

July 7th, 2016

To: Students' Council 2016 – 17

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

Re: Students' Union Council Report #5

Hi Council,

The summer is starting to pick up now, with both internal and external projects. There's also a fair amount of travel this month, with CAUS and CASA having executive conferences the last two weeks of July.

Here is an update on my duties:

1. Internal SU Projects

Social media has been identified as a priority for the Executive this year, with respect to our presence and relevancy. We also want to have consistent messaging as well as clear internal processes for ensuring the entire organization's activities are on social media when appropriate. You should be seeing more messaging on Facebook and Twitter from our official accounts.

Our **Executive Coordinator**, Robyn Fenske, will also be moving away from the organization this summer for other pursuits. VP Paches and I are **interviewing candidates** to succeed her later this summer.

2. Teaching Intensive Stream

There was another meeting of the subcommittee exploring a **stream for teaching tenure**. At this meeting we outlined our rationale for why it is needed at the U of A, and reviewed some of the language used by U15 schools to define a teaching stream. UBC, U of T and McMaster University had the most impressive and detailed language in their academic agreements.

3. Board of Governors

Our full Board was at **MacEwan University for a breakfast meeting** with their full board. I had a chance to speak with MacEwan University's President David Atkinson, who had a clear vision for MacEwan that seemed to take into consideration student interests heavily. I also learned that MacEwan has a teaching intensive stream!

The full executive also invited **Board Chair Michael Phair to the most recent RATTIO** (RATT on the patio), and had a lovely discussion around our priorities for the year. Quite a few of our items were of interest to him, which is refreshing to hear.

4. CAUS & CASA & ESA

CAUS had its first Policy meeting of the year, to figure how we'll review and update all our political policies. I am taking the lead on the Student Financial Aid policies, and have reviewed the six policies

CASA's Policy committee will next meet in two weeks from now, before we all meet in person at **Policy and Strat in Winnipeg late July**.

I also attended the **first Edmonton Student Alliance meeting**, chaired by our own VP Sandare.

5. Student Life

VP Ghossein and I have been preparing for the next steps with the Residence Life Task Force, which should meet in the coming weeks. We've also done some research on **how student rights and responsibilities are defined** at other Canadian institutions.

6. Executive & Council

I had **one on ones with** each of the **executive** this week to check in how the past month has gone, and have started scheduling one on ones with **Councilors** as well to see what our expectations are heading into the academic year.

7. Campus News

Bunny Ferguson also passed away this week, and I will be present for her memorial next week. She was a strong ally to the University, outlined here: <http://blog.ualberta.ca/2016/07/university-community-mourns-loss-of.html>.

The Global Academic Leadership Development Program had its reception this week, which I attended with VP Ghossein.

That's all from me, and looking forward to the next report.



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