

Council by-elections set for fall | Government sees nothing new in recommendations

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"I'm not going to be a full-time employee of the Students' Union anymore, but I don't see it as a step down, I see it as staying involved," he said. "I think I have experience that I can offer to Students' Council this year, and there's still stuff I'd like to get done on Students' Council: member outreach [and] involving students more throughout the year would be a really good start."

Wojnowski had previously noted that there were fewer candidates in this year's election compared to last year's election, but that the amount of candidates who run traditionally tends to fluctuate. But another tradition was also upheld: this year, Arts students again voted none of the above over some candidates.

"We had a couple candidates beat by none of the above. But it's been, for the past two, three years, expected that we usually have at least a couple candidates who are in that situation," she said.

Any vacancies in Council will be



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READY TO SERVE Cournoyer hopes to improve Council's image on campus.

filled in a by-election next fall; if any position is still empty after this point, it will remain so for the rest of the year.

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"This report will be circulated among many individuals in the provincial government, the postsecondary community and the wider policy community," said David Cournoyer, chairman of CAUS and Students' Union Vice-President (External). "We hope that it serves to foster a lot more discussion and move forward the discussion on PSE."

The report and its priorities set out a framework to address the issues of affordability, accessibility and quality. Cournoyer explained that these three factors must be seen as mutually exclusive and none should be given priority to the detriment of the others.

"There's no point in having a system that has the best quality in the world if it's not accessible or affordable. As well, accessibility and affordability are issues, but if your quality isn't that good then obviously there's an imbalance; it's about providing balance between the three."

However, Donnae Schultz, public affairs officer with the department of Advanced Education and Technology, was quick to dismiss *Where to From Here?* as making any real progress on the subject of PSE in Alberta.

"The discussion document doesn't appear to identify any priorities or actions that we haven't already identified through the [A Learning Alberta] review or its final report," Schultz said. And, of course, we're working to implement the recommendations from the [A Learning Alberta] review. So, essentially all of these things are under consideration or underway."

Regardless, Cournoyer hopes that the report will bring greater attention to postsecondary education in Alberta.

"We have the potential to do so much better in this province and this document is sending a challenge to the provincial government to do better."

Where to from Here? can be viewed online at www.pialberta.org.



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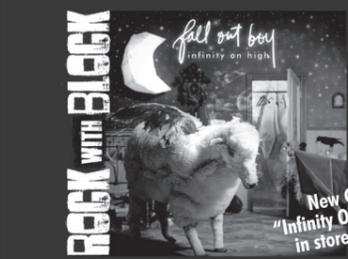
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