

January 9, 2012

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Council

Hello Council,

Welcome back from the holidays and happy New Year! I hope that you enjoyed the break and that you are ready for a new semester. Below are the highlights since my last report.

Capital Project Planning

We are in the late stages of work on the SUB renovation feasibility study. Architectural and engineering reports are nearly complete and will be presented to Council at our next meeting (Our latest invoice from DIALOG comes in at \$31,045). These reports will be accompanied with financial modeling and a recommendation on how to proceed with the project. In the meantime, we should keep all options open – including the possibility of going to referendum. I am hoping to refer this to the Bylaw Committee as per procedure; in two weeks, Council would then have a complete feasibility study and a potential referendum question on which to base a decision.

Management Retreat

In mid-December the Students' Union held its winter management retreat. The daylong event was an opportunity for department heads to provide an update on the year and to present goals for the year ahead. The retreat coincided with the submission of almost all the 2012-2013 department plans, which should prove valuable for budgeting and for tracking progress in the future.

Operations and Finance Advisory Board

The Operations and Finance Advisory Board is an advisory body to the Vice President (Operations & Finance). OFAB will focus on reviewing selected business units this year, and will meet no more than twice a month throughout the winter term. If you have any interest in voicing your thoughts on SU businesses, please send me a message by the end of the week.

Executive Retreat

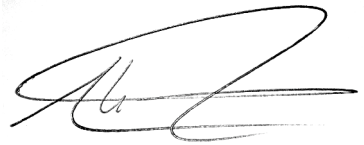
The Executive Committee spent all day Friday in a quarterly meeting to discuss goals and to deal with selected topics of interest. It was a refreshing and insightful discussion, as always.

Miscellaneous

Once again I am shopping around for the “perfect class.” My candidate courses include business law, psychology, logic and classics. Please let me know if you have any recommendations! I hope to have this figured out by the end of the week.

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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