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CAUS Teleconference

I chaired a teleconference for our provincial lobby group, the Council of Alberta University Students (CAUS). We went over reports from each institution, and discussed the hiring committee for the position of the Executive Director.

CASA Federal Policy Committee

In preparation for the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA) Annual General Meeting, the Federal Policy Committee met to ensure that all of our policy revisions were ready to go before the conference.

Speech from the Throne in Edmonton

On behalf of the Council of Alberta University Students, I travelled to Edmonton, Alberta for the Speech from the Throne, as the guest of the Honourable Marlin Schmidt, Minister of Advanced Education. The Speech from the Throne is an event that happens before the beginning of every new session of the legislature. This is where Her Majesty's representative to Alberta, the Honourable Lois E. Mitchell, the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta, reads a speech to the legislature outlining the government's priorities. Highlights from the Speech from the Throne included a mention of a cap placed back on tuition, and increased funding for scholarships.



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I travelled to Edmonton on March 7th for the speech which was on March 8th. On March 8th, I was invited to a pre-throne speech reception by the Minister, which included myself and my counterparts from Alberta's other post-secondary student lobby groups (ASEC and ab-GPAC). After the reception, we watched the speech. I was honoured to be situated on the floor of the legislature during the speech, where I was sitting 10 feet away from the Lieutenant Governor. After the speech, I talked with Alberta Party MLA Greg Clark and UCP MLA Jason Nixon. Additionally, we met with the Minister and thanked him. Overall, it was a great day, and it was a great opportunity to represent the ULSU and CAUS.

Hental and Dental Plan Year End & Mid Year Report

I attended the H & D meeting with the rest of the executives.

CASA Annual General Meeting

I travelled to Fredericton, New Brunswick for CASA's AGM. Please refer to my CASA AGM report.

Preparations for CAUS Advocacy Week

The end of the month was spent helping CAUS Chair Reed Larsen, prepare for Advocacy Week. This included assisting with the schedule and editing the Advocacy Document.

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