

September 22, 2011

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Council

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## **Introduction**

Last week I was sick and so had to take a bit of time off of work but I was able to make most of it up over the weekend. These past couple of weeks have been incredibly busy just keeping up with day-to-day requests. With students back and University Governance in full swing it has been a challenge just to keep up with emails and meetings.

On a lighter note, we just found out today that our building has been certified BOMA Best level 2, which is a sustainability rating. We are very proud of this unexpected recognition.

## **Building Project**

I have been working with the General Manager and the Vice President (Operations & Finance) on the building renovations project. We have been working with the Universities Administration to see if there is any space for us to expand into as a part of this renovation. The outcome of these conversations will determine what scale of renovation we embark on.

## **Fall Reading Week**

We have just finished the Fall Reading Week Task Force's final report. I have submitted the report to the Provost and await his guidance on how to look forward. The task force was very efficient and productive over the summer and I am very happy that we met our original timeline. I very much look forward to pursuing this initiative further throughout the year.

## **Board of Governors**

I attended a Board of Governors Orientation meeting on Monday, September 19. The meeting was overseen by the Chair of the Board and the University President. It was very useful to hear their perspective on the role and importance of the Board. It was also a great way to meet some of the other members.

I also attended a Board Finance and Property Committee Meeting on Tuesday, September 20. At this meeting we had our first introduction to the tuition and budget approval. I was able to ask about many subjects including: the CoSSS fee, tuition increases, and deferred maintenance. You will be receiving a presentation from the Provost at this council meeting on tuition.

## **PAW Centre**

We have been corresponding with our lawyers to get all of the information needed to move forward on the PAW Centre Agreement. We have also met multiple times with the Graduate Students' Association to discuss how best to move forward. The General Manager has been working very hard on a summary of all of the issues and we hope to try to resolve the final issues sometime within the next 6 weeks.

**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).