Dear Council,

Is it just me, or is the summer moving by far too quickly? Nevertheless, I am enjoying my vacation in Kelowna as I write this. It has been a good recharging time, ahead of what will be an extremely busy August and even busier September. Here is a photo of the view from an incredible vineyard I visited yesterday called the “Indigenous World Winery”:

1. CASA E-Plenary: On July 18th, I participated in a meeting of members for the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations. Several measures were discussed, such as the approval of the annual audit report, the decision to hold the November Policy and Strategy Conference in Vancouver, and the approval of the Board Action Plan. There was also a large amount of discussion regarding the Member Sponsorship Program (an initiative adopted by the 2018-2019 membership), which would allow CASA to hear more directly from Indigenous student representatives. Before there is any further progress made on the development of this program, more extensive consultation will be conducted with the membership across the country to ensure that all of their perspectives and ways of incorporating Indigenous knowledge and leadership into student associations are taken into account.

2. UASU Street Team: I have been meeting with various staff to develop a volunteer base that can assist the SU with future campaigns and other initiatives in student engagements. It is my hope that by the end of this year, the program will be fully developed and be ready for a more formal launch in the 2020-2021 year and will be something to last the SU for years to come.
3. **COFA Presentations**: VP Agarwal invited me to present our Get Out the Vote campaign to the COFA Senior and Member Services Boards. It is our goal to better engage faculty and residence associations in the federal GOTV campaign. I have also been working with the Augustana Students’ Association to determine if we can get advanced polls on that campus. In the case that we are unsuccessful in that, we will figure out where the closest poll to the campus is and communicate that with Augustana students.

4. **CAUS Counterparts**: From July 31st to August 2nd, I will be in Lethbridge with the other Vice Presidents for the Council of Alberta University Students Counterparts meetings. This is where all executives from members will do more information sharing and networking, which was actually the original purpose for CAUS before it became an advocacy group. I look forward to engaging in conversations with other student leaders in Alberta about the future of CAUS and the Alberta student movement.

5. **My Crazy Upcoming Travel**: From August 7-9, I will be in Calgary for the CASA Western GOTV Conference, from August 9-14 I will be in Vancouver for the Student Union Development Summit (an annual conference hosted at UBC), from August 14-16 I will be in Ottawa for the CASA Central GOTV Conference, and from August 16-19 I will be in Montreal for a caucus meeting of the Quebec Student Union (a provincial partner group of CASA). It will be a very busy and hectic 1.5 weeks, so please email me during that time if you need to contact me!

We are heading into what will be a very busy and political fall. If anyone would like to sit down and discuss federal politics, you know where to find me!

Cheers,

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