

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL LATE ADDITIONS

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Tuesday October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2013  
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## LATE ADDITIONS (SC 2013-12)

2013-12/1 **SPEAKER'S BUSINESS**

2013-12/2 **PRESENTATIONS**

2013-12/2c Council of Alberta University Students Information Session, sponsored by Adam Woods, VPX, and presented by Adam Woods and Conner Brown (Chair of CAUS).

This presentation will give the leaders of the Council of Alberta University Students to explain how the organization works, what our goals for the year are, and ultimately how it positively affects students. Councillors will be given the opportunity to ask direct questions about the organization in order to learn more about the Students' Unions advocacy efforts

2013-12/3 **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

2013-12/4 **BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

2013-12/5 **QUESTION PERIOD**

2013-12/5a Josh Le, VP Student Life Response to 2013-12/5a

Thank you for the question, Councillor Mohamed. "Take Back the Term" is hosted and run by the Dean of Students. We, the Students' Union, do not receive any revenue from the program and we do not determine the price.

The \$20 price tag is charged on a cost-recovery basis for the food, space, and speakers. The fee is also meant to commit the student to attend the event. In past events, a free price tag resulted in many people RSVPing to attend, but a small amount of people turned out to the event. The fee commits the student to attend, provides a more accurate attendance number, and offsets the risk in planning and hosting the event for the Dean of Students.

2013-12/5b To Adam Woods, VP External from Councillor Mohamed

Two Nigerian International students from the University of Regina have been deported due to working at walmart. They were forced to take refuge in a torch and now their educational hopes in Canada have been ruined. This could happen at the University of Alberta. Will the SU take a categorical stand against the practice of deporting students for working?

- 2013-12/5c To Adam Woods, VP External from Councillor Mohamed  
What is the federal governments rationale for only allowing international students to work on campus. Is the rationale justified in your opinion?
- 2013-12/6 **BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS**
- 2013-12/7 **GENERAL ORDERS**
- 2013-12/8 **INFORMATION ITEMS**
- 2013-12/8h Petros Kusmu, President- Report  
Please see document LA 13-12.01
- 2013-12/8i Audit Committee Summary Report  
Please see document LA 13-12.02
- 2013-12/8j Policy Committee Summary Report  
Please see document LA 13-12.03
- 2013-12/8k SCET Summary Report  
Please see document LA 13-12.04
- 2013-12/8l Leadership Initiative Proposal  
Please see document LA 13-12.05
- 2013-12/8m Adam Woods, VP External- Report  
Please see document LA 13-12.06
- 2013-12/8n Brent Kelly, BoG Rep- Report  
Please see document LA 13-12.07
- 2013-12/8o Josh Le, VP Operations and Finance- Report  
Please see document LA 13-12.08

October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013

**To:** Students' Council

**From:** Petros Kusmu, President 2013-2014

**Re:** Report to Students' Council (for October 22<sup>nd</sup>, Meeting)

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Hello Council!

I've submitted my Council Report on the Late Additions so that I can report on some items (primarily on the Letters of Expectation changes) from the Board of Governor's meeting that took place on today (Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup>). Here's a brief update on what I've been up to since October 8<sup>th</sup>.

- **Fall Reading Week (FRW)**

Like I've said in previous Council reports, the FRW file is really picking up speed. Vice President Academic Dustin Chelen and I had the opportunity to present to the Association of Academic Staff University of Alberta's (AASUA) Council a FRW option. After presenting to AASUA's Executive Council meeting, we went back to the drawing board and amended our FRW proposal to make it more favorable to academic staff (i.e. try to prevent the semester starting earlier and ending later). We presented the reworked proposal and got some positive and constructive feedback on our attempts to make it more receptive to academic staff.

