

University of Alberta Students' Union

STUDENTS' COUNCIL LATE ADDITIONS

Tuesday, June 10, 2008
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

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Report to Students' Council

May 10, 2008

Beverly Eastham, Vice-President (External)



Hello Council,

I am extremely pleased to hear that the council retreat went well and that a number of good discussions were had along with some fun, enjoyable, and hopefully relaxing times. I am disappointed that I could not be in attendance, but as you likely know, Janelle, Chris Henderson and I were away at the CASA Policy and Strategy Conference. We were all quite pleased with our first conference as full CASA members and are looking forward to being involved throughout the rest of the year. My apologies for not having my report in the agenda, but as I was out of the office all of last week, I did not get a chance to write my report until today.

Federal Lobbying/Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA)

As mentioned above the CASA Policy and Strategy Conference was held last week (June 1st – 7th) in Halifax. I will be working on an in-depth report about the conference and will make sure that Council is provided with it when it is finished. I will also be giving a presentation on both our provincial and federal lobby organizations at the next meeting of Students' Council. However, as you won't be given this information for a little while I shall provide a brief outline as to the advocacy and policy priorities that were set by CASA at Policy and Strat. They are as follows:

Advocacy Goals

Level 1

- Canada Student Grant Program (CSGP)/Repayment Assistance Plan (RAP)
- Academic Materials
- Up-front Affordability
- Pan-Canadian Accord
- Underrepresented Students

Level 2

- Research
- Graduate Students
- International Students
- Deferred Maintenance

Level 3

- Indirect Costs of Research
 - Rural Students
 - Tri-Council Funding
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Policy Goals

Level 1

- Canada Student Grant Program (CSGP)/Repayment Assistance Plan (RAP)
- Pan-Canadian Accord
- Academic Materials
- Access
- International Students

Level 2

- Housing
- Graduate Student Issues
- Underrepresented/Aboriginal Students

Level 3

- Quality
- Enrollment

I anticipate that councilors may have a number of questions about these priorities and hopefully the presentation next week will answer most of them. However, if you have questions that you would like answered before the presentation send them my way and I will do my best to answer them.

Council of Alberta University Students (CAUS)

Duncan Wojtaszek (Executive Director of CAUS), and Cheri Konsmo (Research and Communications Assistant for CAUS) will be attending the June 24th meeting of Students' Council. This is the meeting that I will be presenting on our provincial and federal lobby organizations and I am hoping that Duncan will be able to say a few words on CAUS and answer any questions you may have for him.

The next meeting of CAUS will be on June 25th where we will be further discussing our advocacy and policy priorities for the year. On June 26th CAUS will be attending an orientation meeting with the department of Advanced Education and Technology.

Executive Visit to Augustana

Yesterday (Monday, June 9th) the executive took a road trip and went to visit the Augustana campus and two of the Augustana Students' Association executive members. We had a very nice (although short) visit and were able to discuss several important issues.

Associate Vice President (External)

To fill the recent vacancy in the position of Associate Vice President External (AVPEX) we have hired Karen Lawrence. I am very excited to start working with Karen on a number of different initiatives and hope you will join me in welcoming her.

Housing Awareness Week & Campaigns Planning and Action Committee (CPAC)

Housing Awareness Week will be held during the week of September 29th. This year CPAC and I will be working with the VPX from the UofC Students' Union, Alastiar MacKinnon, to plan our housing weeks in conjunction with each other. We will also be working with Kristen in order to try and incorporate the issue of sustainable living in whatever ways we can.

The Campaigns Planning and Action Committee is still looking for members. If you are interested in being part of this amazing committee send an email to avpex@su.ualberta.ca (or come talk to myself or Karen and let us know).

I would love to spend some time talking to individual councilors during the quieter-for-the-most-part summer months. Stop by my office in 2-900 or give me a call and I will do my best to help you figure out how to forward initiatives and goals that you may have.

Cheers,
Beverly