
OFFICE OF THE
VICE PRESIDENT (OPERATIONS & FINANCE)

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To: Students' Council
Re: Report to Students' Council

Hello Council!

This report will be more brief than usual. I only have one week to report on, as I am on Vancouver Island with my partner from November 12th to 18th as I write this report. I have finally taken a true vacation after 18 months in this role! Its great, but of course I still have to get my report in on time!

CAUS Counterparts Conference

Over the weekend of November 4th, the CAUS schools attended our second Counterparts Conference of the year. The Counterparts Conference is where all the execs from each CAUS school get together and catch up on how the year is going and share best practices. We host three of these conferences a year. This time, it was hosted here in Edmonton. The conference went well and the other OpsFis and I talked extensively.

Remembrance Day Ceremony

On Remembrance Day, VP Scott and I were honored to attend the City of Edmonton's Remembrance Day ceremony in the ButteDome. We laid a wreath on behalf of the Students' Union. It was a humbling and memorable experience.

Meeting Myer Horowitz

On Wednesday November 8th, the namesake of our theater, Myer Horowitz himself, invited the executive to lunch. He is still alive and well, and teaching at the University of Victoria. He tries to visit the U of A every so often, and we were fortunate to receive a portion of his time this trip. He is a noble, well-spoken and kind man. It is easy to see why those at the university in the past named the theatre after him.

University Town Hall on Budget Issues

Last Thursday, November 9th, the President, Provost and VP Finance and Administration of the U of A hosted a town hall on the financial sustainability of the U of A. It was informative and quite high level. All departments across the university could be seeing up to a 9% budget cut over the next 3 years. This is significant. I encourage everyone to read up on this issue and be well informed. If you are on a faculty association, be sure to reach out to your dean's office and work on this collaboratively. The SU's number one concern will be advocating to ensure that these cuts do not negatively affect a students quality of life or quality of education at the U of A.

Cheers,



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