

Date: December 13, 2022

To: Students' Council

Re: Board of Governors Representative Report #17

Dear Council,

These last two weeks have been a busy two weeks for me as I have had a Board Governance Committee meeting as well as a full Board of Governors meeting. I am also pleased to say I have had a couple of people reach out to me expressing their interest in my position ranging from just wanting to learn more about the board and how they operate. It has been great to see this interest from within our campus community. My report below will highlight important points from firstly, the Governance Committee and secondly, the full board meeting that I think Students' Council will be interested in.

Board Governance Committee

At the governance committee we received an update from university administration on the status of the University Strategic Plan. The university expressed that everything was going well and that they are on track with their targets but they did express dissatisfaction with the amount of student engagement with student involvement in the strategic planning process. During this meeting I had the opportunity to question administration on how they planned to improve this moving forward into phase two of the strategic planning process. Apart from this we also discussed the inventory of Board-Approved University policies.

Roundtable with the Minister of Advanced Education

I had the opportunity to attend a tour of the legislature and sit for a round table with Minister Nicolaides afterwards. This was a great event for me to attend as I had the opportunity to hear more from him on what the status of deconsolidation legislation is, as well as hearing what his priorities are looking like under his new mandate letter from Premier Smith.

Board of Governors

During this board meeting we received an update from President Flanagan which included highlights of his whereabouts and exciting things happening at the UofA since our last board meeting. We also received the GFC request that the university pause the implementation of the College Dean Selection Procedure. No action was taken from this item as there were no motions from the floor to turn this into a tangible action item. We once again were briefed on the strategic planning process where I was able to press administration again on student consultations, to which it seems there will be a better plan for engaging students in phase two. We were also briefed on the proposed tuition increases which President Monteiro spoke about during the meeting.

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