let us know his big project is garnering interest in an energy plan for Reserves in order for them to become more self-sustainable; UASU has a meeting with Minister Sigurdson later this month.

UASU

SUDS

Last week the myself, along with the rest of the Executive, travelled to Vancouver to take part in the Students' Union Development Symposium (SUDS). There I had the opportunity to meet with student execs from across the country and discuss the issues we face at our own institutions. In addition, I was able to attend some interesting sessions such as a Media Relations session, a Q&A session with the BC Minister of Advanced Education, as well as a session focused on entrepreneurship to name a few. I found it to be a very valuable experience to bond with my fellow peers, as well as to create a network of VP Externals who have different perspectives on the issues we face here at the UASU.

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Art Committee

Applications for the UASU Art Committee went live on Monday! An email was sent to all students on Students' Council, along with an number of SU departments to garner interest! I would like to request that councillors help market this opportunity among students in their friend group who might be interested! As councillor Angus said, this opportunity will help make SUB more lit!

Here is the information once again! Please apply (or tell your friends to apply) by **August 26th/2016**:

VOLUNTEER Opportunity: UASU Art Committee

Description: The Students' Union is looking for three undergraduate students at large to sit on the University of Alberta Students' Union (UASU) Art Committee. The UASU has built up a collection of wonderful and unique art pieces throughout its years and is looking to expand. Successful applicants of the Art Committee will make decisions that will help the Student's Union acquire art and art installations to improve our Students' Union Building (SUB) Space.

Eligibility: Undergraduate student.

Commitment: Minimum 3 meetings per semester,

Deadline to Apply: August 26th/2015

Want to know more?: If you are looking for more information, please email mike.sandare@su.ualberta.ca.

Click Here To Apply -> <https://goo.gl/forms/rU1OnBLzOfREcoP42>

Meeting with ESS

The Exec had the incredible opportunity to sit down for dinner with the ESS Exec. I enjoyed hearing where the ESS plans on focusing their efforts this year, as well as discussing ways that we could support them. I would like to thank the ESS for taking the time to have dinner with us. We hope to continue building stronger relationships with them (along with all other FAs) in the future!

Student + Politician Mixer (GovWeek)

For the past couple of months the VP External, alongside the UofA Political Science Undergraduate Association (PSUA) have been planning a student/politician mixer to be a part of GovWeek. We plan for this to be a casual way for students to meet with politicians, and for politicians to meet with students over local live music, food and drinks (alcoholic and non-alcoholic). The event is taking place **September 22nd from 6pm to 11pm** at the **SUB patio/atirum**. We invite all students to our event, especially those (such as you councillors) who are politically inclined and would like to get to know your local representatives!

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Well folks, thats all for now! I hope you enjoyed this week's edition of Council Report (brought to you by Mike Sandare UASU VP External) . If you have any questions for me please feel free to shoot me an email and we can set up a meeting, or drop by my office Fridays from 11-noon.

Ta-ta for now,
Mike Sandare