



Vice President External Affairs Report

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As the Vice President of External Affairs for the University of Regina Students' Union (URSU) 2018/2019 elected term, I am proud to share my continuous commitment and hard work with you, the URSU membership. As the 1st First Nations female to represent the student body of the University of Regina, Campion College, Luther College and the First Nations University of Canada I have committed my time and work towards representing students as a whole but also representing students that share similar experiences within the campus community based on identity, gender, social status, and ethnicity. Alongside the vision of URSU, my dedication for a holistic approach to enhancing the student experience here within Treaty 4 & 6 Territory has been guided by my knowledge and experiences both prior to my elected term and throughout in ensuring student engagement, responsive adaptability, continuous improvement, and responsible stewardship. The roles of External Affairs are to create and ensure campus initiatives, events, and sponsorship opportunities are throughout the year, alongside working with the communications and marketing team at URSU to strengthen the relationship with members and the campus community.

As the elected Vice President of External Affairs here is an overview of achieved goals and progress:

- Represented URSU membership as delegate at; SUDS Conference (Vancouver, BC), COCA Conference (Fredericton, NB).
- Welcome Week 2018: Worked alongside Welcome Week Coordinator in achieving sponsorship, partnerships, and events including the Cultural Showcase, Safe Space, Dry Gardens and Movie Night.



- URSU VIP Team: Worked closely with VIP Volunteer student lead and URSU Communications team on organizing VIP orientation, VIP incentives, and VIP recruitment.
- Shot For Tuition: Organized and supported Shot For Tuition Fall Semester & planning for Shot For Tuition Winter Semester.
- Strategic Student Centre/Spaces/ Clubs Communications: Working towards strengthening and fostering the relationships with Student Centres and spaces such as; RPIRG, URPrize, Aboriginal Student Centre, First Nations University of Canada Student Success Centre and student club initiatives.
- Relationship Building with Federated Communities; volunteered and provided support for events being held on federated campuses.
- Advocacy: Educational Rights, Treaty Rights, Student Rights have formulated my advocacy in attending events, community initiatives, and engaging with students on campus and in communications with the Saskatchewan Students Coalition (UofS, SaskPolytechnic, SIIT) and the Canadian Federation of Students. (FNUniv, UofSGSA)

Set Goals

- Bridging community relations; working with campus centres and spaces on direct communication sessions with students and staff.
- Encompassing collaborative inclusion with Federated Colleges; First Nations University of Canada, Champion College, Luther College and the Gabriel Dumont Institute.
- Working to build relationships with the greater community of Regina through partnerships, sponsorships, and campaigns for events and initiatives.
- Planning for diverse events and incorporating diversity within planning events by reaching out to URSU clubs, membership, and department faculties.
- Mental Wellness, Gender Diversity, Cultural Inclusion, and Educational Rights will be a continuous focus.



- Analyzing and opening constructive dialogue with the Provincial Government and University of Regina Affairs to topics including Tuition, Food Security, Housing Security, Indigenization, and such policies.
- Promoting and engaging students on the upcoming Federal Elections in 2019.

Future Events/Campaigns/Initiatives

- Sustainability Week 2018
- Frosh Week 2019
- Mental Wellness Week 2019
- URSU Threads
- Intercultural Leadership
- Post Secondary Rights Campaign
- ReconciliAction Campaign
- Anti-Oppressive Campaigns
- Implementing action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commissions 94 Calls to Action

Enclosing, my dedication to the membership of the University of Regina Students' Union continues to be my primary focus in ensuring a safer and more importantly an inclusive campus community for all. As an elected executive to a non-profit organization that was pioneered by students for students, my visionary attitude towards representing a diverse student body is my approach to challenges and solutions.

I kindly thank you for the continuous support and trust in me as your elected student in the Vice President of External Affairs role.

Kakiskimitôtan (KAH-KEY-SKI-ME-TOE-TAN)
(Let Us Learn From One Another)

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