

Date: September 6, 2022
To: Students' Council
Re: Board of Governors Representative Report #10

Dear Council,

This week I was pleased to attend the Board of Governors Strategic Retreat. My week leading up to this meeting involved me reading over the documents so I could add value to discussions where I saw fit to further advance student interests. My report to council below will outline what happened during the retreat. Apart from this I also had the opportunity to guide a few campus tours for freshman students. During Week of Welcome I also had the opportunity to visit Clubs Fair where I was able to meet with a number of clubs and listen to their needs/concerns

Strategic Retreat Day 1

During day 1 of the strategic retreat we discussed a number of items which had more of an emphasis on where the University is today. We received a number of presentations from guest speakers such as Gary Mar, a former provincial cabinet minister and the current CEO of the Canada West Foundation. Another guest speaker we had was Tim Orton of the Nous group. These speakers were able to give the board a great overview and insight into what the current environment looks like around the university as well as set the tone for what UofA should strive to achieve. After these presentations and discussions We had the chance to go for dinner and hear about some amazing research being done at UofA and how incredible the student integrated research was at Augustana. We also had the opportunity to go to the Hesje observatory after to see the amazing telescopes the UofA has.

Strategic Retreat Day 2

On day 2 we discussed more strategy for the university moving forward and were able to give our thoughts and perspectives to wear we wanted to see the university move towards. After the conclusion of all our discussions the next step moving forward will be at our next Board meeting in October where we will hear more about the vision moving forward.