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Re: Students Council

Council Report: Return to the Office

Hey All,

I hope you’ve been good these past couple weeks! After bouncing from province to province, city to city, I just got back from my hiatus/mini vacation. (So this won’t be too long of a report.) But hopefully you’re ready to tune into the next report of the Vice-President (External)!

CAUS
Myself, along with the rest of the exec are currently in Lethbridge for the CAUS All-Exec Meeting. The All-Exec is a twice a year meeting where every executive (from all positions) from CAUS member schools meet to discuss their goals, and provide support for on another. On the VPX side of things we came together to finalize the discussion points we will prioritize and add onto our lobby document for the next year. The goals we have decided upon are: Mental Health Funding, Changes to Governance, Financial Changes and Student Employment. For Mental Health Funding we decided to push for sustainable and predictable per-student funding. Changes to Governance applies only to MacEwan University and Mount Royal as it is about increasing student representation as well as moving them into a different part of the PSLA. Financial Changes have to do with non-repayable grants and tuition models; and Student Employment is centered around changes being made to the STEP Program, as well as Work Integrated Learning opportunities.

CASA
I am also preparing to leave for Winnipeg for the CASA Policy and Strategy Conference later this week. In this meeting we will be setting our policy and advocacy priorities for the year. I am excited to be working with the other VP Externals and Presidents from across the country and will keep you updated on how it goes!

Welp! That’s all for today I hope that you all enjoyed the report, I look forward to filling y’all in next time!
Keep on rockin’ in the free world,
Mike Sandare