

May 28, 2012

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Council

Hello Council,

Below are the highlights since my last report.

SUB Renovation

The intent of the SUB Renovation presentation to Students' Council last meeting was to bring members up to speed on the current state of the project and prepare members to make a decision about the next steps. Following that presentation, we have held meetings with both RC Steffes Management and DIALOG, who are prepared to provide project management and architectural services, respectively, for the schematic design and design development phases of the project. These phases together will take 9-10 months, and will be guided by a SUB Renovation Steering Committee with representation from major stakeholder groups. Today's motions are to release the funds needed for this next phase and to appoint Councillors to the Steering Committee.

Budget and Finance Committee

Last week, the Budget and Finance Committee had its first non-startup meeting of the year. Some time was spent discussing the committee's role within SU financial processes, and we also discussed the 2012-2013 Operating and Capital budget. After a discussion about the current state of SUB renovations, the committee passed a motion to recommend that Student Council fund the project's next leg.

Grant Allocation Committee

The Grant Allocation Committee met two weeks ago to cover basics and set a schedule for the summer. At the meeting, I provided an outline of the committee's major areas of responsibility and answered questions from members. Representatives from SFAIC introduced policy issues facing the Access Fund. The committee meets roughly twice per month until September.

PAW Centre

The week before last, the Vice President (Student Life) and I participated in a site tour for the up-and-coming PAW Centre. This exercise helped me to better visualize how certain details of the design integrate with existing facilities. Following the tour, we met with representatives from the Glen Sather Clinic and FPER to discuss the positioning and shape of our retail space. Last week, I attended a construction meeting and tomorrow I attend a Steering Committee meeting.

Health and Dental Plan

The Health and Dental Plan Committee is responsible for providing feedback on several aspects of the Students' Union Health and Dental Plan. These include communication strategy, complaints and appeals, benefit changes and plan fees. The Vice President (Student Life) has been recruiting for at-large committee members, and we will be making selections later this week. In other Health and Dental Plan news, we met with studentcare.net/works, our plan broker and administrator, last week, to discuss plan premiums. During the meeting we reviewed quotations from three insurance firms and decided to switch


insurers for the next policy year. With a two-year rate guarantee, this decision will generate extraordinary savings for students accessing the plan.

Miscellaneous

Miscellaneous activities in the past couple of weeks include attending an Alumni Association BBQ, an introductory meeting with the Dean of Students Office, a talk by political strategist Stephen Carter and meetings with the staff union.

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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