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To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Council

Hello Council,

Below are the highlights since my last report.

SUB Renovation

The inaugural SUB Renovation Steering Committee and Design Committee meetings have taken place since Council's last meeting. At the Steering Committee, major stakeholders were brought up to speed on the project's timeline and governance structure. Since then, there have been consultations with the following stakeholders: Office of the University Architect, SU Food Services, SU Retail, the Chaplains' Association and the Bookstore.

Health and Dental Plan

The President, the Vice President (Student Life) and I spent three days last week in Montreal for a set of annual stakeholder meetings with studentcare, our health and plan administrator/broker. The sessions were very informative and provided the opportunity to learn about different aspects of the plan in depth. We also had the opportunity to learn about major projects on which our colleagues at other students' associations are working.

Summer Management Retreat

Last week, all managers, directors and executives congregated for a semiannual management retreat. Most of the daylong meeting was spent with department heads giving reports on their unit's activities in the past year and discussing plans for this year. There were also opportunities to informally meet with others and discuss potential areas of collaboration. Overall, I think the retreat was a success.

Budget and Finance Committee

BFC met on Wednesday for its second meeting of the summer. We sketched out a schedule for the year, and reviewed the following service departments: Student Financial Aid and Information Centre, Ombudservice, Peer Support Centre and Centre for Student Development.

Grant Allocation Committee

GAC met last Wednesday, also for its second meeting of the summer. The committee received presentations from SFAIC on the Access Fund and Awards Program. These were followed by a discussion of upcoming tasks and challenges related to each. The committee adopted an up-to-date set of standing orders. The committee received an update about the Golden Bears and Pandas Legacy Fund, over which it has oversight authority.

MNIF Budget Advisory Committee

The President and I attended MBAC last week. The committee was used, among other things, as a forum to facilitate a discussion between several stakeholders about the Golden Bears and Pandas Legacy Fund. Discussion was focused on the fee's governance: requirements to be met for the current disbursement and improvements to its management in the long term.

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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