

December 1, 2011

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Council

Hello Council,

Board of Governors

The annual motion on increasing tuition has begun to move its' way through University Governance. It came to the Academic Planning Committee (APC) on November 23 and to the Board Finance and Property Committee (BFPC) on November 29. At both occasions I spoke and voted against the motion, focusing mostly on issues of access and student wellness. I presented a power point to BFPC that outlined these issues and focused on why the Board should move to regulate the use of MNIFs.

MNIFs

The Vice President (External) and I have been attending meetings with the University Administration to discuss the regulation of MNIFs. Although the discussions are still going on, it seems that we have hit a point of disagreement on the use of student approval that we will not be able to reconcile. This will be more clear in the next week and we will work in December to come up with a working definition and reporting mechanism for MNIFs.

Space

We are working on the PAW Centre Agreement as a draft final version was just sent our way from the University. The General Manager is working extremely hard on this and we hope to be done by the end of the Semester.

We also met with the Graduate Students' Association about the future of Deweys and the Power Plant. I will be trying to write something this semester that would demonstrate a shared vision for what the space could look like.

Fall Reading Week

We are currently putting together the proposal for the creation of a Fall Reading Week that will ideally go to University Governance early next semester. The proposal will likely be for the creation of a co-curricular week filled with programming to enhance student success. The tentative title is the "Green & Gold Week". The proposal will likely be to cut two instructional days and begin classes one day early. This would mean that the week would occur over the current time that the Remembrance Day break (November 11) takes place. If you have any thoughts or would like another presentation please let me know.

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.