

January 5, 2012

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Council

Hello Council,

I hope you all enjoyed a long, well-deserved, restful break. This report will be fairly short, as the executive will be presenting an update on their goals in this meeting as well. Since our last meeting was in early December this will touch on points since then.

Board of Governors

In December I met individually with the majority of members of the Board of Governors to discuss the upcoming vote on increasing tuition and fees. I found there was a lot of interest in the points I was making and I believe that some progress was made. I delivered a presentation at the meeting that talked about the harms of rising costs to students. The motion to increase tuition passed but I am very interested to see how the discussion on Fees, which occurs in February, goes.

MNIFs

The Vice President (External), Vice President (Academic), the Director of Research & Political Affairs and I have been attending meetings with the University Administration to discuss the regulation of MNIFs. We have hit a point of disagreement on the use of student approval that we will not be able to reconcile. I believe at the February Board meeting the University Administration will be presenting a proposal on how to regulate these fees and the SU will likely present a counter-proposal at that time.

PAW

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 this month. We are at the final stages of edits and I hope to send something back to Facilities and Operations by the end of the week.

Fall Reading Week

The Department of Research & Political Affairs recently finalized the proposal for the creation of a Fall Reading Week and we submitted it to the University. The Provost brought the proposal to Deans Council to a lot of criticism and we are now re evaluating our plan of action. I will make sure to keep council in the loop every step of the way.

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.