

May 15, 2014

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Students' Council

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Hello Council,

Well the first two weeks in office have definitely been exciting. Everyday something new happens and I've had to learn a lot very quickly. I'll be following the same format to reports that Josh had, as I found I useful as Councilor, but let me know if you have any feedback.

### **Retreat**

Retreat was fantastic and I learned a lot about a lot of different things. The days were jam packed with information and presentations. Who would have known we did so much?

### **Audit Transition**

I had a great transition meeting with Councilor Farooq on May 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **The Gateway Student Journalism Society (GSJS)**

The GSJS had their first board meeting of the year where we approved the contracts for their business unit.

### **North Power Plant**

This has been my main focus my first two weeks and I've done a considerable amount of reading on it. I had a great meeting with Ben Louie on May 15 and have some individuals on campus to follow up with.

### **Student Involvement Endowment Fund (SIEF)**

SIEF is the fund we use to fund the majority of the Students' Union Awards and it's actually a separate fully incorporated society. Our lawyers rewrote the bylaws for SIEF for some modernization and streamlining, as well as to allow SIEF to make loans at fair market rate to the SU. The meeting to change the bylaws will take place sometime next month, but I familiarized myself with the current bylaws and the proposed new ones.

### **Business Advisory Group**

I plan to continue the Business Advisory Group, although in a different format and likely under a different name. I am currently in a consultation process with managers about what this group will look like and how it will work. I hope to have something more concrete soon.

**DFU Task Force**

I've emailed all the DFUs asking if they would like to propose a representative for the task force, and gave a deadline of May 16<sup>th</sup> to respond. I'll be following up with each DFU individually as well to be sure they are aware of the process and exactly what the task force is trying to accomplish, should they have any concerns.

**UPASS**

I've attended a Joint UPASS Advisory Committee comprising of representatives from NAIT, Grant MacEwan, NorQuest, ETS and the U of A where we had a presentations on the new SmartFare proposal from ETS, which is still in it's preliminary phases

I also attended an internal UPASS meeting with University where we discussed Spring/Summer uptake rates.

**Operating Policy Review**

I've been reading Operating Policy with long term goal of doing a review. This will be an ongoing process.

Cheers,

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(electronically submitted)