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Contribution Hours: 134.5

Events, Meetings, and Conferences Attended:

- Traveled back from BiiG Conference
- General Faculties Council
- GIRC Call
- Board of Governors' Governance Committee
- Meeting with CASA staff, Annie
- Tuition Fee Discussion with Administration
- Indigenous Strategy Meeting
- Dean of Health Sciences Search Committee
- GFC Nomination Committee
- International Dinner
- Tour of New Science and Academic Building
- Board of Governors Meeting
- Term Break
- GFC Executive Committee
- GFC Convocation Committee

Descriptions of Notable Meetings/Events:

Meeting with CASA staff, Annie

Annie, one of our wonderful home office staff at the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations, came to visit us. Our executive was able to have a chat with Annie about issues specific to our campus, and we were happy to be able to host her!

Tuition Fee Discussion with Administration

Bill 19, while a good step forward for students, requires that SUs have a codified working relationship going forward on financial issues such as mandatory non-instructional fees. We had two meetings this month with university administration that went extremely well. We came up with a fantastic solution and I'm very excited about the solution at which we arrived.

International Dinner

If ever anyone has the opportunity to go to this event, I would highly encourage you to go. It is a wonderful showcase of our amazing international campus community, and the food is incredible. The students that performed after were fantastic and extremely inspirational.

Tour of Science and Academic Building

I was very excited to be invited to participate in a tour of the (almost) 100% completed Science and Academic Building with Minister Shannon Phillips, MLA Maria Fitzpatrick, university administration, and some of our elected SU representatives. It was amazing to see the new building completed, and to see how much of a positive impact it will make on students' lives.

Board of Governors Committee Meeting

Our first Board meeting of the New Year went well. I was able to tell the Board that they "won" our pass the hat fundraiser, which was well received. At the meeting we discussed important university events. I cannot say much, however, as much of the meeting was in-camera.

GFC Convocation Committee

At this committee meeting, we welcomed new committee member, Dr. Ladd. We also discussed the installation of our new chancellor. The most prominent issue we discussed was the conferral order for spring convocation. It is important to ensure that the numbers for each ceremony don't exceed a certain number in order to maintain safety standards. We approved a motion to change the order of conferral that will go to GFC in March.

Note: With Spring Term Break this month, we had the opportunity to take a break and go home. I went home and spent some much needed time with my family. While I did some work from home, I honestly didn't keep track of hours as I fit it around my family.

Thank you for taking the time to read this, and feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have regarding my report.

Very Best,

Laura Bryan
President