

STUDENTS' COUNCIL LATE ADDITIONS

Tuesday September 23rd, 2014
Augustana

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AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: **Tuesday September 16th**

Time: **7:00pm**

2014 – 2015

Motions

1.	Farooq/Sleiman moved to approve the agenda.	<i>CARRIED</i> <i>4/0/0</i>
2.	Farooq/Sleiman moved to approve the minutes	<i>CARRIED</i> <i>3/0/1</i>
3.	Sleiman/Jacobson moved to adjourn	<i>CARRIED</i> <i>4/0/0</i>

September 21st, 2014

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Council (for September 23rd meeting)

Introduction

It's been two weeks of go-go-go! But it's enjoyable as always. Though things with the media died down in the last week, campus engagement really picked up.

Campus/Internal Advocacy

- On September 15th at [Policy Committee](#), the committee voted to consolidate all of our financial aid policies into one policy. We will continue working on this next month, and the first task will be to write the First Principles.
- The [Law Students' Association](#) held a [town hall](#) meeting on September 17th. There were a lot of tough questions asked and I think those who truly cared about the issue attended and spoke up.
- On September 18th and 19th, I attended the [first Plenary Session of the Senate](#). Each "constituency" gives a report, and I provide a report on behalf of the SU. Given the new Senators in attendance, I took the opportunity to explain what our organization does. I certainly got many approving nods.

Municipal Advocacy

On Saturday, September 13th, we hosted the [post-secondary relations breakfast on campus](#). Councillor Andrew Knack has been taking the lead on this with the City of Edmonton, along with his colleague, Councillor Bev Esslinger. They have been working on ways to [make Edmonton a PSE City](#), which I think is fantastic. The student executives from all of the Edmonton post-secondary institutions attended, so not only did we provide good advice and opinions to the City, it was also a great networking experience. Despite the differences at our institutions, we have enough similarities this year that we can work together to achieve some common goals. We also got some sweet sunglasses ☺

Provincial Advocacy

- On September 12th, my colleague Cameron McCoy (President of SAMU) and I had a [meeting with MLA David Xiao](#). We discussed a couple of CAUS' priorities for the year, which you can [find on the website!](#)
- I'm looking forward to our next [Quarterly Roundtable meeting with the Ministry](#), and as such, our first meeting with all the SA's from Alberta with the new Minister, Don Scott.
- Speaking of the new Minister, he has been very proactive – he's called not only CAUS, but also the individual VPXs. I'm glad to see he is familiar with our pressing issues of MNIFs and Market Modifiers and I look forward to discussing the rest of our major advocacy points soon.

Federal Advocacy

On September 10th, Cory and I got in to the "an Evening with Tom Mulcair" event. Lots of MPs were around, and I especially enjoyed speaking with some of the younger elected members from Quebec. The following evening, we hosted [3 NDP MPs on campus](#) in partnership with the Campus NDP club. Laurin Liu and Charmaine Borg came with Linda Duncan. Throughout the year I'll try and bring MPs from the three main political parties to campus. We had some good discussion and thought-provoking questions were asked.

University Community Engagement

- On September 10th, we hosted a BBQ at CSJ. As usual, I really enjoyed my time there!
- And of course, September 12th was when I got iced for the ALS ice-bucket challenge. Honestly, I had a lot of fun, despite being plagued with the shivers after! You can see the [video on YouTube!](#)

- On September 11th and 16th I blocked off time for office hours, which to my dismay, were underutilized. I'll set up two more sessions and if they aren't well used I will stop setting them up. However, *anyone* is still free to set up meetings with me. I also *really* encourage councilors to take advantage of this time – you can talk to me about running in the upcoming elections, ask me about ongoing issues or just stop by and tell me how I can help. This week's office hours are **Wednesday, September 24th from 12-2pm**. Next week, they are on **Thursday, October 2nd, from 12-2pm**.

Alumni Weekend

On September 18th, I went to the President's State of the University Address. You can [read about some of the highlights in the news](#). Thursday was also the kickoff to Alumni Weekend with the Alumni Awards event. It was amazing to see Jubilee packed full of people cheering on for green and gold. The sock fight on Friday was also hilarious -- 3000 yellow and green socks being thrown at people. I definitely got socked in the face a few times...

On Saturday, Students' Union executives from the 1960s joined us for our own alumni event in recognition of all the changes to the Students' Union Building over the years. It was the 50th anniversary reunion of the student leaders, who at that time were facing their own challenges and opportunities. Hearing their stories gave me a new appreciation for our organization, the students' movement in general, the power of our advocacy, and for SUB.

Following that, we attended a few alumni events: the Golden Grads dinner (for those who graduated 50 years ago), the Harvest Celebration for those who graduated about 25 years ago, and The Wet Secrets concert!

On Sunday, William and I went to brunch with SU alumni, who are now involved in such diverse areas. The conversations were incredibly energizing -- everything from their perspective on the Scottish referendum, to the Northern Gateway Pipeline. Underlying it all though, was a deep connection and shared experience of the Students' Union. It's heartening to know that we have allies all around us, who understand the value of an accessible and high-quality post-secondary education.

My biggest takeaway from the last few days is this -- don't hesitate to take opportunities to listen to those who came before you. At the very least, we gain understanding, and at the best, we create new ideas. A huge thanks to the University community and keep on rocking that green & gold!

I need your input ...

I sit on the **Senate Campus Engagement Committee** and the Chair is interested in knowing how the Senate can better support us not only as Students' Council, but how they can engage campus in general. Let me know what you think! The **next meeting is October 7th at 5pm**. Please attend if you can!

Conclusion

As you can see, it has been two weeks of non-stop hustle and bustle. So, I'm taking the rest of Sunday for myself and then we're back at it again. See you all at Augustana for our next Council meeting!

