



April 6th, 2017

To: Students' Council 2016 – 17

From: Fahim Rahman, Students' Union President 2016 – 17

Re: Students' Union Council Report #24

Hi Council,

I'm excited for our last meeting of the year, and a little sad that the term is coming to an end so quickly. It has been a pleasure working with you all and I thank you all for your service to the Union! Here is an update on my activities since we last met:

1. CAUS Advocacy Week

CAUS had our three day intensive Advocacy Week around the Legislature last week, where we met with as many MLAs as possible about our priorities for the upcoming year. I had the opportunity to connect with Ministers Joe Ceci, Ricardo Miranda, Oneil Carlier, and Shayne Anderson and MLAs Rick Fraser, Chris Nielsen, and Deborah Drever. The meetings went well, and it was great working alongside the incoming and outgoing CAUS Executives.

2. APSA

Some of the issues VP Banister and I highlighted between the Alberta Pharmacy Students' Association and the Faculty of Pharmacy are beginning to be resolved it seems. We still are unsure how the market modifier funds will be used for next year, but it seems like this year they will be used as initially planned and dispersed in previous years.

3. Transition

I have been meeting weekly with VP Banister to help her get ready for her new role on May 1st, and she has also been shadowing me at some of the meetings I attended this year. I am also spending time preparing for our Executive retreat as well as our CAUS and CASA changeover.

4. Teaching Stream

There were some amendments to the wording of the final motion, but the Committee on the Learning Environment approved the report on Arguments For and Against the Creation of a Teaching-Only Stream. I'm glad to have this report finalized by the end of my term and approved by a standing committee of GFC.

The next steps are to present the content of the report to GFC APC and possibly Exec, though that will need to occur beyond my term as President. I will transition the President-elect and VPA-elected on the issue and next steps that need to occur.

5. CASA Board

The CASA Board had a meeting last week, where we covered the content we'd like to see for our Foundations Conference in May. We also covered finalizing some of the details in our partnership with UEQ, the provincial advocacy group for Quebec students.

6. VP Research Search Committee

The work of this committee has picked up in the past few days, and I'm hopeful that new VPs will be ready for appointment by the Board of Governors in a timely manner.

7. Presence and Relevancy

The Executives were at the GSA's Awards Night, where the hard work that graduate students do here was recognized by the U of A and Graduate Students' Association. VP Ghossein, VP Paches and I also attended the Business Students' Association similarly themed Awards Ceremony.

We all also received a tour of the service corridors, which was very informative as well. Finally, we are working on a designed one-page document summarizing some of the highlights and successes from this year.

I look forward to our final meeting of the year. All the best,



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