

Date: 09/22/2020

To: Students' Union Council

Re: BoG Rep 2020/2021 Report #9 - **Reputation, Representation and Miscommunication**

Dear Council,

Meetings

1. **BRPAC:** last Friday some open session items were Indigenous students receiving funding for their education, the need to improve our relationship with Albertan Government by marketing UAlberta's achievements more effectively (reports, awards, etc.) and Bill's transition into presidency; he's meeting internal and external stakeholders to secure funding and hear concerned voices. Regarding students, he spent time meeting new residents and their parents with cookies, has been meeting with GSA and UASU executives and the Black Students' Association.
 - a. I would appreciate hearing your concerns about the university as students so that I can bring your concerns to the committee and work with them to advise administration on their direction in university branding and action. Student feedback helps UAlberta improve.
2. **AUFSJ:** this meeting gave me clarity on where CSJ student representatives stand. We discussed pros and cons of being on or off North Campus, acknowledging potentially improved facilities at North Campus but significantly less cultural preservation.
3. **ASA:** looking to meet with them about restructuring as well.
4. **STRIDE Launch Party:** among other well spoken, well experienced panelists, I enjoyed hearing Akanksha Bhatnagar and Alana Krahn speak to their experiences in and journeys to leadership.

Projects

1. **ISA/ASC representation on BLRSEC:** having approval from the board chair and committee chair, ISA can present about representation, advocating on behalf of ASC as well. The next step will be a meeting between ASC, ISA and ARRC reps and I to craft content that addresses everyone's concerns. A complication here is that the PSLA can afford structural change but this structural change must happen at all three Albertan universities because the Act covers them all. We could see even larger conversations with international and Aboriginal students across Alberta, which is exciting!
2. **Livestreaming Follow-up:** I've asked administration about recording board/committee Zoom open sessions to post online like meeting minutes are. I will publicize this if it does happen.
3. **BoG Rep Handbook:** preliminary conversation happening here.

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University of Ottawa Supporting CSJ

1. I have seen news suggesting University of Ottawa is considering financially supporting CSJ, which is false. The [article in the Edmonton Journal](#) is an opinion piece, not supported by the University of Ottawa; I asked university administration about this and they said they have been in contact with the University of Ottawa who explicitly told them they have no intention of supporting CSJ financially.

Thanks for reading!



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