After that, we had the opportunity to present to the Acting Provost an update on where we were at and he was impressed with our progress. The Registrar's Office raised some concerns with the presented FRW options – the pre-AASUA Executive Council FRW option (i.e. Late October) and post-AASUA Executive Council FRW option (i.e. Remembrance Day). As a result, we made a third option which is a slightly different version of the Remembrance Day FRW option that doesn't include day-swaps – i.e. treat a Tuesday (and sometimes a Thursday) as a Monday to remedy the instructional minute imbalance between M-W-F and T-R classes. Currently, we're planning of presenting this option to a Dean's Council and GFC meeting as a discussion item in late November. Right now we're continuing to build support and buy-in from the other stakeholders, such as a couple of Deans and non-academic staff, and refine our FRW "pitch".

- **International Differential Fees (IDF) and Mandatory Instructional Fee (MNIF) Increases**

At the Tuition Budget Advisory Committee and the Mandatory-Instructional Fee Budget Advisory Committee (TBAC-MBAC), VP Chelen, Vice-President External Adam Woods, and I also received some information surrounding IDF and MNIF increases. The Acting Provost Martin Ferguson-Pell and Vice President Finance & Administration Phyllis Clark told us that they are still doing further research on where our IDFs compare with other institutions.

Furthermore, the Dean of Physical Education and Recreation Faculty, Dr. Kerry Mummery, wants to have an increase to the Athletics and Recreation Fee in effect for September 2014 – meaning that the Board will have to approve this sometime in February/March. However, with that being said, Dean Mummery is willing to have this go as a plebiscite question, which is legally non-binding. Even though this isn't going to a referendum, I'm at least happy to see that the Dean is willing to give students a chance to vote on this and I'll consider this a small "win". But, I'm not entirely sure what will happen if students vote against the fee increase in the plebiscite. That's the real question here. Will keep you folks

posted on this matter.

- **Budget 2013-2014**

At TBAC-MBAC, VP Chelen, VPX Woods, and I also received some information surrounding the University's budget data. Our hard advocacy this summer on the University increasing its transparency has been successful in that the institution is now claiming to focus greater on transparency and communication. Point in case is two-fold. First, the University will be releasing a one-pager spreadsheet that will breakdown this year's budgets compared to last year's on a Faculty-by-Faculty basis. This data and its related notes will be released relatively soon. Second, the Board Chair has recently released his formal correspondence with the Deputy Premier/Minister of Enterprise of Advanced Education. This includes information on the University's plan to go from a three-year deficit plan to a two-year deficit plan. Furthermore, it also includes information on the external financial consultants that was supposed to visit the University.

Furthermore, we have been told that the Deans have received their budget letters on Tuesday for next year's budgets. It is important to note that these letters are indicative on the provincial government's budget for post-secondary education, which will be released sometime in the Winter semester. That means these budget letters are draft until the university actually knows what they'll be getting from the provincial government. In the meantime, as the Acting Provost said, it is really up to Faculty Associations to truly engage with their Deans on what their budgets will look like for next year.

Also, at the Board of Governor's meeting, President Indira Samarasekera restated her Change Agenda. While this isn't new news (she made it very clear what her Change Agenda is during her Presidents Address in September), I thought it'd be worthwhile to restate some of the things she will be prioritizing during her last year at the University. President Samarasekera stated that one of her largest priorities is ensuring that the institution adopts strong performance measures and accountability. She really wants to see that there is academic reform when it comes to promotion and tenure of academic staff and there are strong reviews of faculties and departments. Furthermore, she has a deep frustration with the state of the graduate student education here, primarily on the support that they receive to attract greater research funding.

- **International Students**

Just another reminder that the Students' Union is planning of hosting town hall/forum for international students on **Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 6PM on SUBstage**. The purpose of this forum is to inform international students some important budget-related information and how they'll be impacted and, more importantly, to hear back from them on what are some of the pressing international student issues. Be sure to mark this off in your calendar and spread the word about this with any students who may be interested in this venture. For more information and to stay up-to-date on these developments, email [istuitiondiscussion@gmail.com](mailto:istuitiondiscussion@gmail.com) for more information.

