

March 13, 2012

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Council

Hello Council,

After a nearly three-week leave of absence I am glad to be settling back into the office and catching up on everything. The election was a refreshing change of pace from deskwork and a great opportunity to informally consult many students while thinking about priorities for the next year. It is an honour to have been re-elected, and I look forward to another productive and progressive year.

Budget

I spent this morning reviewing the latest draft of the budget with management. Much of it has been assembled and I'll deliver it to BFC at an upcoming meeting. Council's ultimate approval is needed by the end of the fiscal year.

Capital Project Planning

With the successful referendum, we will move full steam ahead with SUB renovation preparations. The next steps will include meetings with the project manager and our architects, detailed planning and a conversation about the role of the steering committee in this new phase of the project. The next 12 months will be marked by stakeholder discussions, student consultation, design work and financing decisions.

Sustainability

The university has agreed to install air barriers above the east doors in SUB, which allow much warm air to escape the building during the winter (case in point: the bottle refill station froze this winter, due to cold air). This will reduce energy loss through those doors by at least 75%.

Transition

The process to transition my incoming is complete.

Miscellaneous

This week has me writing a deferred exam, catching up on emails and doing miscellaneous tasks.

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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