June 14, 2011

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Council

Hello Council,

Below are the highlights since my last report. Please note that the 2011/2012 operating budget has now been posted online.

Grant Allocation Committee

GAC met this Tuesday, June 7th. The committee heard informative presentations from the staff and management of SFAIC about the Access Fund and the Awards program. Discussions about the expansion of awards will soon follow, and discussions about Access Fund policies will also be a topic over the summer. GAC meets roughly every two weeks for the remainder of the summer.

Lower Level Changes

The SU met with the University's Project Management Office to discuss the status of the Campus Food Bank move. Agreements are being finalized and we are eager to see the project to completion, although there remains some uncertainty about the timeline. Discussions about longer term Lower Level plans are taking place almost every day – we need to consider all angles before setting timelines and crystallizing any plans.

Microwaves on Campus

The Vice President (Student Life) and I toured campus with Ancillary Services to identify tentative locations for microwaves. Our decisions were informed by past student and Faculty Association input, as well as practical considerations. I am looking forward to the next steps once we receive feedback from the University.

Finance-Operations Summit

I will be in Toronto from June 20-22 to attend a gathering of operations/finance executives from Students' Unions across the country. The purpose of the Summit is to discuss topics that are relevant to our similar portfolios, including food and beverage, capital projects and budget practices. I am excited to meet many of my counterparts, share knowledge and gain valuable insight into other operations in the country.

Facilities Development Committee – Subcommittee on Learning Spaces

The FDC SLS met once again on June 7th. The subcommittee is making rapid strides towards completing its final report

Cheers,
Andy