- **Residences: 2013 Lister/Residence Changes and SU Student Group Bylaw Changes**

As part of the agreement that prevented the SU from fully pursuing its judicial review of the University due to the 2013 Lister/Residence Changes, the SU and Residence Services agreed that it'd exchange a series of reports to discuss the changes that took place and our thoughts on it. In the summer, the SU sent Residence Services our thoughts on their alcohol changes in all of the residences and their staffing changes in Lister by consulting with a series of residence student representatives and doing extensive

academic research. Residence Services has recently sent us their report on our report based off of various survey data and anecdotal evidence. The SU will be publishing a report to follow-up with their report on our report. (Yes, I did have fun typing that sentence out.) We plan on sharing all of these reports to Students' Council relatively soon.

On another note, the Executive Committee and I are having conversations on including Residence Student Groups a part of the SU's Bylaws. Some of the benefits of this are that the SU will be able to collect a fee on behalf of these student groups and they'll be able to have greater autonomy from Residence Services – the group that they have to advocate to and work with. These conversations will hopefully reach the Bylaw committee relatively soon.

- **Letters of Expectation (LOE)**

As mentioned last time, at the last General Faculties Council (GFC) and Academic Planning Committee (APC), I worked hard to include the SU's recommendations to the institution's LOE – primarily on having the LOE reference “attributes and competencies” as something they value. Despite my amendments failing at both GFC and APC, I got some recent success at the Board of Governors' (BoG) Board Learning and Discovery Committee (BLDC) where that particular amendment surrounding attributes and competencies passed. My concern was that this part of the LOE would be removed when the Board approved it today. But luckily, despite a small number of Board members, the amendment had a fair amount of support from other Board members and, I'm glad to say, passed in the final version of the LOE. Yay, success! 😊

In conclusion, I made five proposals to amend the LOE and two of them were successful. The language that passed including wording on attributes and competencies and on how students should have mentorship, not simply access, from instructors and researchers. But the amendments that failed surrounded language on “increasing” student participation in governance, stating that all program areas should be excellent and not simply “major” programs, and including the importance of enhancing digital learning and resources to students.

- **Council of Alberta University Students (CAUS) Executive Roundtable**

Last week CAUS hosted a meeting in Calgary (of which I had to miss due to my FRW AASUA presentation) and an executive roundtable where the executive teams from the U of A, U of L, and U of C SU met with their counterparts to discuss various things from their portfolio. The Presidents' Roundtable had a robust conversation on a variety of topics and gained some new ideas, as well. For instance, the U of L has an International Students' Association that's a student group, the U of C President and Vice-President Student Life met with the 20 largest student groups on campus to ask for general feedback on all things related to students and student groups, and the U of C printed each of its Councillors 10 posters that contained their name, picture, and contact information for them to post it around campus so students can know who their representatives are.

- **Master of Arts in Women and Gender Studies Program**

Interesting news update: the Ministry of Enterprise and Advanced Education rejected the University's proposal for creating a new Masters of Arts Program in Women and Gender Studies. VP Chelen found out this information at a GFC subcommittee. I asked for greater clarification as to why this happened and if it has happened before at the Board. The Acting Provost stated that this proposal got rejected apparently because the University of Lethbridge offers a similar program (i.e. duplication) and it has low

enrollment. As to when this has happened before, the President said that this has never taken place. Interesting stuff.

- **Personal Update**

The past two weeks have been unbelievably busy with my personal life. From volunteering to studying for midterms, I'm kind of behind on everything. (Especially my inbox, which has now gotten out of control.) Just wanted to keep you folks updated in case you found that I've been relatively unresponsive lately. Lots going on.

That's it for now folks. Till next time!

