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To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Council

Hello Council,

Welcome back from reading week! Below are the highlights since my last report.

SUB Renovations

We presented an update on Schematic Design and project financing at the last meeting of Students' Council. At this meeting, I will move a motion to proceed with the next step of planning (contract documents). We are actively working with our consultants and stakeholders to finalize Design Development for its presentation to Council in the near future. We are also actively working to develop a financing proposal that will allow Council to make a decision on proceeding with the project as a whole.

Budget and Finance Committee

BFC has met twice since my last report. At the first of these two meetings, the Committee amended and recommended a set of Budget Principles to Students' Council. A motion to approve this document appears on today's order paper. I will explain the budget process in detail at the meeting.

At the following meeting, BFC made a recommendation to Students' Council to proceed with the next phase of SUB Renovation planning. This entails architectural fees for preparation of contract documents and fees for our project manager and construction manager.

Budget 2013-2014

I have been working with management to assemble departmental budgets and review the numerical operating and capital budget. We are actively working through a large number of details. Once Council has recommended a set of Budget Principles I will be able to consider the numbers through this lens.

Health Centre Advisory Group

The second HCAG meeting of the year took place this month. The bulk of the meeting was spent reviewing budgets for the University Health Centre and related units. There was some discussion about the recent funding received from the provincial government for mental health.

MNIF Budget Advisory Committee

The President, Vice President (Academic) and I attended the first M-BAC meeting of the New Year two weeks ago. I have many concerns with the paucity of data that has been disclosed to the committee, as well as with the content that has been provided, especially in relation to the CoSSS fee. The SU is preparing a written response documenting these, and other issues.

Miscellaneous

Other activities in the last three weeks include writing a midterm, attending a reception at the University Presidents' residence, attending the keynote speech for Ignite, participating in a round of Access Fund selections, attending a Bookstore Advisory Group Meeting, and appearing before the DIE Board for appeal 2012-08 (available online).

Cheers,



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