

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

**Tuesday, October 3, 2017
6:00PM
Council Chambers, University Hall**

LATE ADDITIONS (SC 2017-10)

- 2017-10/1 SPEAKERS BUSINESS**
- 2017-10/2 PRESENTATIONS**
- 2017-10/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**
- 2017-10/4 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT**
- 2017-10/5 OPEN FORUM**
- 2017-10/6 QUESTION PERIOD**
- 2017-10/7 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS**
- 2017-10/8 GENERAL ORDERS**
- 2017-10/9 INFORMATION ITEMS**
- 2017-10/9a** Vice President (Academic) - Report.
See SC 17-10.01.



September 29th 2017

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Students' Council

Hello Council,

I hope all is well! September has been quite a busy month and time really has flown by! With the back to school rush, GovWeek planning and regular day to day business, it's hard to believe it's already October.

COFA

The Council of Faculty Associations Senior Board met for a professional development session focusing on team leadership broadly. The session was hosted by the Students' Unions very own Leadership and Recognition Unit, who provided a high level overview of key group leader skills. They also offered to attend any Faculty Association meetings to provide for specialized, focused sessions as well. The other COFA meetings will take place later in the month of October.

GovWeek 2017

GovWeek has come and gone! As many of you may recall from our last council meeting, GovWeek was taking place from September 18th through 22nd. We are still working on compiling the feedback and working on the expense report for the event, and a more robust report will be released over the next month.

Identity Matters!

One session during GovWeek was the release and presentation of the *Identity Matters!* report. This report looked at the influence of identity on a students' decision to get involved in student governance and what their experience was like in that role. The biggest single influence on a students' decision to run in student elections at the executive level is gender, with women citing confidence inadequacies including a perceived lack of knowledge of the position, a lack of time, and a lack of the needed skills. The report has picked up a lot of media attention and has been published in Windsor, Halifax, Hamilton, Toronto, Calgary, and Academia.com's top 10 news releases on September 27th. The report can be found here:

https://www.su.ualberta.ca/media/uploads/148/FINAL_IdentityMattersReport_F.pdf

GFC

There was a meeting of General Faculties Council on September 25th which was the first meeting of the fall. The relevant agenda items included: goal presentation from the GSA and SU executives, Proposed Changes to the University of Alberta Convocation Admission, Proposed Increase to Required English Language Proficiency (ELP) Scores for Undergraduate Admission, Report of the GFC Committee on the Learning Environment (CLE) on Teaching and Learning and Teaching Evaluation and the Use of



Universal Student Ratings of Instruction (USRI) as an Evaluation Tool, Proposed Faculty name change: Faculty of Kinesiology, Sport, and Recreation (from Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation). The proposed changes to the University of Alberta convocation admission were so that the language used was more athiest and utilized the language “for the public good”; while there was much support for the change, it is important to note that one student member did vote *against* the proposed changes because of what it means for religious students. The ELP score changes did pass as well, something which both the International Students’ Association and the Chinese Students and Scholars Association supported in prior consultation. The most controversial agenda item was the USRI report and it’s recommendations – USRI’s are a topic that often divides students, faculty and administration, and the report caused enough debate that it has been pushed forward for more discussion at the next GFC meeting on October 30th.

STRIDE

STRIDE had it’s first meeting of the fall cohort! I’m so excited to be part of the program again this year and to be able to welcome the new participants. My role will continue to be as a spokesperson and faciltiator, with focus on introducing the research into the project. The group began last Thrusday and will be meeting again this week, before resuming it’s roughly monthly meeting schedule.

I will be setting monthly office hours from 12-1 every Tuesday, or by appointment. I encourage you all to drop by when you can!

Warm regards,



Shane Scott
Vice President Academic