Signing off,



**Petros Kusmu**

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## AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: **October 15<sup>th</sup> 2013**

Time: **5.00 pm**

2013 – 2014

### **Motions**

1.	<b>BANISTER</b> moved to <i>approve the agenda for October 15, 2013 as tabled.</i>	<b>CARRIED</b> 5/0/0
2.	<b>BANISTER</b> moved to <i>approve the minutes for October 1, 2013 as tabled.</i>	<b>CARRIED</b> 5/0/0
3.	<b>HODGSON</b> moved to <i>adjourn the meeting.</i>	<b>CARRIED</b>



## POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: **October 15, 2013**

Time: **6:05 pm**

2013 – 2014 **MEETING #12**

### **Motions**

1.	<b>BINCZYK</b> moved that <i>October 15 agenda be approved as tabled.</i>	<i>CARRIED</i> 6/0/0
2.	<b>WOODS</b> moved that <i>October 1 minutes be approved as tabled.</i>	<i>CARRIED</i> 5/0/1
3.	<b>BINCZYK</b> moved that <i>the meeting be adjourned.</i>	<i>CARRIED</i> 8/0/0
4.		<i>CARRIED</i> 0/0/0





# STUDENTS' COUNCIL ENGAGEMENT TASK FORCE MEETING SUMMARY REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: October 17<sup>th</sup> 2013

Time: 6.11 pm

2013 – 2014

## Motions

1	<i>BINCZYK</i> moved to <i>add an item to the Agenda under New Business named "Establishing quorum in SCET's terms of reference"</i> .	
2.	<i>BANISTER / EISMAN</i> moved to <i>approve the agenda for October 17, 2013 as amended.</i>	<i>CARRIED 5/0/0</i>
3.	<i>BINCZYK / BANISTER</i> moved to <i>approve the minutes for October 3, 2013 as tabled.</i>	<i>CARRIED 5/0/0</i>
4.	<i>BICZYK / EISMAN</i> moved to <i>establish quorum as 6/9 SCET members.</i>	<i>CARRIED 6/0/0</i>
5.	<i>BINCZYK / ZENG</i> moved to <i>adjourn the meeting.</i>	<i>CARRIED 6/0/0</i>

# Students' Union Discussion Paper on the Lougheed Leadership Initiative

The late Peter Lougheed is recognized as among the greatest leaders that the province of Alberta has ever had. As Alberta's Premier, as a President of the University of Alberta Students' Union, and in other leadership roles, he advocated for each and every Albertan to take advantage of the incredible opportunities available in this great province.

We applaud the University of Alberta's efforts to create a *Leadership Initiative* in Lougheed's memory, recognizing his contributions to Alberta. The Student's Union would also like to acknowledge the gracious support of the donors towards the creation of this leadership initiative to commemorate Lougheed's work and to continue to inspire and support a new generation of student leaders who can go on to the guide Alberta, Canada, and the world through tomorrow's opportunities and challenges.

The Student's Union remains inspired and encouraged by Lougheed's vision for the broader community, especially his emphasis on the need to "think in terms of community before individual". We believe that — as a major Canadian and global center for research, teaching and learning committed to the *Uplifting of the whole people* — every University of Alberta student should graduate with the knowledge, skills, and experiences required to become a 21<sup>st</sup> century leader. In the vein of uplifting all students with the leadership attributes essential to success in our strong economic environment, the Students' Union is submitting this discussion paper on a proposed student leadership initiative.

- The Student's Union recommends that the University of Alberta create a "Lougheed Leadership" endowment, through support from donors, to provide annual funding for initiatives that provide leadership learning opportunities for *all* students.
- Recognizing that leadership development happens inside and outside the classroom, we recommend that the "Lougheed Leadership" initiative be created as a central hub **under the Office of the Provost** or Office of the Dean of Students. It should be headed by an academic whose key mandate would be to offer visionary guidance, strategic direction and ongoing support to individual leadership programs and initiatives hosted in our diverse Faculties and student services units.
- A portion of the "Lougheed Leadership" endowment should be allocated for curriculum (re)development, with a specific focus on integrating leadership attributes into existing undergraduate programs. This would **empower professors and administrators** responsible for program planning to foster leadership skills that are best suited for their discipline. While acknowledging the success of the Business leadership certificate, such a fund would allow other Faculties to develop appropriate curricular leadership programs like certificates that support the professional development of students. Distributing funds across Faculties would ensure that students in all University of Alberta programs have the opportunity to be supported by the Lougheed Leadership initiative.
- The Students' Union believes that a Lougheed Leadership initiative should complement and **support our strongest existing leadership development programs**. The University of Alberta has the more student groups than any other University in Canada, with more than 450 groups registered last year. Funds from

the Lougheed Leadership endowment should support existing co-curricular programs like the Student Group Leadership Summit and the Emerging Leaders Program. With around a thousand students who identify as student group executives, mentorship and leadership training for these students would encourage a culture of leadership for the wider student body.

