

Date: October 18, 2022
To: Students' Council
Re: Board of Governors Representative Report #13

Dear Council,

These past couple weeks have been very eventful with the preparation and attendance for the Board development session and the board meeting that occurred this past Thursday and Friday.

Board Development Session

The board development session was a step towards helping build the strategic plan of the University. This meeting involved the themes of Growth, Identity, Discovery, and Student Experience. During this session, we discussed these aspects of the strategic vision to help guide the strategic planning process. Board members provided responses to questions asked of us to understand their perspectives and vision for this institution.

Board Meeting

The Board of Governors met on October 14 hence why I am providing this update late so that you could all hear what occurred in this meeting. From this meeting, there were two key items that I would like to highlight for council that I think would be of the greatest interest to everyone. Firstly, the "Sexual Violence Policy and new Student Conduct Policy Suite" was tabled. After being approved by GFC, the Board Human Resources and Compensation Committee made a couple of final changes to the document and sent it to the Board for approval. The changes made were within the intent of the new policy however the wording and placement of them made the policy changed the tone. Fortunately, we were able to share our concerns with this before the meeting, and the chair humbly agreed to table this motion to change the wording so that the spirit of the policy has the same intent.

A second highlight of the meeting was the hiring of an AVP for online education. Given that the exploration into online education was a theme of interest in students council I made sure to bring student perspectives into this conversation. I had the opportunity to ask about the future of hybrid learning from their office and I received the response from her that right now they are more looking to explore offering pure online courses for some of the larger undergrad 1st year courses as well as expanding into online Continuing Education courses. I plan to meet with her personally sometime in the future to further share some of the students vision for hybridizing learning.

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