Date: 06/12/2018  
To: Students’ Union Council  
Re: VP(X) 2018/19 Report

Dear Council,

I cannot tell you how thrilled I have been with the work being accomplished federally over the last few weeks. I miss you all and am sorry that I must miss a second Students’ Council meeting in a row, however I have been again very suddenly called away to Ottawa for a couple of very important meetings. I would also like to congratulate Governor Flaman for being the first and only member of Council to email me in response to the trivia question in my last report, I now owe him a pair of University gloves!

1. Updates

- **CASA Advocacy Week**: I first travelled to Sherbrooke, Quebec with 5 other CASA Board of Directors members for the Quebec Student Union Caucus meeting at Bishop’s University. It was a great opportunity to continue CASA’s relationship with the QSU as we seek to complete our partnership renegotiations before the March AGM in Halifax.

  We then continued on to Ottawa for what turned out to be a fantastic and successful Advocacy Week with all of our members and some observers. I met with several MPs (Shields, Schmale, Kelly, Fergus, Tabbara, and Duncan), Ministers (Duclos, Joly, and Monsef), and a staffer of Opposition Leader Andrew Scheer’s office, who all showed great interest in CASA’s various asks. I was also the MC for a reception on Parliament Hill where delegates were able to socialize with MPs and Senators. MP Schiefke, a strong ally of CASA, brought delegates to the official ceremony for the closing of the Centre Block of Parliament where I also met and talked with the Governor General. I had the pleasure of hosting a fireside chat with Senators Mercer, McPhedran, Bellemare and Wells, where we talked about the value the Senate can provide to post-secondary advocacy and change.

  President Larsen and I met with the Canadian Centre for Substance Abuse and Addictions to discuss alcohol and cannabis use on campuses. The CASA membership was consulted as part of the Mental Health Commission of Canada’s developing campus standard, which should benefit students from across the country once established. Finally, the membership met with the Native Women’s Association of Canada to discuss and ask questions about reconciliation in post-secondary education and advocacy. This was a particularly valuable session for myself and the Board, as we are examining new approaches to ensure that indigenous voices are properly represented when advocating.
Finally, at the membership plenary on the last day we accepted the Camosun College Student Society from Victoria into the membership! The Board of Directors was also given the mandate to present a report at the AGM conference in March on how CASA can better represent college and polytechnic students.

- **Francophone community meeting**: I had been invited to participate in the latest meeting of the Post-Secondary Committee of the Association Canadienne-Française de l’Alberta. The francophone community is looking at their various options for advocating for Campus Saint-Jean, as well as their stakeholdership in Campus Saint-Jean. I was there to remind them that student consultation will be extremely important as they develop their plans.

- **Senate**: On December 6 & 7 I am attending the University of Alberta Senate meetings. I will be hearing a report from President Turpin on student numbers, as well as the process for the selection of a new Chancellor. Chancellor Doug Stollery’s term will be ending at the end of this year.

2. **Coming up**

- **Back to Ottawa**: From December 9-11 I will be back in Ottawa for meetings and to present to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration.

- **Honorary Degree Selection Committee**: On December 12 I will be attending a meeting of this committee to select future recipients of honorary degrees.

- **CSJ Town Hall**: In January (date TBD), I will be hosting a town hall at CSJ to help in the consultations for the CSJ political policy. AUFSJ has communicated that they would like to support us in doing this. Stay tuned for more!

3. **Things to Note & Office hours**

- **Holiday break**: I will be starting my holiday vacation on December 19th.

- **Office hours**: My last office hours before the break will be December 13th from 3-4pm in RATT. Come say hi!

As the stress of December approaches, please remember to take the time for self-care and holiday joy. If I don’t see some of you before the break, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy holidays, however you choose to celebrate it!

Merry regards,

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