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# **Council of Alberta University Students (CAUS)**

Most of my time this month has been spent on my various commitments to CAUS. Along with my role as Vice-Chair, and I am also currently splitting the responsibilities of Executive Director with the Chair. This includes setting up meeting agendas, typing meeting minutes, engaging with external staff members from across the province, editing press releases, and running the day-to-day operations of the organization. Additionally, I am also in the process of writing CAUS' paper on Student Financial Aid. During this month, I spent a significant amount of time editing and revising the paper. It is my hope to have a final draft copy done by the end of the month.

#### Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA) Federal Policy Committee

I have continued my work on CASA's federal policy committee with my UPEI counterpart Taya rewriting our organizations policies on parental & spousal contributions for CSLP. It has been a lot of work, but we are slowly making progress.

### **CASA National Partners Meeting**

As part of my temporary responsibilities filling in the ED of CAUS role, I called into a national leaders conference hosted by CASA on behalf of CAUS. These meetings are a chance for student groups from across the country to collaborate on a joint project. Last year, there was joint paper released about Mental Health.



# Tabling for Rush Week

I tabled at the ULSU table during club rush week.

# Meeting with Councillor Jeff Coffman

Myself and President Hailey Babb met with Councillor Jeff Coffman to discuss the Upass campaign and the ongoing transit master plan from the City of Lethbridge. It was a good discussion, we talked about how the passage of the Upass could give the city \$500,000 of extra revenue per semester. We stated that it would be best if that money was put back into routes for the westside and improved hours of service. We were very happy with the meeting, and look forward to working with Councillor Coffman and the rest of City Council in the very near future.

# January General Assembly Meeting

I attended the January General Assembly Meeting.

# **CAUS Counterpart Conference**

I attended the Council of Alberta University Students Counterpart Conference along with VP SA Daan Smit, President Hailey Babb, and VP Opfi Royal Adkin from Monday January 29th to Tuesday January 30th. It was a good conference that was hosted by the University of Calgary Students' Union and it allowed us to catch up with other student leaders from across the province and to see what they are working on. For my part, I attended the CAUS meeting, which took most of Monday afternoon to complete. There we talked about the hiring process for our Executive Director, our tuition awareness campaign, and the implications of the UCP policy proposal on voluntary SU/SA membership. The second day we attended a workshop/presentation on resilience, it was a very good presentation and I learned a lot.

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