

March 9, 2012

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Council

Board of Governors

The Comprehensive Institutional Plan (CIP) has been making its way through General Faculties Council and Board Committees for approval. It will be approved on March 15 at the Board meeting. The CIP includes the University budget as well as the Academic chapter, which focuses on academic goals of the academy. I am generally supportive of the document but remain opposed to the use of the CoSSS fee in the University budget.

The Board will also be approving the elimination of deferred exam fees, which is a great step forward in creating a more compassionate institution. I am fully in support of this motion and will likely be one of the movers.

Space

As you all know the PAW Centre Agreement is complete and when the Graduate Students' Association approves it as well (this week) we will sign the final agreement.

We have had a few conversations with Facilities & Operations about the future of the Power Plant over the past couple of weeks. We will be meeting with them again prior to the end of the month. My intention remains to have a renewed lease by the end of April.

Fall Reading Week

Over the past couple of weeks, the University Governance and Advocacy Advisor and I have met with all of the Deans to ascertain their opinion on the Fall Reading Week proposal. I am considering creating a very specific political policy on this initiative through Council to ensure that we remain consistent next year in our lobbying. This project is looking like it won't be done by the end of my term but I hope to have a finalized proposal and approval path before I leave office.

CASA

The Vice President (External) and I will be away all week at the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations Annual General Meeting in Halifax. We will have much to report upon our return.

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.