

Date: 05/19/2020

To: Students' Union Council

Re: BoG Rep 2020/2021 Report #2 - **Board Meeting and Communication Strategies**

Dear Council,

First Board Meeting

1. Some key points are:
 - a. General Faculties Council recommended and the board approved the suspension of admissions into Augustana's BMus in "Piano" and "Voice" majors, an idea originally put forward by Augustana Faculty. With this suspension these majors will be offered as streams within the new "Performance-Based Pedagogy" major because there are too few students taking "Piano" and "Voice" majors, which are resource intensive.
 - b. The board approved an addition to the Code of Student Behaviour about weapons, stating, "No Student shall possess any weapon, unless authorized by UofA Protective Services." (30.3.4 (6) f) Council was consulted about this last term.
 - c. The board approved that once it can meet in person again, webcasting open sessions will happen. Details are being determined.

Current Projects

1. **FA Communication:** having spoken with VP Draper, I will wait for word back from him after he's completed consultation with FAs about what they want to see from CoFA this year. The idea of me being at senior board meetings is out there. More to come.
2. **Social Media:** I met with Joel and clarified the BoG Rep's relationship with UASU, deciding I will talk to Board Reputation and Public Affairs¹ Committee's chair, Paul Whittaker, about my marketing strategy instead. The key is accessibility to students, and I aim to be an information conduit for what I am doing and what the board does, that may get missed by university marketing. This said, being a signpost to university content on Instagram or Facebook is something I will do as well.
3. **AFCA's Campaign:** I will be attending this Wednesday's town hall in English to learn and contribute. I will review next Tuesday's meeting's notes as I will be at my day job. With content from both of these meetings and collaboration with Joel and Marc² I will communicate student and community concerns to the board and appropriate committees as I see opportunity to.
4. **Upcoming Meetings**

¹ BRPAC

² Marc Waddington, GSA President

- a. Next week I get to have my first BRPAC and Board Governance Committee meetings. At these meetings I will get informed about current plans they have and take the knowledge to craft my own.
- b. I will also be attending next Monday's GFC meeting which will give me insight into our academic situation with COVID-19 and how the university is approaching the students' request for lowered tuition on account of partial mandatory distance learning.

Thanks for reading and ask me if you have questions!



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