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Vice-President External Monthly Report

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This Month in Review:

March 3rd: Cultural Diversity Awards
March 6th: St. John's Ambulance Therapy Dogs
March 7th: St. John's Ambulance Therapy Dogs
March 9th: Long Night Against Procrastination (LNAP)
March 12th: Flight to CASA in Nova Scotia
March 13th: CASA AGM
March 14th: CASA AGM
March 15th: CASA AGM
March 16th: Flight from Nova Scotia
March 23rd: SUS AGM
March 28th: Meeting with UFV
March 28th: SUS Board Meeting
March 30th: SUS AGM

Overview

This month of March has been busy as we are planning our year end events such as a final SUB Zero, SUS Awards, Therapy Dogs, Advocacy initiatives, All-Candidates Debate while beginning preparation for transition of the incoming Executives.

St. John's Ambulance Therapy Dogs

The Therapy Dogs stopped by once again to fulfill the hearts at UFV! Not only did they visit on numerous occasions, they also joined the SUS at the LNAP event on March 9th. Without a doubt, these appearances have generated a minimum of 200 students within a 4 hour time period! It is to be noted that when there are Therapy Dog events hosted consecutively, there is a high level of attendance the following days. The Therapy Dogs were a fantastic addition to the stressful month! We will be seeing them again on April 11th, 12th and 13th!

CASA AGM

The CASA AGM is the final conference for CASA at the end of this year that just recently occurred at Acadia University in Wolfville, Nova Scotia. There was 11 motions from different committees to approve policy papers, the CASA Budget for 2018, approval of an Alumni Council, and several reports were presented from the Federal Policy Committee, GOTV, Advocacy Week, National Advocacy team, CASA Home Office and the Trades and Technology Committee Report. These reports and policies have been a work in progress since the beginning of this year, as the CASA membership was able to split up into relative committees and work on these reports through emails, group chats and conference calls with other student union

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representatives and executives.

There was also a conference bid for Policy and Strategy to take place in Banff, Alberta hosted by Athabasca Student Union (ASU).

All-Candidates Debate

Alyson Gher-White, the Advocacy Officer has worked hard and diligently over the past couple of months to understand and compile information in order to run an All-Candidates Debate for the upcoming Provincial Elections. Alyson has been speaking with Hamish, an instructor at UFV who has been giving her information and advice geared towards the successful turnout of this event.

As timing is difficult, many parties have either not announced their candidacy or they are currently not in their campaign period. Therefore, we are not able to begin an All-Candidates within the month of March or the beginning weeks of April. However, Alyson has prepared all the necessary means and material in order to provide the All-Candidates Debate with the essential supplies to host it successfully. Alyson has also studied several debate formats in order to find the best format, and with Hamish's advice is to have an opening statement, open the floor to pre-approved questions, debate candidates will be permitted to respond in a certain time frame and other candidates are given a chance to rebuttal. This session will last approximately an hour or more.

As a preface, we will be hosting a student forum where students will be speaking to one another about the importance of Provincial Elections. During late April, the Political Science Students Association (PSSA) and Hamish will be hosting a debate in the Theatre at UFV Abbotsford. We will also be working with them to have a debate in the SUB Building and possibly one in Chilliwack if there is enough level of interest. More information on this topic will be released as time comes.