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**Tuesday, January 19, 2015  
Grand Salon - Campus St. Jean**

**LATE ADDITIONS (SC 2015-17)**

**2015-17/1**            **SPEAKERS BUSINESS**

**2015-17/2**            **PRESENTATIONS**

**2015-17/3**            **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

**2015-17/4**            **BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT**

**2015-17/5**            **QUESTION PERIOD**

**2015-17/6**            **BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**2015-17/7**            **GENERAL ORDERS**

**2015-17/7c**            WANG, KEVIN MOVES TO nominate one Students' Union Councillor to the Nominating Committee.

**2015-17/8**            **INFORMATION ITEMS**

**2015-17/8j**            Letter of Resignation - Bo Zhang:

Dear Mr.Speaker,

Please accept this letter as my official resignation from the 2015-2016 University of Alberta Students' Union Students' Council, effective January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016. I have thoroughly enjoyed my experience working with and for students in my capacity as an Arts Councillor. Due to other obligations, I will not be able to fulfil my duties as a member of Students' Council, and thus will be resigning from the position.

Thank you  
Bo Zhang

**2015-17/8k**            PRESIDENT Report.

Please see LA 15-17.01

**2015-17/8l**            VICE PRESIDENT EXTERNAL Report.

Please see LA 15-17.02

January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**To:** University of Alberta Students' Union Students' Council 2015-2016

**From:** Navneet Khinda

**Re:** Report to Students' Council, for January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 meeting

Here's a shocker – in just about SEVEN weeks, the next Executive Elections will have concluded and I'll be starting a transition to our 2016-2017 SU team.

That's a scary thought and an exciting one. If anyone is interested in either a) running for an exec position or b) re-running to be on Council and you'd like to chat, my door is open! Please get in touch and we can work something out.

Given that timeline, I must say that I'm also feeling a bit of pressure. Actually, a lot of pressure. There are many things on my plate that I need to get done and a lot that I *want* to get done. Stay tuned for a goals update coming to Council in the next few weeks. For now, here's my report:

**1. Antifreeze**

- a. I didn't participate in Antifreeze too much this year (though I wish I had!!) but it looked like a blast! I had a lot of fun taking uncomfortable pictures with various teams since I was item #1 on the scavenger hunt list.

**2. Communications Group meeting**

- a. Discussed the January newsletter, advocacy priorities for the rest of the year, and potentially creating an SU Snapchat filter (idea courtesy of VP Hanwell).

**3. CAUS Teleconference**

- a. This was a more informal teleconference as a check-in after the holidays. We discussed our mental health document (letter going to the province), how we work with ASEC (and their upcoming mental health summit), we discussed our tuition document (our response to government regarding the tuition and fees review), and we spoke a bit about our document on student financial aid.

**4. Meeting with Residence Services**

- a. VP Kwan and I met with Sarah Wolgemuth (Assistant Dean of Students, Residence Life) and Laura Huxley (Residence Area Coordinator). We focused our meeting on two things – the residence fee proposal VP Kwan is working on and updates regarding Lister.

**5. Lister update**

- a. Things are moving ahead! Thanks to the excellent work of the committees and Ms. Rebecca Taylor from Discover Governance, the preliminary set of the new association's constitution and strategic plan are complete! We've sent these out to Residence Services for their feedback and we will be sending a more robust package to the Dean of Students. Ultimately, we hope our work satisfies the administration enough such that they will recognize the new association.

**6. Preparations to bring in a speaker**

- a. After months of thinking about this, and thinking that it wasn't possible, I am now working with the Dean of Students Office and The Landing to bring in a speaker related to sexuality and consent. I can't say who just yet, but stay tuned for more information! Once we get a contract signed I'll let you know.

**7. CAC meeting**

- a. I attended CAC to provide my feedback on the recent changes to our standing orders. There are some pretty neat changes! One of them is the addition of a section called "Open Forum". This will happen right before "Question Period". Open Forum is intended for all registered guests of Council as well as media to ask questions of Council. The aim is to make Council meetings more accessible for observers. There was a great discussion about how to incorporate guest questions and this was a solution largely championed by Councillor DeJong. Well done CAC!

**8. Breakfast with Institute for Corporate Directors**

- a. At 7am on January 13<sup>th</sup>, I joined the ICD for a talk by Richard Dicerni, Deputy Minister for the Executive Council. It was a talk geared towards members of Agencies, Boards, and Crown Corporations. I learned a little bit and had the opportunity to interact with U of A Board members and members of the civil service.

**9. Academic Planning Committee (APC)**

- a. APC on January 13<sup>th</sup> was fairly bland. The Comprehensive Institutional Plan will be coming forward to APC some time in February
- b. There was a proposed change to existing Admission Requirements for high school applicants. Aboriginal Studies 30 and Social Studies 30-1 can now count towards admission. As well, from now on only 5 credit courses will be considered toward admission. These changes passed unanimously and will be reflected in the 2016-17 calendar and take effect in the 2017-18 academic year.

