

March 29, 2012

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Council

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Hello Council!

I hope that you have all comfortably sunk into your summer schedules.

This report will be short as I will really only be reporting on the last four days after Exec Retreat.

I would not normally do this but I have simplified my report into the four days of the week so that you can follow it more easily.

## **Exec Retreat**

Exec retreat was extremely productive and successful. We began with two introductory days in the office. The first day was an introductory day for the executive and the second was an introductory day for all new staff. We then took off to Kramer Pond for five days and covered an intensive schedule of learning sessions and one-on-ones. It was nice to see the former exec pass on their knowledge and to see how excited our new exec is to ask questions and become experts in our areas. Over the retreat I believe that we all built considerable bonds and a great balance for the dynamics of our executive. The year is off to a great start!

## **Monday**

The first day in the office was consumed by interviews for our External Communications and Media Advisor position. I also attended a meeting with the Dean of Ales to garner support for our SUB Farmers' Market initiative. The rest of the day was spent moving into my office and cleaning up the great mess left by our speaker! (just kidding Rory)

## **Tuesday**

I spent all day Tuesday in an Advisory/Review Committee for the Provost of the University, Carl Amrhein. The purpose of the committee was to review the Provost's performance before we sign him on for his third time. We also provided advice on ways that he can develop his (already) tremendous leadership. I would tell you more about the contents of this meeting but most of the material is confidential as it has to do with HR.

## **Wednesday**

Wednesday was a hodgepodge of random meetings and committee work. I began the day with a phone call with Deborah Pozega Osburn (University VP External Relations) to talk about charity initiatives. I then attended an ecoREPs session on challenges with campus sustainability and then had an Academic Planning Committee Meeting (there was not much to note).

**Thursday**

Today I spent most of my day working through e-mails and other odds and ends. We had our first executive committee meeting and the VPSL and I met with Doug Dawson (Director of Ancillary Services) to talk about the new East Campus Village housing project. Last night I attended a Board of Governors dinner with the VP Ops Fi to honour the Board's retiring members.

**Summary**

This week has been crazy busy but there is still much work to be done with my first BOG meeting on Friday, a Fall Reading Week discussion, a meeting with the Registrar and the CAUS (Council of Alberta University Students) transition retreat over the weekend in Canmore.

Hopefully these busy times will lead to great successes!

**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).

Best,

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