Dear Council,

Welcome to the 2019-2020 year! I am thrilled to be back as your Vice President (External) and am equally thrilled to work with you all on Students’ Council. I apologize for the late report, the last couple of days have had me on my toes.

1. **Travelling to Ottawa**
   On May 9th, I will be giving a presentation to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance on the latest federal budget. More specifically, I will be speaking to items such as the creation of a 6-month interest-free grace period on loan repayment and the lowering of interest rates. I will be giving this presentation as Chair of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA), our federal advocacy body. This will give an opportunity for Members of Parliament to hear the student perspective on the budget, as well as for them to ask me any questions they may have. It will be livestreamed as well on the CPAC website under “FINA” (the Finance Committee short name).

2. **Travelling to Canmore**
   From May 10-14, President Bhatnagar, former President Larsen, External Advocacy Advisor Nelson and I will be attending the transition conference of the Council of Alberta University Students (CAUS) in Canmore. CAUS is our provincial advocacy body (check out [caus.net](http://caus.net) for more information). This conference will contain the following items:
   a. Advocacy training
   b. An overview of Alberta’s political climate
   c. Electing a new Chair and Vice Chair
   d. Determining the CAUS advocacy priorities for the 2019-2020 year

3. **SAMU VP Externals Meeting**
   Today, I met with the outgoing and incoming VP Externals from the Students’ Association of MacEwan University to discuss the upcoming year. I look forward to continuing our work together through CAUS and CASA.

4. **GSA Municipal Meeting**
   Today, I also met with the President and VP External of the Graduate Students’ Association to discuss furthering municipal advocacy together and what that could look
like. We will meet later in the summer to compare priorities and find common areas of interest. One such example is affordable housing in and around the University area.

As I will be out of the office a fair bit over the next month, please email me if you wish to meet because I will not set an office hours schedule until my calendar calms down a bit.

Kind regards,

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