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## AVP Internal Governance

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TO: Members of the Student Representative Assembly  
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SUBJECT: SRA 180 Report  
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Hello everyone, my apologies that I couldn't be at the meeting to report in person, but Kristina will be giving a summary on my behalf and as usual, feel free to email or message me with any questions, comments, or concerns! Internal Governance meetings are on Tuesdays at 4:30 in the Committee Room, and at 5:30 on Thursdays in MUSC 301 for anyone who would like to attend!

### **PROGRESS ON YEAR PLAN**

We have been continuing on with our bylaw review; the process has been more efficient in recent months as we've been doing reviews individually and then reporting the findings at committee meetings, so that several can be in progress at once, which seems to be working well. Right now we are looking at all the awards bylaws as well as the SRA bylaw and the First Year Council Bylaw. We have generated a bylaw review template so that we retain consistency even when bylaws are being reviewed by different people, which can also be used in future years by the IG committee so there's some year-to-year continuity.

I am also working with Kristina to make some changes to the transition process; specifically, making transition reports for positions that don't have them as well as adjusting transition expectations in the bylaws so there's some accountability and people can't leave their successors without any resources, information, and support.

The committee has also done research on several other Canadian universities to look into how other student governments handle uncontested candidates. There are lots of alternatives to acclaimed seats, each with their own benefits and challenges.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS, PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES**

Once I have compiled all the research done on the structure of other student governments with regards to acclaimed seats, I will be meeting with Uwais (CRO) to discuss potential next steps. While there probably won't be any changes finalized this year, we have gotten the ball rolling for next year's committee if they should choose to continue this project.

The committee will continue with our reviews, likely submitting motions to change some bylaws at the next two meetings.

I am also aiming to have the new transition process in place for the transition period this year (at least as a trial year) and the AVP Internal next year can get some feedback on whether this was effective and how it can be improved.

## **CURRENT CHALLENGES**

Besides wishing for more time before the end of this term, things have been smooth sailing lately. While two meetings a week requires a bit more planning, preparation, and paperwork, I am just happy that everyone can attend a meeting time that works for them.

## **VOLUNTEERS**

As usual, I have no complaints about committee members, everyone has been putting lots of time into research and bylaw review outside the committee which has allowed us to accomplish a lot. I am very grateful for everyone's continued dedication to committee goals and couldn't have asked for a better group of people!

## **SUCSESSES**

- Looked at the student government structure of almost 20 Canadian universities
- Found an effective process of reviewing bylaws efficiently

Best,

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