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DATE: April 5<sup>th</sup> 2018

TO: Student Council

RE: VPA Report

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Dear Council,

I hope my final regular report finds you well. The last 2 weeks have been full of transition and wrapping up of projects.

#### Open Education Resource Awards

The OER Award committee met to decide on some of the last parts of applications before they are adjudicated. These awards will provide seed grants for OER projects on campus that are looking to adopt or adapt OERs for classes. This is exciting as they have the opportunity to save students money on course materials and can lead to increase learning outcomes.

#### City Strategic Planning

I had the opportunity to attend the final City of Edmonton strategic planning consultation meeting. As one of the 3 students in the room I was able to make sure student and youth centered ideas were at the table. The plan largely centres on where we as a city envision being by the year 2050, drawing on shared values and the energy we want to have moving forward.

#### Student Activism

As I am sure many of you are aware, the SU has been supporting a number of student groups in their advocacy to get the University budget changed. It is really inspiring to see the broad support from across campus speaking out to support students. For the first time that anyone can seem to recall, students, academic and non-academic staff and grad students are all on the same page of this issue and are calling on the university to put forward a new budget proposal and for the Board of Governors to call a meeting to hold a new vote.



Here is a glimpse of some of the media coverage from last weeks protest at the Presidents' Town hall:

Edmonton Journal: <http://edmontonjournal.com/.../protestors-demand-reversal-of-...>

CBC Edmonton: [http://www.cbc.ca/.../let-us-speak-students-boo-university-of...](http://www.cbc.ca/.../let-us-speak-students-boo-university-of-...)

Global Edmonton: [https://globalnews.ca/.../university-of-alberta-president-pr...](https://globalnews.ca/.../university-of-alberta-president-pr.../)

Metro Edmonton: <http://www.metronews.ca/.../u-of-a-students-storm-president-s...>

While this report will be released after the protest on Friday, I hope you all were able to make it.

*you'll find me* at the  
**PROTEST**

on FRIDAY, April 6 in MAIN QUAD 1:00pm

#notpublicgood [notpublicgood.org](http://notpublicgood.org)

All my best,



Shane