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**To:** Students' Council 2016 – 17

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

**Re:** Students' Union Council Report #4

Hi Council,

Hope your summer is going well, and those of you who attended enjoyed Gov Camp! Gov Camp marked the end of a string of transition conferences federally, provincially and locally. For the majority of the summer, **I'll be at home base** until CAUS and CASA pick up for conferences again.

Here is an update on my duties:

### **1. Residences**

The first meeting of the Residence Life Task Force occurred, where we outlined a few major **issues** that **the Task Force will investigate** when it comes to the student experience in all our residences. Some items in particular that arose were respecting **students' established democratic processes**, **ambiguous tenancy processes** and the collision of expectations between groups in residence.

We will be **interviewing students and other stakeholders**, like Facilities and Operations, through the summer, which is where VP Ghossein's Residence Life Testimonial form will come in handy.

### **2. Board of Governors**

The Board had our last meeting of the summer, where a few items that had been vetted by Board committees were approved. In particular, the **Board approved** the Institutional Strategic Plan "**For the Public Good**" unanimously.

There was also a **Board dinner the evening before** this meeting where we recognized the hard work of many retiring Board members, including last year's President Navneet Khinda.

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

CAUS had a meeting where we reformed our budgeting processes so that we budget based on more consistent information from year to year. It does mean that **UASU will be paying an additional 2% towards CAUS next year**, which should be manageable within our budgets.

I **chaired the first meeting of CASA's Policy committee** with help from Vice-Chair Tina Oh, the VP External at Mount Allison Students' Association. We found a few areas that Policy committee will be focusing on this year, and will take the list to CASA's full membership at the next conference.

### **4. GFC**

I attended a meeting of **GFC APC (Academic Planning Committee)**. The agenda was very light as we approved two graduate program changes that were already quite vetted.

### **5. Internal Projects: Access Fund & Myer Horowitz Renovations**

The executive had a meeting to discuss some of our future goals for the **Access Fund** and student financial aid, as well as how to proceed with renovations to our Myer Horowitz theatre. Ideally we would be able to fund as many students as possible with the Access Fund, but we are seeing it may have a different, but complementary, role to what the Registrar's Office has for financial aid.

The **Myer Horowitz renovations** are a bit easier to decide upon, as there haven't been any renovations since the theatre was built. Look for a presentation to Council on the current state of the Myer Horowitz Theatre (MHT) and some of our options for renovations in the near future!

### **6. Executive Retreat**

We held our **first executive retreat** last weekend, which I thought went very well! It was a nice way to include team bonding in an informal setting outside of the office, and also map out some strategies and resources that our goals will require this year.

### **7. Presence and Relevancy**

I attended **my own convocation** and enjoyed shaking hands with a number of people that I'll be working with throughout this year as I collected my own B.Sc.

The entire Executive also attended the afternoon convocation of Arts and Natives Studies, where our new **Chancellor Douglas Stollery was installed**.

The university received its **largest single donation** ever from the Stollery Foundation and Royal Alexandria Hospital Foundation towards Women's and Children's health research, and I also attended the **wrap-up BBQ for the University ISP**. Finally, the full executive attended an event hosted by Dentons LLP.

That's all from me for now, and looking forward to the next report!



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