

June 14, 2011

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Students' Council

Hi Council,

This report is going to be a bit shorter than usual. The last two weeks have been largely filled with communication meetings with individuals internal and external to the organization.

COMMUNICATIONS MEETINGS

I am well into my meetings with councilors and if we haven't yet had a chance to sit down we will in the near future. I have been finding these meetings incredibly helpful and am looking forward to talking with the remainder of you soon. I have also had a chance to sit down with the Chief Returning Officer and talk with him about his plans for the year. Over the past month I have made an effort to have introductory meetings with the executive and members of University administration. I think this is a very important step in having an effective and productive year.

STUDENTS IN GOVERNANCE

I have sat down a couple of times with our Student Governance Advisor, Amanda Henry, to talk about the future of the governance department. We still have some kinks to work out but I think that there is a lot of potential for growth in the department and I very much look forward to seeing it progress over the year.

THE STRATEGIC PLAN

Myself, the General Manager, and the Vice President (Operations & Finance) have been having conversations on how best to tie the strategic plan into the executive and department goals. I think we are close to coming up with a system that will work for everybody and I am very excited to continue working on this over the next couple of weeks.

FALL READING WEEK

I have met with the Registrars Office a couple of times since the last Fall Reading Week Task Force Meeting. There will be another meeting of the task force at the end of June at which time we will discuss some options for the break that don't involve starting classes in August.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

There is a board meeting on Friday, the last of the summer. There is also a Board of Governors dinner on Thursday night that I will be attending. I will report all the happenings to council at our next meeting.

VACATION

I will be away on vacation from June 24 until July 9. I have already made all the arrangements for any necessary meetings to be covered and would be happy to answer any questions or concerns that you have.

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.

“Determine the thing that can and shall be done, and then we shall find the way.” – Abraham Lincoln