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Introduction

Hello Council,

Had quite a bit happen both in the last couple weeks and the two weeks prior to that so I'll catch up on the written report I missed last meeting and provide a new update for everyone.

General Faculties Council - #UAGFC

Attended my first ever meeting of the University of Alberta General Faculties Council on May 28th where motions were put forth to terminate a few Arts programs with no enrolment. With little debate on two of the motions, all four were passed and moved up to the Board Learning & Discovery Committee (#BLDC) where they have subsequently moved up to the Board of Governors for final approval. After the meeting, was able to hang around and chat with a few of the other GFC members during a small Meet & Greet session facilitated by VPA Bhatnagar and look forward to a larger and more formal one towards the beginning of the Fall term.

On June 4th, I was able to participate in a [Governance 101](#) session facilitated by Marion Haggarty-France, University Secretary. And despite being in governance for a while now, I was able to come out of that session knowing a couple of things more than I did going in. It was attended not only by elected student representatives such as myself and GSA President Sasha van der Klein, but other members of university governance of all levels as well as other university staff who aren't directly involved in governance but may aid in governance in some way, shape or form. I would recommend to anyone who hasn't gone through this session at least once to sit in at least once. The slides from the presentation I went to can be found at <https://cloudfront.ualberta.ca/-/media/universitgovernance/documents/what-we-do/governance/gov101june-42018.pdf>.

Next Meeting: Monday, September 24th from 2-4 in Council Chamber.

Board Safety, Health, and Environment Committee - #BSHEC

Was unable to attend my first meeting of the Board Safety, Health, and Environment Committee on May 30th but I was able to read about a couple of strategic initiatives in the works; a Facilities & Operations Safety Program Review and a push to Develop and Improve a Safety Culture Across Campus. In addition, there was an information item presented to provide an update on the university's actions to meet the new requirements of the Occupational Health and Safety Act which came into effect on June 1st as part of [Bill 30](#). More on these throughout the year as they develop.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 26th from 10-12 in SAB 3-07.

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Board University Relations Committee - #BURC

Attended my first meeting of the Board University Relations Committee on June 1st. Got to meet the folks I'll be working with on the committee for the next year, we approved a motion to recommend Board of Governors approval on the University of Alberta Annual Report to the Government of Alberta and got to get a brief update of recent updates and events which were coming up fast. Probably the biggest blip on anyone's radar over the last couple of months was the decision to confer an honorary Doctor of Science degree to Dr. David Suzuki. Initial reaction was overwhelmingly negative leading to many donors to [redirect](#) or outright pull funding but leading up to convocation, sentiment shifted and today is moderately positive. It appears at least for the time being that the Suzuki Storm has passed but we'll have to wait and see what the future holds.

Also, the official name for Lister 5 has been chosen. Can't share what it is just yet, but it should be announced coming up soon this Summer.

Next meeting: Friday, September 28th from 9:30-12 in SAB 3-07.

University of Alberta Board of Governors - #UABOG

The Board of Governors last met on May 28th where aside from a few questions from board members, approved the Management's Annual Audited Financial Statements and review Financial Statement Discussion and Analysis.

Our upcoming meeting on Friday the 15th will see us considering the motions I discussed during the General Faculties Council section regarding the cancellation of a few Arts programs, in addition to hearing a report and recommendations from the Board Working Group. Will have a more thorough update after that meeting.

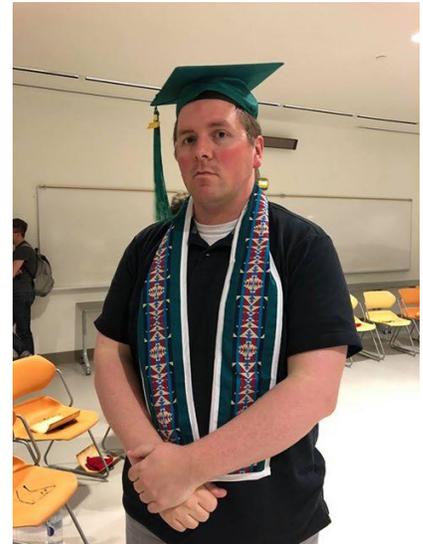
Finally, I extended an open invitation for board members to come out to RATT on the Patio which began on May 17th and was thrilled to see Chair Michael Phair and Vice-President Facilities and Operations Andrew Sharman make an appearance. I'm hoping to see them both again as well as some of the other board members and other members of the university community because the event is such a great way to unwind and network and I'd like to thank VPOF Ripka and her staff for increasing the frequency of #rattio from monthly to bi-weekly this year.

Next meeting: Friday, October 12th from 8-12 in SAB 2-31.

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University of Alberta Students' Union Students' Council - #UASUSC

During our May 15th meeting of Students' Council, we were honored to invite members of the [Kiskinohamatowin Blanket Exercise Group](#) to come perform the [KAIROS Blanket Exercise](#), a teaching tool designed to share the historic and contemporary relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada. At first, I was considered "fortunate" to be one of the few that managed to stay in until the very end but that came at the cost of [Enfranchisement](#), a legal process for terminating a person's Indian status and conferring full Canadian citizenship. See me here on my "graduation day" but notice that it isn't really a cause for celebration because in gaining an education, I would be losing my status due to the [Indian Act of 1876](#). All in all, would highly recommend anyone to participate in this activity and would do so again if presented the opportunity.



At our last meeting, I was elected to serve on the First Alberta Campus Radio Association Board of Directors for a fourth term. We had a meeting on Thursday evening to propose a policy change regarding the Board of Directors nomination and election process which will go up for a vote at a Special General Meeting called for July 5th which if passed, will take effect in time for our Annual General Meeting in late August.

Hit a bit of a snag with Council Jackets in Council Administration committee, but I'm confident we'll still have them in hand prior to Week of Welcome.

Next meeting: Tuesday, June 26th at 6pm in Council Chamber.

Personal

Spent the weekend cleaning and packing the [KGK: East Asian Studies Undergraduate Students' Association](#) office as we've been asked to relocate from our space in Pembina 3-01 to another room on the opposite side of the building. Despite being a small space, it deceptively holds a lot of stuff and it takes forever to get stuff done when you're constantly finding neat things to stop and look over. (i.e. A novel written by Chinese President [Xi Jinping](#) and the Japanese version of the [Game of Life](#) are just two neat finds.)

Board Trivia

This board member is a University of Alberta Professor Emeritus who at one time served on the Senate of Canada and was Dean of Faculté Saint-Jean from 1995 to 2003.

Answer: Provided at next meeting (Be the first to answer and get a prize from me!)

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Conclusion:

Thank you for making it this far. To end on a lighter note unrelated at all to student governance in case you missed it, International House of Pancakes has rebranded to International House of Burgers. #ihop to #ihob. Wendy's ain't worried though.



Replying to @soloucity and @IHOB

Not really afraid of the burgers from a
place that decided pancakes were too
hard.