- As a part of the Lougheed Leadership initiative, the University should **augment our leadership programming in existing residences**. Building off of the success of Residence Halls Association and Residence Services leadership programming, the Lougheed Leadership initiative would bring “leaders in residence” to each of our residences and provide enhanced development opportunities like the Basecamp program for all students living in residence.
- If the University decides that physical infrastructure is needed for a Lougheed Leadership initiative, then the space should become a **visible hub of existing experiential learning programs** for all students looking for the experiences needed to set them apart in the Albertan economy. Recognizing that programs like Community Service Learning, the Undergraduate Research Initiative, Study Abroad and Global Education, Venture Mentorship Programming, the Emerging Leaders Program, and the Green and Gold Grant play a key role in enhancing student leadership development, the SU recommends we co-locate these initiatives in the newly built facility.
- If the University of Alberta decides to build a “Leadership College”, resources should be directed to develop curricular and co-curricular experiences **accessible to all students**. This should include mature students with dependents, students unable to afford living in residence, students living with family in Edmonton, and students attending other University of Alberta campuses. This would provide for an inclusive leadership program that recognizes the diversity of the University of Alberta’s student body.

The SU is excited about the possibilities that a Lougheed Leadership initiative will offer to University of Alberta students. It could enhance our overall university experience, our employability, and augment the potential far-reaching impact that student leaders could have in the contributions they make to tomorrow’s society and economy.

We recognize the key role that donors play in driving the vision for a Lougheed Leadership initiative, and are deeply thankful for the support they give us and the University. We hope that the University, together with donors, will pursue a vision for student leadership in consultation with the University community that engages students, staff, and administrators on every University of Alberta campus.

October 21, 2013

**To:** Students' Council

**Re:** Report to Council (for October 22nd meeting)

**Introduction**

Hello Council,

First off I want to apologize for the late report. This past few weeks have been particularly busy with organizing various City election events on campus, as well as prepping for the quarterly meeting. I am very happy to announce however that the Your City, Your Vote campaign wrapped up in top form last week with our the on campus voting station. The quarterly meeting with the Deputy Premier was also very informative to student leaders from across the province.

**Municipal Election Campaign:**

I would first like to thank Council for all their help with the "Your City, Your Vote" campaign. You certainly helped me spread the word, and for that I am greatly appreciative. Personally I am very happy with how the campaign went, and more importantly how it ended. We received decent attendance at the Mayoral Forum and very good attendance at the Candi(date) event at SUBStage. In addition, the website designed by the Students' Association of Macewan University garnered a lot of attention. Most importantly however, the voting stations across Edmonton campuses succeeded beyond expectation.

The coalition of institutions running Your City, Your City set a goal of 1000 votes between all three post secondary institutions, and I am proud to announce that we reached roughly 1300 votes. Elections Canada and Elections Alberta toured the voting station and stated that its something they could attempt in the future at post secondary institutions, which is also a huge win. All in all, while I'm happy the campaign is over, it couldn't have gone better.

**CAUS:**

I spent the entirety of Monday with the other CAUS representatives meeting with the student leaders from the Alberta Schools' Executive Council and the Alberta Graduate Council, before the entire group met with the Deputy Premier and the staff of the Ministry of Enterprise and Advanced Education at the Financial Building downtown for the second quarterly meeting.

