

Date: 06/02/2020

To: Students' Union Council

Re: BoG Rep 2020/2021 Report #3 - **CSJ & Continuing the Communications Discussion**

Dear Council,

Growth

1. I'm getting more comfortable speaking up in various board meetings, but I am still refining the skill of knowing when to speak and how to be concise and diplomatic. I am thankful for the professional development I am experiencing as I learn more about university governance and system-level thinking through all the documents I review for meetings and experiencing the meetings themselves.

Meetings

1. **ACFA:** CSJ is not receiving accurate per student funding for operation, meaning they're running programs with far less money than is reasonable. They've also lost funding from the government, meaning classes will have to be cut, which is detrimental for the already small campus (more details [here](#)).
 - a. Solutions from the meeting included talking the provincial government about being allowed to use carry-over funds¹ to fund current needs, engaging anglophone parents and proposing a new model of academic structure for CSJ, to become more independent of North Campus. Other practical ideas are listed in the link.
 - b. I can ask board committee chairs about UAlberta's stance on CSJ issues, funding and if our Reputation and Public Affairs Committee is willing to take a stand for this, encouraging them preserving cultural diversity contributes to a healthy, welcoming university.
2. **BGC**²: among other items, we discussed the purpose of in-camera sessions which I found informative and allowed me to compare Board use and SC use of these sessions.
3. **Other:** Board Reputation and Public Affairs Committee and the Brand Platform Project Advisory Committee met, which were interesting and stressful in some ways. I have nothing from either Open Session to share.

Current Projects

1. **FA Communication:** more to come. VP Draper is consulting FAs on what they want to see from CoFA Senior Board meetings this year. CoFA is not necessarily the place for a BoG Rep, although it could be a convenient access to FAs. I may resort to setting up my

¹ Surplus from past years' budget

² Board Governance Committee

own meetings or consulting FAs individually throughout the year instead of holding monthly consultation meetings.

- 2. Social Media:** having moved away from UASU's marketing team, I am in conversation with Board Secretary Juli Zinken and her assistant, Erin Plume, about what my information communication should look like. Right now a primary concern of theirs is resource duplication, which is understandable. My concern now and in the past is that UAlberta communication regarding Board happenings is not accessed by students because they don't care and it can be hard to find. I would like to improve accessibility to outcomes that matter to students. More to come on this.

Thanks for reading!



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