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To: Students' Union Council

Re: President's Report 07/12/21

Dear Council,

I hope you are all staying hydrated and enjoying the cooler weather! I'm enjoying the long summer days, and trying to forget that they only get shorter from here on. The last two weeks have been a flurry of activity for the Executive team as we have all made significant progress on projects and campaigns we plan to launch in the fall.



We are working to determine exactly how UASU events and Week of Welcome will look this year. While it will be a bit different from most years due to the short timelines available and the impact of COVID on our budget, we do still anticipate being able to host excellent in-person events. There will also be some exciting new things in WOW this year that we look forward to being able to announce in the next few weeks. I can't wait to see you all there!

Exceptional Tuition Increase (ETI) Proposals

Christian and I, along with the Research and Advocacy team, have finished our response submission to the University's ETI proposals. Please let me know if you'd like to read the package and I would be happy to provide you a copy. We are also meeting with staff from the Minister's office this Friday to discuss the ETI proposals and our specific concerns with them. We remain confident in our case against the proposals, particularly the proposal for the BSc. Engineering. For the time being, we believe it is important to move deliberately and carefully on this issue. We will be able to update Council in more detail on next steps once we have more information about the government's perspective and the approval timelines.

Executive Goals

The draft Executive Goals are ready to be presented to Council, but due to the very long agenda and number of presentations today I decided it would be appropriate to leave

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the presentation to the next meeting on July 28th. You can look forward to seeing the presentation then!

Students Who Parent Strategy Startup: Update

The Executive Committee approved the terms of reference for the Students Who Parent Strategy Group. We will be working with partners at Aboriginal Students' Council, Student Parents on Campus, and the Graduate Students' Association to fill the seats, and we anticipate starting meetings in early August.

We have also discussed opportunities to improve campus childcare with our partners in University administration and across campus, and the response has been positive. We hope that the Government of Alberta will provide some clarity on its plans to federal funding intended to provide \$10/day childcare across Canada. British Columbia has already announced the details of its program, and while Alberta is much further behind in our planning, we hope to learn more in the Fall. Ensuring that Alberta's agreement with the federal government provides for the kind of flexible hours and drop-in arrangements student parents need is a major advocacy priority for the Christian and I and the whole Council of Alberta University Students team this year.

Translation Granting Update

In collaboration with our External Relationships Director, Nigel, I have been working on securing the Department of Canadian Heritage grant for bylaw, policy, and election package translations that I discussed last week. We have received a quote from a translator and I am putting together a project allocation request for the Executive Committee. Once we approve the project at the first meeting of Translation Committee, we will submit the application to the department. We should receive the funds within three weeks and complete the translation project in early Fall.

There's a lot more I'm working on, including improving options for access with campus partners on our Perks app, ensuring appropriate communications training for the Executive team, and much more. As always, get in touch if you have any questions or want to chat!



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