

February 2, 2012

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Council

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## **MNIFs**

I have been meeting with the University's Administration, the Graduate Students' Association, the University Governance administrators and individual Board Members on the issue of Mandatory Non-Instructional Fees. The Administration and I will present opposing proposals at a series of meetings over this month concerning the regulation of these fees. My proposal would require that student approval be sought as part of the approval process of new fees, whereas the Administrations proposal would focus more on committee consultation. The discussion went to the Academic Planning Committee on January 25 and the Board Finance and Property Committee on January 31. It will be before the Board of Governors on February 10. So far the committees have supported the Administrations proposal but I hope to garner more support at the next meeting. We are also working with the Provincial Government on a legislative solution to this problem.

## **Space**

The General Manager has been working non-stop on the PAW Centre Agreement and it is very close to completion. You will be receiving a presentation on the Agreement at this meeting and will be asked to vote on it at the next Council meeting. The Board Finance & Property Committee just approved the budget and borrowing resolution so the project should move on track this Spring.

We have begun discussion on the Power Plant and it seems to be going very well. We had a design charette last Tuesday and attended a meeting to discuss the lease earlier this week. I am hoping to secure a longer-term lease and access to more space before the end of my term. This would allow the Students' Union to invest in upgrading the space and furniture into something more attractive to students.

## **Fall Reading Week**

I have been presenting the Fall Reading Week proposal to University committees over the past weeks and it has turned into a very full discussion. I am meeting with the Registrar and Dean of Students next week to discuss how best to move forward and am then hoping to sit down with the as many of the Deans as possible over the next few weeks. This is looking like it will likely not be finished by the end of my term but I hope to have the final proposal and approval process laid out before the end of April.

**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](mailto:president@su.ualberta.ca).