Dear Council,

Summer has flown by! It has been a absolute joy and I am thrilled by the progress we’ve made on a number of files. I am feeling much more rested then I did at the beginning of the term (or last week when my eyeballs hurt) and looking forward to my favourite season, fall.

**Moodys Gartner Donation**

We have successfully closed the Moodys Gartner Donation! The donation will be going towards supporting a tax law moot, scholarships, permanent award, and the campus food bank. My personal thanks to all of the folks who worked so hard to make sure that agreement went through. As well, a big thanks to Moodys Gartner for supporting student initiatives and success on campus. We will be developing a more robust system for alumni support and collecting donations over the fall semester.

**Advocacy**

I’ve had a series of advocacy meetings. Notably, we’ve met with Minister Bilous and MLA Cortes-Vargas in regards to challenges facing the University of Alberta and the province as a whole. As well, the Council of Alberta University Students had a teleconference in which we discussed strategy for the fall semester and the release of the tuition and funding framework reviews.

It is critical that these reviews have results this fall. As tuition remains frozen, there hasn’t been a commitment by this government to enshrining those cost savings in legislation, or any protections for international students. This will be the last opportunity for government to take any significant action before the election period and thus we will be pushing hard.

**Department of Research & Advocacy / GOTV**

We are currently interviewing for a number of positions within the UASU to support our research and advocacy efforts. We should have that process completed by the end of August and I look forward to having a fully staffed 2-900 offices for September. Once those hires have been completed we will be putting together a fulsome GOTV strategy and begin registering students to vote!
Deferred Maintenance

Last year the Students Union produced a deferred maintenance report in which we outlined student priorities. We have since shared that with the University and they have come back with a wholesome report on the feasibility of the projects and outlined where we have overlap in priorities. I am thrilled by this process, as it means we may be able to do some joint advocacy on the deferred maintenance file!

Tenants Rights

Tomorrow we will be meeting with the University representatives in regards to the Students Unions new residence policy. This is the first time that I have been invited to a table to have these discussions and reads incredibly well for movement on this file.

To Note

- Tonight will be meeting with Councillors Sunday and Belcourt in regards to raising indigenous flags on campus.
- Board Ad Hoc Group on Mandates and Membership will be have its first meeting on the 15th. Excited to get started on that governance process.
- Several research briefs have been completed, including; Tenants Rights, Cannabis Legislation, SU Donations, Student Rights, etc. This provides a solid base for advocacy going forward.
- The executive will be at the Students Union Development Summit from the 16th - 20th. I hope to push SUTV, Stride, and CASA priorities at this conference.
- I was interviewed by members of the Global Academic Leaders Development group on the function of students unions in Alberta.
- Next Friday we have a meeting with Minister Amarjeet Sohi which I am personally looking forward to.
- Met with Maclab, a property group that operates many towers in Garneau, about them opening a private student residence tower and how they might look for partnerships with the UASU.
- Met with representatives from the YMCA in regards to sponsoring a student leadership conference.
- I’ve drafted a Students’ Union Bilingualism bylaw first principles and will be submitting them at a time when it would be most convenient for the committee.

That’s all for now folks! I will keep these reports short and accessible, however, will be a challenge as we get more busy in September.

UASU President