ASEC, AGC, and CAUS met before the meeting for the purpose of ensuring all organizations were on the same page. We emphasized finding out more information on the governments timeline for PSLA changes, as well as what areas they intended to affect, in addition to information on tuition and mandatory non-instructional fees. CAUS delegates were also able to bring up concerns surrounding student employment and non-refundable student aid. For the most part our concerns resonated with the Deputy Premier.

Around specific concerns, it sounds as though the timeline for the PSLA review is going to be extended into the fall of next year. The final answer on this will be dependent on the Deputy Premier's meetings with other legislators. In terms of mandatory non-instructional fees, there was a more extensive discussion. The Deputy Premier recognized how these fees are assessed is a huge problem; however spoke against government interference in University affairs. All students from across Alberta made it quite clear that the current state of MNIF's in Alberta is absolutely unacceptable. While the Deputy Premier promised action, there is still

discussion over what that action should be.

The Deputy Premier also agreed that Campus Alberta should have a predictable funding model. While tuition wasn't entirely touched on, the DP stated that he supported tuition by CPI, which means he agreed with our specific ask in that area. He didn't give a very clear follow-up on how much students should be responsible for versus government, however I imagine that will be a conversation for a later time.

**Advocacy:**

I only had one advocacy meeting this past week. President Kusmu and I had the opportunity to have a sit down with Mr. Stephen Khan in RATT to have a general discussion over post secondary. Meeting with Mr. Khan is always a great opportunity to receive feedback on advocacy asks, as well as has general discussions over the current status of post secondary. Petros and I briefly went through the CAUS ask list before discussing how things are at the U of A.

Unfortunately due to everything happening over the past month or so, I've had to dramatically reduce the number of lobby meetings that I've been able to take a part in. This has only been because almost the entirety of my focus has been spent on the municipal election, and the second quarterly meeting with the Minister. I am happy to say that now that Your City, Your Vote has completed, I will again be able to spend the majority of time meeting with government and opposition members. I look forward to any questions you may have.

That's all I have to report at this time.

Thank you for your time,



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October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2013

**To:** Students' Council

**Re:** Report to Council

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Hey Council,

Before I proceed with my report, I would like to acknowledge that our university and our Students' Union are on Indigenous land. Specifically: Cree, Saulteaux, Metis, Blackfoot, and Nakota Siou.

They are faculty, staff, students, family, and friends, and they are still here. I acknowledge that we meet on treaty 6 territory. That treaty governs the relationship between first-nations and non-first nations citizens. I am thankful for this opportunity for us to meet on this land today. This statement will be included at the front of my report to council until either the time that my term ends, or Council moves to makes a similar statement available for public viewing.

It has been relatively busy for me on the BoG front. Since Council last met I've attended a pre-BoG meeting with the President Kusmu and President Epperson of the GSA, a four-hour Board Orientation session, and a 5-hour Board meeting followed by lunch at RATT with the other Members and the SU and GSA executives. I'll touch briefly on the main points of each meeting.

**Pre-BoG Meeting with Epperson and Kusmu**

President Kusmu, GSA President Epperson, and myself met last Tuesday in preparation for the BoG meeting last Friday. This meeting is part of a series of meetings which should better institutionalize the role of the BoG Representative within the workings of the SU and the wider University student advocacy community. In the meeting we discussed strategy and shared concerns regarding material the upcoming Board meeting. Two items we focused on were the Letter of Expectation from Deputy Premier Lukaszuk and the Dare to Discover Report Card – Dare to

Discover being the overall academic strategic plan of the University, as formulated by the President and approved by the Board. The meeting helped us get on the same page and left us better-prepared for the upcoming meeting

### **Board Orientation**

On Thursday evening I attended the Board Orientation – primarily for new members of the Board, but I attended anyway to meet new members and get refreshed on U of A governance. The Board Orientation was more comprehensive than previous session I have attended, which I was glad to see as U of A governance is very complex and takes much getting used to. Members old and new were (re)introduced to the overall governance framework of the University – the bicameral system, governing legislation, historical precedence, et cetera. Emphasis was also given to the direction that came out of the recent Strategic Retreat. Overall, the orientation served as a good refresher and opportunity to mix and mingle with Members old and new.