Cheers,



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September 9th, 2014

To: University of Alberta Students' Union Students' Council 2014-2015

From: William Lau, President 2014-2015

Re: Report to Students' Council (for September 9th, Meeting)

Dear Council,

I hope that the Fall Semester is treating each of you well, and that you are valuing the material that you are learning in the classroom. I remember how different my attitude was in earlier years of my degree before I started taking classes that I enjoyed.

Anyways, let me walk through our itinerary for the next few pages.

- Updates on Market Modifiers
- Executive Committee Campaign
- Debrief: Academic Planning Committee
- Debrief: Residence Budget Advisory Committee
- Alumni Weekend

First and foremost, updates to market modifiers. Last council meeting, we moved a motion enforcing that student representative associations must present to Council results from a town hall and a plebiscite if they are to seek approval to act in opposition to Students' Union political policy. Vice President Orydzuk will have the most up-to-date information with market modifiers in Economics, Pharmacy and Medicine, but let me provide some updates with the Law Students' Association:

- The LSA held a town hall on Wednesday September 17th. Dean Paton was present for the first 15 minutes to answer any questions.
- The LSA will be meeting with Discover Governance on Tuesday September 23rd for their investigation meeting.
- The LSA has decided to conduct a survey rather than a plebiscite to seek more data. A question about the proposal will be in the survey.
- The survey is currently in the works, and a draft will be coming forward over the next couple days.
- The LSA will design the survey to balance the interests of students, the government, the faculty and the legal community.
- The draft will be forwarded to the SU for feedback before conducting the survey.

A more uplifting project that our team has been working on is a campaign aimed at spreading the SU's reach across campus via class talks, one on ones, posters and banners. We are often criticized for not being visible throughout the year until we ask for votes. Now that we are 4.5 months into our term and have a clear understanding of what it is we do, our team decided to set aside a week to prioritize increasing interactions with the student body. The campaign has been extended for two reasons, 1) posterage was conflicting with Alumni Week, so facilities staff were removing our posters, and 2) a lot of time was dedicated to working on Market Modifiers, which proved to be more urgent than the campaign. This campaign has offered me an opportunity to live my dream, to ask each first year the question, "have you joined a club yet?" as if it's simply what we do :)

There are a couple reasons why we say that execs say that we have to accomplish most of our goals in the Spring/Summer. Once September rolls around, our calendars are now competing with student initiatives, governance meetings, and unfortunately this year, the coughs and runny noses as well.

With governance in full swing, I thought there would a few updates worth mentioning:

- Academic Planning Committee (APC)
 - The establishment of the Integrative Health Institute (IHI) was approved.
 - Multi-faculty, interdisciplinary research focused institute
 - Integrative health is a patient-centered, evidence-informed, inclusive approach to health and healing
 - While open-minded, pursues inquiry & evidence, embodying the rigor of academia
 - Three foci: functional foods, mind-body healing, and traditional medicines
- Residence Budget Advisory Committee (RBAC)
 - The expected rent increase for the 2015-2016 year will be roughly 2.18% (CPI).
Exceptions are as follows:
 - Additional increase for renovated and furnished rooms in HUB, to be decided as we review costs of renovations and furnishing.
 - 3.00% in Grad Student Residences, as utilities are being introduced into base rent rather than remaining as a separate cost.
 - 2.50% in Pinecrest & Tamarack Houses, as expected in the approved proforma prior to construction of the residences.
 - 2.30% in Augustana, to be discussed with Augustana's Residence Services.

The primary highlight over the past two weeks was definitely Alumni Weekend. It started off with the Alumni Awards Ceremony in the Jubilee, where we were introduced to 41 distinguished alumni, ranging from the "grandfather of pavement" to the current President & CEO of World Vision. Being a part of this ceremony was truly inspirational, and allowed me to envision where my friends – including all of you – could be in a few decades.

Even more exciting was the SUB Expansion event on Saturday that we were all invited to, meeting our predecessors that had the vision of building our current Students' Union Building from 1962-1967. The significance of such a project was magnified when we learned how other Students' Union Buildings in North America at the time were all built and run by the equivalents of our Dean of Students' Office. The autonomy that the University of Alberta Students' Union had, and the courage they had to take on such an initiative was unprecedented. This was in an age where we were not in legislation, when we did not have seats on GFC or on the Board of Governors. This is when the University of Alberta had 6,000 students with projected growth of 18,000 and we have grown to more than double the expected size. This is in an age where students were accepted into medical school with a 65% average, and then student leaders and Students' Council could debate whether to build a curling rink in the Students' Union Building. It was a true privilege and honour to interact with such leaders, four of which all held degrees in Philosophy, became Rhodes Scholars, and continued their studies in Oxford University. It was a once in a lifetime experience, and I hope to explore ways to help them document their stories.

Here are a few other miscellaneous updates you may find helpful, and please don't hesitate to ask for more details:

- We had a highly successful BBQ at Campus Saint Jean. They have voiced a concern that we don't do this often enough, and if Council agrees, then we shall increase the frequency of such efforts.
- I am sitting on the Canadian Alliance of Students Associations' Strategic Planning Committee and we are finally getting the ball rolling, beginning with feedback on the current strategic plan.
- Vice Presidents Orydyk, Hodgson and Khinda stepped up to the challenge of the ALS Ice Bucket and was joined by seven Vice Provosts!
- We are currently in the middle of interviews for a new Executive Coordinator and will have a hire by the end of the week.
- The Student Health Committee arranged a successful Student Assembly for Campus Health for the fifth consecutive year, bringing in student groups and campus organizations relating to student health.

All the best,

William Lau

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