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Executive Summary

It has been a whirlwind seven-ish months since I took Office on May 1st, 2018. My term started with essential training in Fiduciary Duties, How to Chair a Meeting, and Training on what it means to be an executive which was a great refresher for me. Over time the Students' Association has developed a strong transition plan for incoming and returning executives. Our summer was filled with many conferences that included the Alberta Student Leadership Conference, where I got the opportunity to meet other student leaders in the equivalent of my position from across the province. Along with the ASLC I attended the Gallivan Client Advisory Conference in Ontario. Execs attended a new conference this year for Canadian Association of College & University Student Services. I thought it was valuable because it gave insight to institutional perspective. My recommendation would be the Students' Association President attends. ASEC also held the Goal Setting Conference during the summer, I thought this earlier timing for the conference worked excellent to determine student priorities and advocacy asks before the school year starts. The rest of the summer was filled with preparations for the upcoming school year.

Dr. Nunoda, Red Deer College's 11th President, started on September 3rd. I have had the opportunity to work with him on the Transition team as well as a few other different areas. The Students' Association is extremely excited to work with Dr. Nunoda. On September 3rd the Minister of Advanced Education appointed me to be a Student member on the Board of Governors. That has been extremely exciting and a steep learning curve, but it is essential to have the student perspective heard in a room like the Board of Governors. I attended my first Board of Governors meeting as an appointed member on September 12th. The rest of September was filled with welcoming back students to Campus through various welcome activities, as well as the Students' Association interviewed and hired a new full-time receptionist. On September 30th, Minister Nicolaides came to campus. I was included in the day with him and was able to discuss what is important to Red Deer College students.

October has come and gone. The executives attended a Board of Governors PD day on Policy governance. Council got up in running with 8 elected councillors. As well as Red Deer College had it's first Fall Reading Break! This was an advocacy win from the Students' Association a few years ago. The Students wanted a Fall break so the student's of the time advocated to Senior Administration to get it! #winning. During the break I brought Alberta Association of Sexual Assault Services to facilitate First Responder to Sexual Assault Training for the Executive as well as Students' Association staff, as this was a training I already have. It was extremely valuable and I am currently advocating for Red Deer College to have facilitators so we can provide training to Students! The provincial budget was released with major cuts to Post-Secondary. This is something we will be meeting with Senior Administration and government for to ensure Students are as least affected as possible.

Unfortunately, due to medical reasons, our VPA, Esther, had to resign from her position. Her last day was Friday, October 25th. The execs, with some help from council, have filled the gaps. I will be sitting on any committees related to University transition, as well as I am now Vice-Chair of Academic Council.

We have an exciting few months ahead with the Train Station 2.0 Opening, as well as continuing on the University journey. My November will be filled with Advocacy week at the end of November and lots of talks before then about the cuts that Post-Secondary is facing, as well as the increase in tuition, and elimination of the Tuition tax credit.

Thank you!

Report

GOAL	OUTCOMES <i>(This is the measure of success)</i>	TIMELINE	DELIVERABLES AS OF October 2018
President Transition: Open-Door Policy and Working Relationship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly Meetings with Dr. Nunoda • Successful "meet the President" events • A good working relationship throughout the year 	On-going	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I have sat on the Transition team, where I have provided input on Student needs 2. We have met in an All Exec setting where Dr. Nunoda is always thinking about the students 3. Dr. Nunoda came to Council and invited questions about University Transition and Budget 4. This goal is on-going and will be working on it further
Set up Processes to Navigate Bill 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jim comes to Council and explains funding model 	April 2020	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I chaired the ASEC Mandatory Non-Instructional Fees Committee, we have a set of guidelines Students' Associations can used to navigate the process 2. Execs will be meeting to see Red Deer College's books 3. The institution will need to present to council

<p>Foster a Good Working Relationship with Government (UCP)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government is willing to meet with the Students' Association of Red Deer College • There is dialogue and idea sharing at meetings 	<p>On-going</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Met with both Red Deer MLAs 2. Will be hosting a town hall with both MLAs for Students and Community to come ask questions about what is happening in Government 3. Met with the Minister of Advanced Education when he came to RDC 4. Attending Minister of Advanced Education's town hall in Calgary 5. Will be attending full Advocacy week at the end of November
<p>Showcase the Value of the Organization</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student's of Red Deer College are more aware of what the Students' Association does 	<p>On-going</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. VPCW having events related to Mental Health & Wellness 2. VPO doing classroom visits 3. Hosting a Candidates forum with the Chamber of Commerce and a Get Out To Vote campaign 4. Our strong social media presence
<p>International Student Strategy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure International Students have the supports they need when they come to Red Deer College • Development of an International Student office 	<p>On-going</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Development of our International Student Handbook 2. Meeting with the College regularly to know what their plans are for an international office.

Other Meetings Attended/Tasks as per Job Description:

- Board of Governors
- President's Transition Team
- Alumni Board
- Student Success & Growth
- Awards of Excellence
- Research & Scholarship
- Curriculum Committee
- Academic Council
- Donald School of Business School Council
- ASEC Ad-Hoc Mandatory Non-Instructional Fees Committee

Office Hours for the Winter Semester:

Monday – 11am-4:30pm

Tuesday – 9:30am-4:30pm

Wednesday – 11am-4:30pm

Thursday – 9:30pm-4:30pm

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