### **October 18<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting**

The Board of Governors met the following morning. Much was discussed at the meeting, but I'll focus on the highlights here: the Letter of Expectation, Dare to Discover Report Card, and approval of the various committee Terms of Reference.

#### *Dare to Discover Report Card*

President Samarasekera presented to the Board performance updates on the institution's academic strategic plan. I had concerns about the ever-increasing student-to-faculty ratio – currently at 21 to 1. But, as Indira explained, at the beginning of her term she had hoped to get the ratio to 16 to 1. She further explained that this ratio is heavily dependent on the number of faculty – which in turn is dependent on provincial funding. Hopefully this upward trend in the ratio can be reversed without placing additional financial burden on the backs of students. The Board approved Indira's Dare to Discover Report Card without much controversy.

### *Letter of Expectation*

The Board also approved our end of the Letter of Expectation (LoE) as necessitated by Deputy Premier Lukaszuk. It was noted that what we were voting upon was significantly “toned down” relative to what had been initially demanded by Lukaszuk. Nevertheless, some Board members expressed apprehension regarding aspects of the document – specifically regarding a section about student attributes that President Kusmu had added in an earlier Board Learning and Discovery Committee (BLDC) meeting. After some discussion and explanation, the LoE was ultimately approved and will be sent off to Lukaszuk for final approval.

### *Terms of Reference*

A regular (but nevertheless important) responsibility of the Board is the approval of committee Terms of Reference. Only some of the committees had significantly altered their ToR’s therefore requiring Board approval. The Board Health Safety and Environment Committee, chaired by newly-appointed member Stephen LaPoole, altered its Terms to better reflect the ongoing nature of reporting requirements to the committee. The Board University Relations Committee (BURC) had done likewise. The new committee Terms were all approved without controversy.

In summary, these past two weeks have been busy but very exciting. I’m glad things are starting to pick up and am eager to see how the rest of this year will shape the future of the U of A. As always, I’m looking forward to seeing you all on Tuesday.

In Solidarity,

**Brent Kelly**

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October 22, 2013

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Students' Council

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Hello Council,

These past couple weeks have been surprisingly quieter for me

## **SUB Renovation**

The preliminary site work continues on 89 Avenue in preparation for the bigger phases in the Spring. We will be doing work in the lower level of SUB starting in late October/early November. The landscaping plan for the SUB Renovation is going to FDC on Thursday for approval.

We are still waiting for the government to approve the AFCA loan through an Order of Council, but there seems to be progress on the topic. The word on the street is we received the 3<sup>rd</sup> signature needed in order to get it on the agenda. We will find out the verdict soon.

## **Dewey's**

I'd like to officially announce the hiring of our new Dewey's Manager, Monique Vulic. She's only been part of the team for a handful of weeks, but she's proving to be a strong performer and a great manager for beloved food operation at the heart of campus. I encourage you to bring a friend (or a few) and try out the revamped Dewey's. The level of service impresses me and I'm sure it'll impress you too.

## **SU Social Media**

I'm putting on my Marketing hat as an experiment to engage students with the SU. I will take over the social media accounts on a trial basis to enhance the online communication and presence of the SU with our stakeholders. I will keep you posted on the results, but you will hear about it beforehand if it goes according to plans.

## **SU Newsletter**

The second iteration of the SU newsletter went out last week. What are your thoughts on the content and what would you like to see as content? We're developing the Communications Strategic Plan and we're looking to feedback.

## **Inter-SU VPOF Collaboration**

I sent off an email to my counterparts across the country to start the dialogue about collaborating with each other across Canada. This is one of my Exec goals and I look forward to whatever the outcome may be.

Feel free to get in touch with me at 780-492-4236 or [vp.finance@su.ualberta.ca](mailto:vp.finance@su.ualberta.ca) if you have any questions, comments, or concerns. I am happy to meet with you if you would like to discuss any VPOF topics in detail.

Cheerio,

Josh Le

(electronically submitted)