



July 20th, 2016

To: Students' Council 2016 – 17

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

Re: Students' Union Council Report #6

Hi Council,

I can't believe we're already past the halfway point of summer, and we all have less than ten months in our terms!

Here is an update on my duties:

1. Internal SU Projects

You should be seeing **more messaging on social media** from the Students' Union's accounts, particularly around Gov Week. I am also looking into how our website can be further refined to present information to students effectively.

2. University Advocacy

There was another meeting of the subcommittee exploring **a stream for teaching tenure**. This time we reviewed the language the U of A has around Faculty Service Officers (which could serve as a teaching stream category, but isn't used like this across all Faculties here).

VP Banister and I **met with the Provost**, which went well. We outlined our focuses and priorities for the upcoming year, which includes experiential learning, the sexual assault report and residence life task force amongst other items.

3. CAUS & CASA & ESA

CAUS had its second Policy meeting of the year where we outlined next steps on our Student Financial Aid. I'll make a few edits to some of our policies, such as loan remission and tax credits for students. Tomorrow the full executive will head to Lethbridge for our first All-Exec CAUS meeting.

CASA's Policy committee also met and outlined a few CASA policies from 2013 – 14 that need to be renewed or discarded. We're also looking forward to CASA's Policy and Strategy Conference in Winnipeg next week, where priorities for the year will be determined. Right now it looks like **economic barriers to PSE and student wellbeing** will certainly be focuses.

4. Student Life

VP Ghossein and I are still awaiting the next meeting of the Residence Life Task Force, as travel seems to be preventing us from meeting in July.

5. Council

One on ones with each of you as Councilors have been going smoothly so far. I have really enjoyed getting to know your interests inside and outside of Council, and I look forward to the rest of the one on ones.

I attended **Bylaw Committee last week** which had a very thoughtful discussion around some of our Elections rules and the second readings for the Faculty Associations' autonomy Bill coming forward. I attended **CAC** as well where a few items relating to Council were discussed.

6. Presence & Relevancy

The Executive received training from **CSJR on doing a podcast-styled** interview with external stakeholders. We also had **interviews with the Gateway** on some of our goals for the year as well as a brief overview of our portfolios and roles with the SU.

VP Ghossein and I attended the **Premier's breakfast** this week as well. Finally, I gave a **presentation to a cohort of Chinese administrators** on the role our Students' Union plays on campus here. They were impressed by our scope and resources, and had a lot of questions for me!

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



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