

September 24<sup>th</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.

It's good to be settled back into classes. But, with new classes come new assignments, new readings, new exams, and new stress! I hope you'll all remember to take breaks every now and then to do relaxing things you enjoy. Plus of course remember to get good sleep, eat well, and get lots of exercise to help keep stress levels down.

The past few weeks have been very busy in terms of council and BoG meetings. I have attended an ERC meeting, Audit Committee meetings, a Bylaw meeting, my first Gateway Board of Directors meeting, and my first Board of Governors Health Safety and Environment Committee and University Relations Committee meetings of the new school year. I'll take some time here to give you folks a brief overview of what was discussed in the first Board University Relations Committee meeting.

The only item we needed to make any decisions on was the approval of the committee Terms of Reference and 2012-2013 work plan. There were no significant changes to the ToR, but

the work plan had some major and minor changes from last year. One of these major changes included the inclusion of a mandate for the committee to review the Government/Corporate Relations Strategy, the Digital Strategy, and the Community Engagement strategy.

We also heard updates from the Vice-President Advancement on how the University's philanthropy strategy is developing, as well as updates on the University's naming policy in the works. The new naming policy will streamline the process whereby facilities on campus can be named on behalf of major donors to the university. Handling such processes is understandably very complex, and I'm interested to learn more about the subject over the year.

By the time you read this on the late additions I will have also attended my first Board Health Safety and Environment Committee meeting which is Tuesday afternoon before Council. The agenda for the meeting indicates we will be discussing the Terms of Reference and work plan just like we did for BURC. We'll also be getting various updates on health and safety as well. I'm looking forward to it!

That's it for now, looking forward to seeing you all tomorrow. As always, if you have any questions, concerns, comments, or ideas, please do not hesitate to be in touch.

In Solidarity,

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