

January 7, 2014

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Students' Council

Hello Council,

Happy New Year! Welcome back to our last four months together as the 2013/2014 University of Alberta Students' Council. The past 8 months have gone quickly and it's been a pleasure serving as your VPOF. Let's make these last 4 months memorable!

SUB Renovation

We are waiting to award the next set of contracts for the construction in the next few weeks. Our team is exploring furnishing options with different interior design companies for our renovated spaces.

GM Marc Dumouchel will make a presentation within the next couple Council meetings with a more comprehensive update.

PAW Centre

GM Marc Dumouchel and I are working to prepare the Request For Proposal (RFP) packages for PAW. We have (1) retail and (1) food/beverage space that will be jointly owned by the SU and the GSA. We are currently assessing the needs and ideal occupants for the space.

There is another opportunity to work with the proposed wayfinding kiosk in PAW, but we are awaiting details before we determine any type of collaboration with InfoLink and their needs.

North Power Plant

The reworked visioning document is in the works and I am soliciting feedback internally to reshape the document before presenting it to the Executive team. Once we are satisfied with our visioning document, we will present it around to different campus stakeholders.

The Daily Grind

The goal is near complete. Last piece is to have a grand opening celebration for The Daily Grind to solidify our presence on campus. The P&L statements for the Fall semester are very healthy and encouraging.

Room At The Top

I had a very encouraging meeting with the Senior Manager of Food & Beverage and the RATT manager on the first day back to work about areas of opportunity in RATT.

Two major takeaways is the success of the monthly promotions and the tiered price options for burgers. January's special is a vegetarian quesadilla with a salad for \$5 from 11AM-2PM on weekdays. The tiered price on burgers is made possible with a different patty size to make a more affordable option.

Business Advisory Group

The Terms of Reference are complete and applications will open shortly. I will send an email to Councillors to share with their networks once it's open.

DFU Task Force

The DFU TF continues to meet. One of our Information Officers is researching DFU structures and bylaws at the UASU and comparing ours with Students' Unions across the country. We still aim to have a document produced by the end of the semester with recommendations on how to proceed.

Communications Strategic Plan

I aim to have a draft of this document by the end of the month in order to solicit feedback and implement changes before my term ends in order to see improvements on the SU's communications internally and externally to students and stakeholders.

Financial Reporting

This goal needs to be revisited through discussions at BFC. I will keep Council updated as BFC meets in the next couple of weeks. We are at the helm of budget season, so this area will be highlighted more heavily.

Operating Policy Review

The Operating Policy is a lower priority topic among the rest of my goals, but I aim to begin a formal updating process in March. In the meantime, I am jotting down notes as areas of improvement arise.

Inter-SU VPOF Collaboration

This goal is on its last breath. I will attempt one more push to seek feedback before closing this goal for the year. The big improvement for future VPOFs is to start this process earlier in the year. I spent too long talking to individual VPOFs across the country without crystal clear objectives for the collaboration before uniting everyone. I feel it was too late by the time I contacted them all in September. While I continue to correspond informally with my counterparts across the country, no formal countrywide group will likely exist for the remainder of this term.

Feel free to get in touch with me at 780-492-4236 or vp.finance@su.ualberta.ca if you have any questions, comments, or concerns. I am happy to meet with you if you would like to discuss any VPOF topics in detail.

Cheerio,

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