

Date: 26/09/2018
To: Students' Union Council
Re: VP(X) 2018/19 Report

Dear Council,

For those of you who kept track of my #DailyOfficeTunes on Instagram over the summer, stay tuned for more as I will be bringing them back! The reason they have been gone is because they have slipped my mind while I have been very busy over the month of September, but have learned so much and hope that this hard work is paying off.

1. Updates

- **Elections Canada:** GOTV Coordinator Stephen Raitz and I met with a representative from Elections Canada to firm out details for their polling stations in SUB for the October 2019 federal election. John from Elections Canada was very happy to hear about our GOTV goals and told us that students will be able to vote for their home ridings on campus, which we were very happy to hear. In 2015, only about 1500 students voted on campus, and we are ambitiously putting together a campaign to encourage thousands more to vote. There will be 15 polling stations in SUB for 5 days (advanced polling), and they will be looking to hire students to manage the polling stations.
- **In the media:** I have had interviews with Alberta Prime Time (on cannabis legalization) and The Gauntlet (on the CASA international student paper). The Prime Time interview has not yet aired, so stay tuned!
- **CAUS in Calgary:** On September 21st, myself, President Larsen, the External Advocacy Advisor and GOTV Coordinator were in Calgary to meet with the members of the Council of Alberta University Students. We discussed the upcoming provincial GOTV efforts with Northweather Corporation, who are running the back-end of the efforts.
- **Alumni Weekend:** I participated in Alumni Weekend, and the highlight was the conversation with former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, and 3-time UofA alumnus, the Right Honorable Beverley McLachlin at the Myer-Horowitz Theatre. It was an enlightening perspective on the future of Indigenous law, the importance of mental health in the judicial system, and her humble beginnings that led her to influencing almost every aspect of Canadian society.
- **Senate plenary:** On September 27 and 28, I took part in the University of Alberta Senate plenary. The student Senators presented a panel discussing some base factors of the student experience at the UofA, as well as our perspectives on a few topics we are passionate about.
- **CASA pre-budget submission:** CASA has submitted its pre-budget submission to the Finance Committee of the federal government. It is our hope that they will consider our recommendations in designing the next federal budget, the last one before the federal election.



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Hoping to see positive movement on the part of the Finance Committee in response to our pre-budget submission. Students are watching. #cdnpoli #cdnpse @Bill_Morneau @JustinTrudeau



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2. Coming up

- **CAUS tuition campaign:** In the coming weeks I will be launching a tuition campaign from CAUS aimed at ensuring the student voice is heard by the provincial government ahead of the release of the tuition review.
- **Edmonton tourism:** I will be meeting with a representative of Edmonton Tourism to discuss ways we can better integrate students into Edmonton by introducing them to various activities and cultural events.
- **Camosun presentation:** On October 15th I will be travelling to Victoria, BC on behalf of CASA to present to the Camosun College Student Society, who are prospective members of CASA. It is my firm belief that growing our membership base of colleges and polytechnics will aid in our efforts to effectively represent students from across Canada to the federal government.

3. Things to Note

- **Office Hours:** My next office hours will be Friday, October 5th from 4-5pm in RATT. After that, I will attempt to hold office hours in partnership with our faculty associations on various parts of campus. More details to come!
- **Job shadowing:** Stay tuned for some upcoming job shadowing opportunities in October and-or November if you are interested in learning more about the position of VP External and what I do. While I won't be taking you on one of my trips, I can promise that it will be a fun time!
- **In Winnipeg:** On a personal note, I will be in Winnipeg from October 9th-15th, therefore if you want to meet in person beforehand please email me. I will still be working that week and can be reached by email or phone.

As the snow falls (and then melts again) and the midterms near (or have already started), please remember that self-care comes first. Have a hot chocolate, do an escape room, read a non-textbook book, enjoy life!

Kind regards,

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