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To: Students’ Council
Re: Report to Students’ Council

Council Report #14: A to the D to the Vocacy

Hello Council,

Welcome to the special off council council report, today we’ll be talking a LOT about advocacy. Let’s hope you’re ready to hop on the advo-carriage to the advocatrain!

Federal Advocacy

CASA Conference in November (Advo Week)

I will give you a quick overview of the next scheduled CASA Conference. I will be travelling to Ottawa for the CASA Advocacy Week that will be taking place in November. During Advo Week I will be engaged in advocacy conversations with a number of federal MPs in Parliament. I will be sure to provide an update of the conference and advocacy work done in my next report to Council.

Provincial Advocacy

CAUS Advocacy Push

Earlier this week CAUS schools took part in our fall advocacy push, as apart of CAUS All Exec, which involved speaking with primarily with the Advanced Education Minister, party leaders and Advanced Education critics. During our advocacy push I had the chance to meet with Liberal Party Leader David Swann as well as Progressive Conservative Leader Ric McIver as well as MLA Dave Rodney. Both meetings went very well, the MLAs were very receptive to our asks and discussed strategies we could take to make them happen. In addition to the advocacy push, CAUS also had the All-Exec meeting which brought together all the university student leaders from every portfolio, it was a great seeing everyone again!

UASU

Senate Committee Meeting

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I applied for, and was put on, the Senate Community Connection and Engagement Committee. On Wednesday we had our first committee meeting. During the meeting we began discussion on ways to better connect the University with various communities such as Indigenous, Ethno-Cultural, Low-Income, Religious, LGBTQ, International/Immigrant, Non-Profit, etc. We also began discussion on ways we could prevent racist and discriminatory acts on campus. I am excited to see how the committee turns out!

Much of these couple weeks will be focused on advocacy both provincially and federally. I will be sure to let all of you know how it goes at our regularly scheduled council meeting.

Advocation on the Nation,
Mike Sandare