

September 23, 2011

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Council

Hello Council,

Below are the highlights since my last report.

WUSC Student Refugee Program

The WUSC Student Refugee Program Board met on Monday, September 19. The committee received an overview to the program with a focus on past DFU disbursements and financial decisions. The proposed 2011-2012 payments to the four current students were ratified. The committee also approved an amount from contingency and a reallocation to account for higher than expected residence costs. Some details surrounding the program's administration were also discussed.

Health Centre Advisory Group

I attended the introductory meeting of HCAG, also on Monday, September 19. Most of the time was allocated to a review of HCAG, including discussion of history, budget and terms of reference. There was also a brief discussion of access and its relationship to fees. Although the group did not meet at all over the summer, meetings are scheduled monthly for the remainder of the year.

Facilities Development Committee

I attended my first Facilities Development Committee meeting last week (the summer meetings were all cancelled). An orientation to the committee was provided, which included discussion of the university's facility planning processes. The committee received an update on the Edmonton Clinic South Pedway system and the 2009-2010 Student Study Space Annual Report (available online if you're interested in reading it).

RBC Meeting

Our Senior Manager (Finance & Administration) and I met with RBC Dominion Securities for a semiannual portfolio update. We reviewed such topics as signing authorities, current holdings, market factors, our service agreement and the awards program. All in all, the meeting was very informative.

Capital Project Planning

Our architects and other team members have toured the building to conduct a building condition survey – an initial information-gathering step. We have also conducted information-gathering and brainstorming exercises with some of our staff and management. Meetings with the Steering Committee and Students' Council are scheduled this week.

BOMA Certification

The Students' Union Building recently received BOMA BEST (Building Environmental Standards) Level 2 certification. This was achieved through collaboration with the university.

PAW Centre

We have received the PAW Centre draft design development report and will be providing feedback to the architects this week. The design will be presented to Students' Council sometime in October, prior to its submission to FDC.

Personal

After much consideration, I selected ECON 378 (Common Law and Economic Incentives) as my sole class this semester.

Should you have any questions, comments or concerns, feel free to get in touch at 780-492-4236 or vp.finance@su.ualberta.ca. If you wish to discuss any topics in depth, I would welcome the opportunity to meet in person.

Cheers,



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