

Hello all,

I will be expanding on **Bolded** topics during the meeting Friday per usual.

President and CEO

- **Congratulations** to all who submitted applications for a Vice Presidential position. This is a long and extensive process and making these decisions is always difficult. To all those who were successful I look forward to working with President Elect Brar and you all over the next 3 months for transition.
- **St Patrick's Day** conversations have begun. We will be working with the university once again to promote messaging around safe behaviour and academic responsibilities students have for the day. The University Affairs department are also working with me and marketing for an online presence. Lastly the annual **St Patrick's Day Door Knocker campaign** will take place March 10th following the Board meeting and all are invited to join!
- **Turret Renovations** continue to develop at an exciting pace. New renderings have been provided with another meeting happening this Thursday morning. (Details to come at the board about student involvement)
- **Transition** with President Elect Brar kicked off with the hiring of his VP team. I've thoroughly enjoyed our time so far and look forward to accomplishing the goals I have laid out for the year, along with starting to set up for his year to begin May 1, 2017.
- **Islamophobia Panel** - This past week a panel on Islamophobia took place in the Hawks Nest. I was able to attend for a few of the speakers with President Elect Brar and the Director of Policy, Research, and Advocacy Ian Muller. The room quickly became standing only as more and more people filed in. I'd like to thank the organizers of the panel for creating such a well-received and needed event on campus. Providing the opportunity for discussion during this turbulent social climate is extremely meaningful and shows the solidarity of the Laurier Community.

Finance and Administration

- VP Hiring has been completed. Congrats to all hired.
- **AVP Hiring** ongoing
- Spring Hiring season is nearly upon us.
- **Volunteer Appreciation** discussions are under way.

Programming and Services Brantford

- **Snow Week**
 - o Really well received so far!
 - o Working with campus and community partners
 - o Have 29 students registered and are promoting events as they are open to all students, those registered for Snow Week receive extra perks for signing up
- **Committees:**
 - o Working with VP Hutchings on evaluating the **Peer Connect and Healthy Lifestyles mandates** along with the incoming VP: Programming & Services on both campuses, President Elect Brar, President Van Herzele, Director, Brantford Operations and Director, Student Experience
 - o Next week on Tuesday we are having a Programming & Service wide event called P.S. We Love You (P.S. = Programming and Service)
 - o All are taking part in Snow Week
 - o Looking forward to transition with the incoming team
 - o Promoting hiring for all positions including Snow Week as it will be a committee next year!

Programming and Services Waterloo

- Working with Carina, the Incoming VP-PSW/B, Jason, Tony, myself and Kanwar to revisit the Peer Connect and Healthy Lifestyles mandates to better align them with what they should be providing students.
- Suits and Hearts semi-formal for First Year Project is tomorrow.
- Continuing to work out details for the **A Tribe Called Red** concert with LSPIRG and the Aboriginal Students' Centre which will be happening March 7th.
- Debriefing **Winter Carnival** fully with student feedback and working with the incoming VP PSW, ERT coordinator and Jason to set up an action plan and recommendations for the service for next year.
- Beginning transition, finalizing my transition report and working with my successor to begin the process of hiring the OTC.

Clubs and Associations

- Congratulations to Nelly Song on her hire as the 2017/18 VP of Clubs and Associations.
- **No further updates** past what was given at the last Board Meeting aside from day to day tasks.

University Affairs**- VP Colin Aitchison**

- Finished draft of OUSA's International Students Paper, and is helping finalize the Municipal Issues paper
- OUSA General Assembly delegate selection occurred on Wednesday
- AVP Teaching & Learning deliberations occurred last week and this week. (Depending on outcome of Thursday's deliberations, a name should be suggested to the Senate & Board of Governors for approval)
- Colin will be appearing alongside President Elect Kanwar Brar as a panelist for a day of panels on Work Integrated Learning. Colin will be talking about OUSA's #myWILis Campaign, and the provincial climate from the perspective of students.
- The whole department is beginning to brainstorm for our biannual Winter survey to get up to date Laurier-specific data for next year's team.

- AVPUA Brantford – Petek

- Working with various university partners to develop a Community Safety awareness campaign. Includes SHERM, SCS, Safe Brantford, etc.
- authoring a section of OUSA's Habitats publication on safety and off campus tenant issues in Brantford and Brant County.
- Continuing to follow up on Local Advocacy Week meetings.
- SRAC Lease Readings

- AVPUA Waterloo – Phil

- Seeing traction on our Seagram Drive sidewalk asks from Local Advocacy Week. Discussions are starting to happen at the City about the need for the area to be physically accessible with the upcoming LRT stop.
- Will be presenting to the Planning & Works Committee of Waterloo Region on February 14th on bus routing issues and the lack of connection to LRT stops for a large group of Laurier students. (Yes, Phil's Valentine's Day date is a presentation on transit policy).
- Outreach is planning a campaign on promoting the department and SRAC as a service as hiring is ongoing, and as students continue to sign leases.
- SRAC Lease Readings