**10. Meeting re: Augustana calendar changes**

- a. VP Rahman and I met with Stephanie Gruhlke (Augustana Student Association President) and Dr. Mundel to discuss Augustana's change to a 3/11 term system and the addition of a First Year Seminar. This seems like a very exciting change – feel free to ask VP Rahman or myself more about this!

**11. Exec Retreat**

- a. On Friday we had a short retreat (or a long exec meeting) where we discussed some issues in greater detail and prepared for the months coming up.

**12. CSJ Festival Hivernal**

- a. Congratulations to Campus St. Jean and l'AUFJSJ for another great event! They hosted Le Festival Hivernal which brought together about 100 students, musicians, and community representatives. I had a really nice time and had some of the best frozen maple syrup yet! The Hon. Randy Boissonnault also attended and spent some time with students.

**13. Other**

- a. There are a few ongoing issues that I've been working on with the executive. As time goes by, I'll be able to speak to them more, depending on where they are at.
- b. I had coffee with another Board of Governors member, Mr. Rob Parks. It was a delightful conversation!

**14. Upcoming on Monday**

- a. Meeting about the Access Fund
- b. Meeting to discuss financial aid policies
- c. Going to class ☹

As always, my door is wide open for whatever it is you want to chat about.

Cheers,  
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**To:** Students' Council

**Re:** Report to Council (for January 19, 2016 meeting)

## **Introduction**

Hey crew,

First things first, I'll be having a job shadow day on February 1<sup>st</sup> from ~9:30 am until ~4 pm. For the job shadow day, if you are interested in coming please let me know in Council or shot me an email at [vp.external@su.ualberta.ca](mailto:vp.external@su.ualberta.ca). That said, I would like to set up a lobby meeting that my job shadow-ees that may need to be limited to those who are more serious about considering the election, but the rest of my day should be able to accommodate for more people.

These last two weeks I've spent a bit of time refocusing on what I was doing before the break and the priorities I'll have until the end of the year. Over the last 3 and a half months of my term I'll be focused on the following:

- Mental Health funding renewal
- Completing my role as Director of Advocacy with CASA and Chair of the National Advocacy team
- Developing political policy around the TRC calls to action and updating all SU policies that pertain to my portfolio
- Develop a strategy for further research into Student Experience/Engagement and potentially do some of that research
- Transition the new VPX (both relationships and knowledge)

As with the job, there will be other emerging issues that I will need to deal with, but these will be the things that will stay on my to-do list.

## **Municipal**

Nothing much to report here other than a response to the letter that the ESA submitted regarding Edmonton Transit. The response to the letter assured us that our concerns have been heard and we will continue to be a valued stakeholder. Not too much of a response, but the ESA Chair will be meeting with Councillor Knack again in February to talk more about our relationship.

### **Provincial**

I've been adding a few more names onto the list of MLAs I have met with and have had meetings with MLA Goehring, MLA Shepherd, and MLA Nielsen. These meetings all went well and my main point was to stress that the mental health funding we receive needs to be renewed. All three MLAs understood the importance of both mental health and why this issue is important now. As well, we heard that both the Mental Health report and the online sign-up for STEP jobs will be coming soon.

I will be in Calgary on the 21/22 of this month for a CAUS meeting where we will be talking about our strategy for renewal of mental health funding, our Student Financial Aid paper, and working more on our submission to the government regarding tuition. I will relay back what we discuss for all of you next council.

### **Federal**

I had the opportunity to sit in on a Pre-Budget Consultation with local MP (and former UASU VPX) Randy Boissonnault for the upcoming federal budget. The Director of Research and Political Affairs and I attended the youth session on behalf of the UASU and we talked a lot about post-secondary education. A couple of the questions asked included "If you had \$1B as a government, what would you spend it on" as well as questions regarding building the economy while making sure no one is left behind. It was a great experience especially because the consultation that the federal government is doing is so expansive. We got a few ideas of what we will be submitting as the SU to their online submission site.

### **Internal Students' Union**

I have been working on my final goal – the student experience research that I want to export out to the U of A and government. I just received a brief from our Research and Advocacy Department on measuring student experience or student engagement. One way that it is currently done is through the National Survey on Student Engagement (NSSE) (pronounced ne-see), but the survey is not always a determinant of student success. Anyways, it is a complex system that I would be more than happy to talk about if you are interested but long story short, we are trying to find another way that we can effectively measure student engagement on campus that will add to the NSSE data.

Thanks all, look forward to seeing your beautiful faces! Remember that my job shadow day is February 1<sup>st</sup> and please let anyone know who may be interested to email me at [vp.external@su.ualberta.ca](mailto:vp.external@su.ualberta.ca)!

Always.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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