

July 08, 2011

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Council

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Hello Council,

You will be pleased to know that despite the absence of the President, things are going smoothly around the office and I have not yet managed to sink the ship. Below are the highlights since my last report.

### **Grant Allocation Committee**

GAC is continuing to collaborate with SFAIC on the awards program expansion. The committee is generating great discussion to inform this project and many new awards have been proposed. We are in the process of whittling down ideas and refining the final criteria. The creation of new awards will require approval by GAC and likely some tweaks to standing orders.

### **BFC**

The committee met on July 6<sup>th</sup> and gave its attention to the topic of SU capital projects. In light of current space constraints, BFC recommended that Students' Council approve a Building Reserve expenditure of up to \$100,000 to fund project management and design work. I will present in detail on this to Council at today's meeting. BFC meets next on July 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **PAW Centre**

The General Manager, Vice President (Student Life) and I were invited to the downtown offices of Group2 – the firm designing the PAW Centre – to receive an update on their progress. We were given a “virtual tour” of the building in its current state, and briefed on changes since previous design meetings. A focus of the meeting was sustainability and how this relates to the building design.

### **Management Retreat**

We had an all-day management meeting last week with the executive and all of our managers. The day was mostly taken up by discussion of departmental goals for the coming year and highlights/lowlights from the past year. There was also discussion of strategic planning and developing operating plans.

### **Meeting with NAITSA and SAGMAC**

The executive had a meeting with the NAIT and Grant MacEwan Students' Associations. We shared some knowledge and ideas and had a chance to discuss goals for the year.

### **Food & Beverage**

In order to optimize the performance of our food and beverage units in the face of changing market conditions and student demand, we are in the process of hiring a Product Development Expert. This position will report to our Senior Manager of Food and Beverage, and will have a role in menu creation, staff training and kitchen supervision. This is a potentially transformative step for that side of our

organization, and I am excited for the position to come online. At this point in time, we have interviewed a couple candidates and should have interviews wrapped up in a week.

### **SU Casino**

The executives were among a number of volunteers who helped out at the SU casino over the weekend. The casino is a fundraising opportunity provided roughly once every two years. The proceeds from the casino are put towards non-commercial activities and are particularly beneficial to our service units.

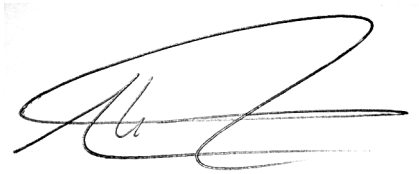
### **Gateway Board of Directors**

Councillor Woods and I will be attending the summer's second GSJS Board meeting on July 13<sup>th</sup>. A couple items of note on the agenda will be comprehensive policy updates and approval of their 2011-2012 budget.

### **Canada Student Horizons Group**

The General Manager and I will be in Ontario on July 22<sup>nd</sup> for the CSHG Board of Directors meeting. This organization currently manages a business relationship to generate revenue for its members, all of which are Students' Unions. We have extended our trip to tour Students' Unions in the area, along with the President and Vice President (Student Life) who will also be in the area.

Cheers,



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