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To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Students' Council

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Salutations Council, long time no report! Here I attempt to summarize the month of August, as well as the days of September past. It is here I hope share with you, the highs, the lows, the ways forward and the no go's. Hope y'all find it interesting, and as always I relish those delicious questions. Without further ado:

## **PROJECTS:**

### **North Power Plant**

I recently met with the Registrar, Lisa Collins to go over my ideas and the steps forward with the NPP. With the potential redevelopment, there's opportunity to leverage the building as a recruitment tool, so I wanted to alert the registrar to the project as well as get any potential ideas and feedback on it. The next big step for this project is writing the visioning document. I have a significant amount of time blocked off in my calendar dedicated entirely to writing, and so may be a little less available for the rest of the month. It's important to solidify a shared vision between all the stakeholders before we move any further with the project.

### **DFU Task Force**

Great success! The draft report is completed, and the final report is scheduled to be approved at the last DFU TF meeting this Tuesday! You should already see the first principles of the glorious DFU Reform Bill on the agenda. I can't even begin to express how happy I am that this is so close to being accomplished, as it's been a long time goal within my SU involvement. I apologize for putting the first reading out before the report is approved, but I'll send the draft out sometime late Friday. There are still some pieces of feedback that need to be incorporated, but nothing that will affect the bill as it stands. I'll also be wrapping up consultation with the different DFUs in the next day, so I want to incorporate any of their feedback before I send out the draft report. The task force gave the unofficial approval of the report as it stands last meeting, so I don't anticipate any major hang-ups at this point. If you have any questions on the bill, or would like any clarification please don't hesitate to contact me. DFUs are my jam.

### **Student Market Research Team (SMRT)**

Recruitment for SMRT has started! Tell your friends! I'll be accepting applications until September 20<sup>th</sup> and you are all more than welcome to apply. You can find out more info at [su.ualberta.ca/smrt](http://su.ualberta.ca/smrt) I'll be attaching a summary breakdown of how SMRT will work to the end of my report.

### **Faculty Association Financial Reviews**

I've started working on this file more actively now that the DFU TF is near completion. I'll have a few meetings throughout September to have a proposal ready for the Council of Faculty Associations Finance and Administration Working Group in October.

**Business Time**

I will no longer be updating this project, as it is ill defined. I'll add any work I do with businesses to the other section.

**OTHER:****Access Fund**

Still going! We're waiting on the drafted agreements to clear the University's legal department. No clue how long this will take as we've been waiting a while at this point. The representation on the Decision Review Committee (Appeals) has changed and so that's something I'll be following up with.

**Bylaws**

Drafted the SERC bill as well as the beginnings of Access Fund bill. You'll see the first one but the second will have to wait until the agreements are signed.

**AEDs**

Procurement of the AEDs has been secured! Studentcare, our health and dental provider has generously agreed to pay for one, while the other will be paid for through a PA. We joined a joint order from faculties and departments from across the U of A and delivery is expected in 8 to 12 weeks. While I hope they are never needed, I'm comforted by the fact that our building will have the tools necessary to potentially save someone's life.

**Office Hours**

A new initiative we're trying! On Wednesday the 10<sup>th</sup> I will be in my office from 4 to 6 pm with nothing else scheduled. This time will be dedicated to answering your questions or having a conversation of your choosing. This is a way I hope to communicate anything not captured in my report, as well as getting to know you all better. Feel free to drop in whenever during that time and I'll try to be as helpful as possible. I might also have treats...

**SUDS**

SUDS was a fantastic experience! Meeting other executives from across the country, sharing problems and ideas, and enjoying one another's company was a great way to re-invigorate my mind, body and soul. I have some ideas now I'd like to follow up on around advancing reconciliation efforts on campus.

**FACRA**

In my role as the chair of the HR committee, I've been conducting the review of the executive director. This has been a fairly time consuming process.

**Miscellaneous Items**

- Had an all day Exec retreat
- Had multiple board and FA meetings
- Came third in SU baking competition
- PAW Social Street is now open! This means you can get north to south without going all the way around!
- Undergrind is open! Go get fresh donuts!
- Had a tour of PAW fitness center and climbing wall with The Gateway. Expect an article on it soon. Fitness center will likely open late November and the climbing wall in late December or early January
- Lots of tabling for Council for Clubs fair, as well as helping orchestrate the materials, swag and shirts for councilors. (PLEASE PICK YOURS UP)
- Generally being awesome

Live Long and Prosper,

\$\$\$Cory Hodgson\$\$\$

(electronically submitted)