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Conference Report: CAUS Fall Advocacy Days

This year, CAUS' Fall Advocacy Days backed right into another conference for me. So, I flew from Toronto, Ontario after attending OpenCon to Edmonton, Alberta to attend AdvoDays. With everything happening with Bill 19, being in Edmonton again was exciting and I couldn't wait to jump into meetings.



On the first day, we had a CAUS in-person meeting. It is always nice to meet in person as a delegation. We went over a lot of the scheduling for the week, some details about our upcoming Get out the Vote campaign, discussed some housekeeping things regarding our upcoming Counterparts Conference in Calgary, and upcoming policy paper projects with our new Research Coordinator, Melody.

The next couple of days were filled with a lot of really great meetings from all sides of the floor. While tuition was, and continues to be a really big priority for CAUS, we are also still looking for movement on a lot of our other asks. These asks include pieces on Student Employment, Student Financial Aid, Mental Health funding and services, Institutional Funding, and some pieces around governance. One of the current top priorities for the



ULSU is ensuring the government commits to Lights on Funding for the Destination Project. This is a piece I have pressed the Minister of Advanced Education with a few times in person, and will continue to, until I have an appropriate answer.



If you have any questions about this report, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.



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