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To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Council

Introduction

This has been a really busy couple of weeks mostly focused around a few issues. As such this report will be fairly brief but please ask me any questions that you may have!

Building Project

The General Manager, the Vice President (Operations & Finance) and I have been meeting with different members of the University to talk about expansion opportunities for our building. These conversations need to happen very quickly as they will largely determine the scope of the renovations that we are looking at. There are a couple of different options that we are looking at that would get us space in other buildings but it is really too early to tell where the conversation will go.

Fall Reading Week

I am still waiting to hear back from the Provost on the response to the Fall Reading Week Task Forces proposal. I will be giving a presentation on some of the Task Forces work at this council meeting.

Meeting with Councilors

I have been meeting with the last of the Councilors and should be finished by next week. At that point I will put together a summary of what came out of the meetings and how the SU is addressing the goals.

Budget Advisory Committee

The Vice President (Academic), Vice President (External), Director of Research & Political Affairs and I have begun the budget consultations with the University. The discussions have largely focused on the CoSSS fee and the possibility of regulating Mandatory Non-Instructional Fees. We have provided the University a proposal of what we would like to see the regulation look like and are awaiting a response.

PAW Centre

The PAW Centre has taken up a lot of my time over the past couple of weeks. The General Manager has been working really hard on the Agreement and we have worked together to clarify all of the remaining issues. We have also been meeting regularly with the GSA and our lawyers to work out the final details and met with the Provost and Vice President (Facilities & Operations) recently to discuss how best to move forward. I think we are very close to a final agreement and I look forward to seeing it through in a timely fashion. I would like to note the amazing work of the General Manager on all of this.

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.