

October 20, 2011

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Council

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Hello Council,

Below are the highlights since my last report.

### **Capital Project Planning**

Subsequent to the initial set of consultations, DIALOG assembled the feedback received and produced some preliminary images for the Steering Committee's review – mostly samples of comparable facilities to inspire our discussions with schematic ideas as well. Based on the committee's feedback, we have met with project management to discuss next steps. We expect more concepts from our architects next week, which will allow us to move into the workshop phase.

Our first payment to DIALOG comes to \$4,418. This includes programming fees, tax and expenses.

### **PAW Centre**

The PAW Centre project goes to FDC next week for design development approval. Please pay close attention to the presentation at Council and provide any feedback you might have either to the presenters or to me directly.

### **GAC**

GAC met on Wednesday, October 19. We continued where we left off with the Standing Orders update, ultimately approving some editorial and administrative changes. The committee received an update on the July and September student group granting sessions, as well as the last WUSC SRP Board meeting.

### **BFC**

We met Thursday, October 20 and had a good discussion about business units. In particular, we reviewed the budgets for SUBmart, SUBtitles and SUBprint – suffice to say, the meeting was SUBlime. We continue with discussion of other departments as the semester progresses.

### **Academic Standards Committee**

I attended the Academic Standards Committee meeting this morning on behalf of the Vice President (Academic), who was unable to make it. One item of interest was the Academic Integrity Task Force Report, presented to Council earlier this year. There was also discussion regarding the deferred examination fee – a particularly contentious topic for many.

### **Health and Dental Plan**

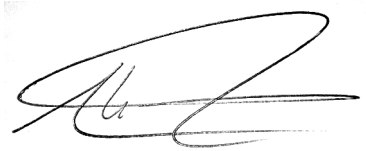
The Health and Dental Plan committee met on Wednesday to review the August Claims report and Change-of-Coverage statistics. 36% of students opted out while 61% retained full coverage. The remainder represents students who opted for partial coverage.

**Miscellaneous**

Other activities that I have focused my attention towards in the last couple weeks include a meeting with the Augustana Students' Association executive, a quarterly Executive Retreat, Students' Council Retreat, a GSJS Board meeting, a meeting with the Vice Provost IT and a weekend trip to visit the oil sands.

Should you have any questions, comments or concerns, feel free to get in touch at 780-492-4236 or [vp.finance@su.ualberta.ca](mailto: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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