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**To:** Students' Council 2016 – 17

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

**Re:** Students' Union Council Report #7

Hi Council,

We're starting to wrap-up the last month of the summer, and head into a different time of the year with classes, student group activities and so much more. I hope you all take advantage of the nice weather as well before Week of Welcome and Orientation!

Here is an update on my duties:

### **1. Internal SU Projects**

The full executive attended a **planning meeting for the Alberta Student Leadership Summit**, to chart how it may grow two – five years down. There is potential to showcase the leadership development done on our campuses at other institutions, but are many logistical items to sort out before moving down that route.

### **2. Residences**

VP Ghossein and I met with Residence Services, who notified us that **Residence Services will not be collecting residence association fees for the upcoming year despite the Board of Governors' approved motion** for them to be collected. We have yet to receive a response on why this is the case.

The two of us also attended a meeting of the **Residence Life Task Force**, which is going slower than we expected heading into the summer. We will be moving forward by interviewing students and staff as part of a “unit review” for residences dating back to 2011 – 2012, when duties typically done by Residence Associations were split between Residence Assistants and Associations.

### **3. CAUS & CASA**

**The CAUS All-Exec** meeting in Lethbridge went well, and we were able to finalize our provincial priorities for the year. Advocating for increased student financial aid will be a major theme this year for myself, and VP Sandare and I will be heading into some meetings with MLAs on this topic.

**CASA's** also had their Policy and Strategy conference in Winnipeg, which VP Sandare and I returned from recently. Most of my time was spent with Policy Committee developing a plan to renew some Accessibility policies on the Canadian Student Loan Program, create new policies, and finally draft two white papers.

The **white papers will be on student employment and economic barriers to PSE**, as those are important items as indicated by the current federal government.

#### **4. University Advocacy**

VP Ghossein, VP Paches and I attended a meeting with the Dean of Students and GSA on a **sexual assault response policy**, where we tried to separate issues between policy and procedures/implementation, such as managing privileges or curtailing rights. The latter is much tougher to carry out than the former.

The full executive also met with the **Registrar's Office**, as we do roughly once a semester. Here we discussed the Access Fund, Residence Association Fee Collection, and the University's Strategic Plan "For the Public Good" where the RO will be involved on goals such as Indigenous recruitment.

#### **5. Council**

A few more of the **one-on-ones** have taken place. I have met with about one third of council so far.

The **Bilingual Translation Committee** is also moving forward smoothly, as we have more defined committee now. I'll begin working with committee members shortly to translate Bylaws as identified by Bylaw committee.

#### **6. Presence & Relevancy**

VP Ghossein and I attended the **Wellness Champions Lunch** and recognized some of the hard work done across campus to promote healthy living here. We also had a very successful **RATT on the Patio** which I noticed many councilors attended – thank you for your support!

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



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