

August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012

**To:** Students' Council

**Re:** Report to Council

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Hey Council,

Before I proceed with my report, I would like to acknowledge that our university and our Students' Union are on Indigenous land. Specifically: Cree, Saulteaux, Metis, Blackfoot, and Nakota Sioux. They are faculty, staff, students, family, and friends, and they are still here. I acknowledge that we meet on treaty 6 territory. That treaty governs the relationship between first-nations and non-first nations citizens. I am thankful for this opportunity for us to meet on this land today. This statement will be included at the front of my report to council until either the time that my term ends, or Council moves to make a similar statement available for public viewing.

Hope you all are ready to welcome in a new school year!

I'm really happy that I'll be back on campus more regularly soon. I'm also really eager to hit the books again. Plus, of course, it will be nice to have access to the gym and Edmonton transit again! Meetings of the Board of Governors will also be starting up again in September.

I've had a productive two weeks, wherein I've attended a number of different committee meetings, and also had a number of individual meetings with various members of council. Two weeks ago in Bylaw committee, we discussed the potentiality of re-introducing rules regarding Councilor attendance. We made a fair amount of meaningful headway on that subject, and I suspect we may be introducing something to Council before not too long. I also attended a Faculty Association Task Force meeting on behalf of the Audit Committee Chair, who unfortunately was not able to attend. The meeting was quite fascinating! I had the chance to share my perspective on how the SU

and the University might better assist Faculty Associations. A lot of valuable perspectives were shared, and I look forward to seeing how the committee progresses over time.

I also spent some time working with Councilor McGinn on the Social and Environmental Responsibility Committee. I'm excited to hear what Council thinks about the committee, and to debate the Terms of Reference at the upcoming meeting.

Nothing else besides that for now. It will be great to see you all on Tuesday! As always, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns, do not hesitate to be in touch.

In Solidarity,

**Brent Kelly**

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