

## **Fall 2021 – Semesterly Report**

SU Representative | Pharmacy Councillor on the SU Students' Council

*Below is a summary of my engagements during my tenure so far.*

### Spring/Summer:

- Attended Student Council meetings every 2 weeks beginning May 4<sup>th</sup> (ongoing)
  - Spoke out about exceptional tuition increase (ETI) during presentations by University Provost and SU president.
    - <https://thegatewayonline.ca/2021/06/council-expresses-support-for-sauvons-saint-jean-campaign-discuss-exceptional-proposed-tuition-increases/>
    - <https://thegatewayonline.ca/2021/04/student-voices-on-proposed-tuition-increases-faculty-of-pharmacy/>
- Appointed to three Council Committee Positions:
  - (1) *Bylaw Committee* (every 2 weeks; ongoing):
    - Assigned to lead the amending of bylaws 6000 and 2000 series. Made preliminary edits and met with bylaw sub-team to discuss partitioning of workload.
  - (2) *Fee Governance Review Committee* (every 2 weeks; ongoing):
    - Goal is to propose changes to how Student Representative Associations (SRAs) create, renew and collect Faculty Association Monetary Fees.
  - (3) *Nominating Committee* (every 2 weeks; ongoing):
    - The summer was focused on filling various SU positions by sending out calls for nominations, adjudicating applications and interviewing dozens of applicants to fill various SU positions, including SCFC, SGC, ARRC and Senate.

### September:

- Met with Dr. Cor to discuss changes to pharmacy's ETI proposal and provided suggestions for clarification (e.g. reallocating revenue towards student financial supports)
- Met with SU Chief Returning Officer (CRO) and Bylaw Chair to discuss *elections* bylaws and requested that the CRO provide recommendations for Bylaw Committee to consider when amending bylaws.
- Drafted amendments for 1<sup>st</sup> principles of the Experimental Learning Policy (carried).

### October:

- Bylaw Committee → edited 1<sup>st</sup> Principles of the Student Governance Code of Conduct to become a schedule under Bylaw 100.
- Reviewed and edited 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> principles of Bylaws 8100 and 8200.
- Drafted amendments for 2<sup>nd</sup> principles of the Climate Action Policy (carried).

### November:

- Met with VP Academic to discuss overhauling elections Bylaw. Agreed to make marked amendments to 2000 series, including Governance Restructuring Task Force suggestions.
- Participated in flag planting ceremony to commemorate Indigenous children who perished in residential schools.
- Bylaw Committee → Worked on amending bylaws 2200 and 2250.
- Nominating Committee → Created a volunteer posting template for recruiting members to ARRC (to be used in subsequent years).

### December:

- Evaluating SRA fee proposals (FAMFs and DFUs) to determine if their respective fees should be renewed. Voted to draft referenda questions pending proposal approval.
- Met with Audit Chair to discuss enforcement of trimesterly budget reports and SRA fees.
- Bylaw Committee:
  - Amending Bylaws 2200, 2250 and 2300 to bring to Council for first principles approval in new year. Bylaws 2100, 2400 and 2500 will be reviewed over break.
  - Drafting referendum questions for SRA fees.
- Fee Governance Review Committee:
  - Debating changes over bylaw structure based on GRTF recommendations; moving to reformat all bylaws next term, as well as creating a standardized guiding document for SRA fee proposals.

Outside of my role as Pharmacy Councillor, I have also had the pleasure of volunteering on the FOPPS Research Day Committee and the CSHP Student Committee as the Research Chair. As part of the latter's role, I sit on the CSHP Alberta Branch Research Committee, where I have helped to secure funding for CSHP students attending the Together Conference, adjudicate conference abstracts, and further develop the CSHP mentorship program alongside a team of hospital pharmacists and researchers.

Moving Forward:

During my winter term on Council, I hope to finish drafting SU bylaws, implement GRTF recommendations and draft referenda questions for fee renewals. I have recently made plans to meet with both the Audit Chair to review SRA accountability/consultation and the SU VP Academic to discuss the recent petition on January remote learning. In addition to further liaising with Faculty Student Services to consult on key issues affecting pharmacy students, I will strive to uphold the Oath of Council to carry out my duties most effectively in the winter term.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me if there are any questions or concerns.



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