

August 25, 2011

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Council

Meetings With Councilors

Over the last couple of weeks I have had many meetings with individual councilors to talk about their and my goals for the year. The meetings have been very fruitful for me and I very much hope to have met with the majority of you all by the end of this month. If you haven't been invited to a meeting yet please let me know.

Student Engagement Plan

This was something that I initially hoped to finish last year but delayed until this year after the election results to make a better document. I have put together a writing team and we are making great progress on writing the plan. This was something that was promised in the 2009 Student Engagement Proposal that secured funding from the University for our Services.

Fall Reading Week

The Fall Reading Week Task Force met again and had a very productive discussion on the format of the final report and on a process to narrow down the options. We are coming very close to producing a final report and just this afternoon I sent a draft to the committee members to solicit feedback. I am hopeful that by next Thursday a final report will be finished and ready to go to the Provost.

Sustainability Assessment

I have been working all week on the Sustainability Assessment and am making pretty good progress. I am hopeful that the document will be ready to present to Council at the next meeting. However, it has already taken much more time than I originally hoped so I will be sure to keep Council apprised of the progress being made. On a positive note, we have already made some progress on the recommendations since the assessment began, as I will share in my presentation.

Communications

We have created an internal 'communications cabinet' that is making some real strides in deciding how to communicate what the Students' Union is and does to students. We are coming up with some very exciting initiatives that I will be able to share a little down the road but am very confident that we will have a more effective strategy this year than in the past.

PAW Centre

The General Manager has been spending a lot of time working with the University on the PAW Centre Agreement and the stakeholders' lawyers are now discussing it. I am confident that we will meet the timeline for the agreement and you will likely be receiving a presentation about that midway through the Fall.

If you have any further questions, suggestions, or concerns, please do not hesitate to follow-up with me, either in person at SUB 2-900, by phone at 780-492-4236, or by email at president@su.ualberta.ca.