

January 7, 2012

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Council

Hello Council,

Hope you had a great and relaxing holiday! Below are the highlights since my last report.

SUB Renovations

After my last report we continued to finalize the Schematic Design Report. This was completed, approved by the Steering Committee and presented to University governance as described in the next section of this report. I will submit a copy to Students' Council in the near future, but please let me know if you'd like one sooner.

We have continued and will continue to meet with select stakeholders to work on their respective needs and opportunities. This week, two student group focus groups are planned to generate ideas and a deeper understanding of the best design solutions for student group spaces.

Now that we have realistic visuals we have begun to advertise the project to a broad audience. An open house held on December 4th will be followed up with another this month. We will also raise awareness and collect feedback through a tradeshow style booth this month.

We conducted an RPF for construction manager bids and will be evaluating the results this week with the guidance of our project manager. Hiring a CM at this stage of design will allow us to mitigate any constructability issues and improve design in order to lower costs. A CM will also be able to provide guidance on various aspects of the project including phasing solutions.

The next four months will bring an aggressive series of SUB renovation tasks and milestones, including CM selection, Design Development, working drawings, a business case, agreements with the University, project financing and SU and University governance.

Facilities Development Committee

A special meeting of FDC occurred on December 20th to review the schematic design report for the SUB renovations. DIALOG and I presented the report to the committee and fielded questions from members. I was very pleased with the level of interest and enthusiasm I sensed, with many questions asked and comments provided. The document was accepted unanimously.

PAW Centre

Before the break the Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation approached us with a proposal to swap the "proshop" retail space alongside the concourse with an adjacent space. The Vice President (External) and I donned hard hats and steel-toed boots in order to visit the spaces in question. It was later discovered that the structural characteristics of the space might make it difficult to swap spaces and meet our needs. Further engineering information will provide more clarity.

Miscellaneous

Other activities in the last few weeks include an Access Fund Selection Committee meeting, a Joint Beverage Committee meeting (a semi-annual meeting to discuss topics related to the Single Source Beverage Provider Agreement) and a meeting with an interior design firm that may have interest in campus projects such as the Power Plant. I was on holiday while the office was closed for much of the winter break.

Cheers,



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