

October 16, 2011

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Council

Hello Council,

Below are the highlights since my last report.

Capital Project Planning

Last week saw a series of information gathering sessions, including meetings with services staff, management, Council and student groups. The SUB Planning Steering Committee received a detailed overview of the project. We expect to receive some preliminary concepts from our architects next week, as we transition the consultations to the workshop phase.

PAW Centre

We have reviewed the PAW Centre draft design development report and provided feedback. The design will be presented at this meeting of Council, prior to its submission to University governance.

Granting

A successful student group granting meeting last week concluded the September granting cycle. The number and quality of applications created a higher than anticipated demand, although this was largely tempered by funds carried over from the previous session.

Accessibility Advisory Committee

I attended my first meeting of the AAC, whose membership includes representative from Specialized Support and Disability Services and the Office of the University Architect. The committee focuses largely on accessible design elements in campus facilities.

GAC

We met Wednesday, October 5 to work on Access Fund and Awards topics. After much discussion, several AF policy changes were codified into standing orders. We have a few other policy matters to work on at the next meeting or two. Standing Orders were also updated to reflect the new financial need component to award selection. That update represents the completion of the awards program expansion.

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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