

March 28, 2014

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Students' Council

Hello Council,

Transition

VP Chelen and I are working to improve the Executive transition process to prepare the incoming Executive team to excel at their role. We have a strong structure with the Executive Retreat, but we believe there's plenty of room for improvement. The basic premise of the reform is to spread out the information overload given over the 6 day retreat to a more distributed and effective model. Like in our academics, you aren't as likely to succeed in cramming for an exam. With our transition, the stakes are much higher and we can't afford to let our successors down by not setting them up for success.

My commitment to VP (Operations & Finance)-elect Hodgson is to do everything in my ability to make sure he's set up to take the SU to greater heights than me or my predecessors. There are a lot of opportunities for the SU to test new waters as the SUB Renovations begin to wrap up (over the next year). We have regularly scheduled meetings to go over the hard and soft skills needed to succeed as VPOF and he has access to all the information and resources that Exec would traditionally receive after May 1st. It's an experiment, but it's looking to pay off already. I have to commend VP (Operations & Finance)-elect Hodgson for his spirit and enthusiasm through the extended transition process.

Request for Proposal for SUB and PAW

The RFPs have been sent out to potential vendors for the leasable spaces in SUB and PAW. The selection will be done by next year's Executive. For Council's interest, here is the intended timeline:

- Monday, 24 March 2014: Request for Proposals (RFP) issued to parties known to be interested in making submissions.
- Monday, 14 April 2014: General Pre-Proposal Meeting and tour of SUB. Upon request Individual Pre-Proposal Meetings with interested parties.
- Tuesday, 20 May 2014: Deadline for submission of Proposals
- 19 - 30 May, 2014 Landlord's review of Proposals, and discussion and negotiation of terms of agreement, financial arrangements and suitability.
- Friday, 30 May, 2014: Landlord notifies successful applicants, and provides successful applicants with copies of standard lease.
- Friday, 6 June 2014: Successful applicants return signed copies of lease to the Students' Union.

Business Advisory Group

The Business Advisory Group recommendations are complete and I'm very pleased with the quality of work done by the 8 members in such a short period of time. We will work through the recommendations with management to see what changes are feasible to implement. I believe this year was a good case study to allow BAG, or an equivalent form, to exist to improve our SU businesses.

North Campus Open Space Master Plan

I sat in the place of VP Lau as the SU representative for a consultative meeting a few weeks ago and a panelist for the symposium last night. The Open Space Master Plan provides the framework for the spaces that connect the buildings on campus. These spaces influence the university community's daily activities and the campus experience.

Through this plan, opportunities for enhancements to the university's open space system, are being identified, further strengthening our goal of creating a functional and inviting experience for students, faculty, staff, and visitors. The master plan will serve as one of a number of planning frameworks that assist the university as it continues to plan and develop the North Campus.

The presentation's documents will be located here: <http://www.communityrelations.ualberta.ca>. I will update Council with the actual link by the end of the day.

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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