

Date: 08/06/2016  
To: Students' Union Council  
Re: VP(X) 2018/19 Report

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Dear Council,

I am writing this report from my hotel in Ottawa, where it is currently very humid (I miss the dry Alberta air...)! I am here for the Board of Directors retreat for the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations, which I will detail further in this report. It has been a busy couple of weeks, certainly!

#### 1. Updates / Advocacy Point

- **CASA Board Retreat:** As previously noted, I am in Ottawa to meet with CASA staff and the rest of the Board of Directors, to which I am Chair, in designing the framework for CASA's priorities for the year. So far, I have met with the new Executive Director, who is also being transitioned into her role, and have started preliminary discussions with the Board. This priorities framework will require consultation with the 22 members from across Canada, and will be ready for more serious debate at CASA's Policy and Strategy Conference at the end of July. We also went axe throwing as a team bonding exercise, which I did surprisingly well in!
- **GovCamp:** I had the pleasure of attending my third GovCamp from June 1-3, and would like to sincerely thank all members of Council who came to participate in the sessions around increasing capacity to govern and socializing with Faculty Association representatives. I am always amazed at our student governance structure and how it facilitates a strong community of student leaders. I would also like to thank Rebecca Taylor and her team at Discover Governance for making GovCamp happen.
- **Campus Saint-Jean issues:** On June 29th, I had a meeting with members of the Association des Universitaires de la Faculté Saint-Jean (AUFSJ), the Association Canadienne-française de l'Alberta (ACFA), and Francophonie Jeunesse de l'Alberta (FJA) around the problems that students of CSJ and the Francophone community are facing in accessing quality post-secondary education in French at the University of Alberta. The Francophone community and students at CSJ are very frustrated with a lack of support of the Faculty from the University administration and government. As this situation develops, I want to ensure that the SU continues to collaborate with these groups to ensure an expanding future for Campus Saint-Jean and the access to PSE in an official language-minority setting. Last week, I also met with CSJ Dean Mocquais to gather more details on his work with senior University administration and the Office of the Registrar.

#### 2. Other activities to note

- **Convocation:** On June 6th, I had the pleasure of attending the convocation of students from Faculté Saint-Jean and the Faculty of Arts as a member of the platform party. I greatly enjoyed seeing friends who had welcomed me to the UofA when I arrived now finishing their undergraduate careers here. I would like to extend my most sincere congratulations to all students convocating, and wish them luck in their future adventures.
- **Friends of the UofA:** On May 30th, VP Bourgeois and I attended the AGM of the Friends of the University of Alberta Society. This organization aims to keep generally former Senators and other volunteers continually involved in community outreach at the UofA.

### 3. Future things to note

- **Trip to Quebec:** From June 15-17, I will be in Quebec City to take part in the Union des Étudiants du Québec (Quebec Students' Union) Caucus Meeting as a representative of CASA. Seeing as CASA's partnership with UEQ is very important to maintaining national advocacy efforts and represent students of various types of institutions, I am very excited to learn more about UEQ and find new ways to further our partnership.

Again, thanks to those who took the time to come to GovCamp. Your training, feedback, and conversations were excellent! A reminder that my office hours will be **June 13 from 3:30pm-4:30pm online (through my Facebook page), and June 28 from 2:30pm-3:30pm at RATT on the Patio.**

Kind regards,



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