

September 8, 2011

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Council

Week of Welcome

This week has been full of Week of Welcome activities. The Vice President (Student Life), and all of our staff have been working incredibly hard to make the week as enjoyable as possible. So far everything seems to be going incredibly well and we will see after the week is over exactly how everything worked out. I have been spending a fair amount of time over the past week in 'welcome activities' such as the Presidents address speech and a speech at the International Orientation. I would also like to write a special thank you to all of the staff and volunteers that made Orientation such a success this year.

Building Project

I have been meeting with the General Manager and the Vice President (Operations & Finance) fairly regularly over the past few weeks to talk about the building project. We are getting some really great ideas and I am very excited to see where the Vice President takes the project design over the next months.

Fall Reading Week

The Fall Reading Week Task Force met for the last time and gave feedback on the draft final report. Our staff have spent a lot of time over the past week incorporating the requested changes and we are very close to having a final draft. With any luck we will have one by early next week. A big thanks to our Department of Research & Political Affairs for all of their hard work on that.

Interviews

I had a couple of interviews this week on Shaw and CBC radio on student issues. Both interviews went fairly well and generally focused on student health & wellness as well as affordability of education.

PAW Centre

We will be meeting with the Graduate Students' Association tomorrow to discuss how best to move forward with the PAW Agreement. I am hoping that we can take some steps in the next couple of weeks that will expedite the process.

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.