November 21, 2017

To: Students’ Council
Re: Report to Students’ Council

Hello Council,

Please find a summary of my work below.

**University Business**

**University Town Hall**

The executive and I attended the town hall, which was hosted by David Turpin and other senior administrations. The town hall was in regards to the proposed budget cuts. Our executives are continuing to push for student and Faculty Association consultation moving forward.

**Academic Planning Committee (APC)**

I attended an APC meeting where we discussed mostly programs that pertain to graduate students. We did also discuss the University’s Academic Price Index (API) calculation, where I stated that while we agree with the breakdown as presented, the Students’ Union does not agree with API as a metric of cost inflation. At the meeting we also received an update on the budget cuts.

**VP University Relations Meeting**

The executive will start to have monthly meetings with Jacqui Tam, the University’s VP University Relations. Jacqui is in charge of many things, including Folio, the University’s news site. Our meeting was very productive and Jacqui had many questions about our goals for the year as well as the Identity Matters report.

**External Business**

**CASA Call**

I had a brief phone call with the Executive Director of the Canadian Alliance of Students Associations (CASA) to discuss improvements that could be made to the Internal Review Committee.
AB Party AGM

VP Larsen and I will be attending the Alberta Party Annual General Meeting in Red Deer as observers on Saturday. The event has been sold out several times and we are excited to see what discussions happen regarding post secondary education at the event.

Other Exciting Endeavors

STRIDE Event

VP Scott and I are working with the STRIDE team to create a marketing campaign and launch event for early December. VP Scott will update council more on the campaign. Please consider applying to be a volunteer model!

Everything else!

The UASU executive went for a lunch with Myer Horowitz, the former President of the University. It was a great way to hear about his time on campus, and he remains very committed to students on campus.

Several members of the executive taped another episode of the Voice of the Union Podcast. I taped 2 segments, one regarding the budget cuts and another on the identity matters report.

Closing Remarks

My Fall semester office hours will be Thursdays from 12:00PM-1:00PM in SUB 2-900! Feel free to drop by if you have any questions or would like to discuss anything.

Thank you for reading my report and happy to answer any questions you may have.

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