

January 4, 2018

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Students' Council

Hello Council!

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year! I did NOTHING all holiday break, and it was wonderful. I also forgot what real relaxation felt like, especially reading for fun. I forgot what that was. I hope you all enjoyed your break as much as I did. This entire report will be for things done in December, the first week back to work post break has been catching up.

Health and Dental Plan RFP

Over the last two weeks of December VP Ushakov, Marc Dumouchel, the Health and Dental Plan Committee, and I finalized the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Health and Dental Plan. Our agreement with StudentCare is expiring, and we are inviting new proposals. This RFP is now live, and the Health and Dental Plan Committee will shortlist the applicants and bring the final selection to council.

SU Food Services Planning

As many have you have heard, as part of the Student Events Initiative, we are undergoing a large review of the way the SU provides food service. This includes L'Express, L'Express catering and the facilities that support them. I had various meetings in December that are starting to finalize the design for a commercial kitchen in the lower level, as well as expanding our heavily utilized meeting room space. We also engaged a student group, Alberta Not-For-Profit Association, for advice. They hosted a case competition on the topic of SU food services and we received some excellent feedback.

Food Court RFP

The Health and Dental plan is not the only agreement expiring. The majority of the leases in the SUB food court are up for renewal. We have drafted and released an RFP for those spaces. If any councilor has any suggestions (realistic please, we can not have McDonald's!), please send me an email!

SU Charity Casino

Over the weekend of December 16th, the SU worked the Grand Villa Casino in downtown Edmonton as the charity cashier. In the province of Alberta, charities and not for profits can work casinos as a fund raising method to purchase government approved items. Most of these items include capital upgrades and equipment that will directly benefit students, such as furniture in SUB. This is one of the SU's largest sources of funding for equipment

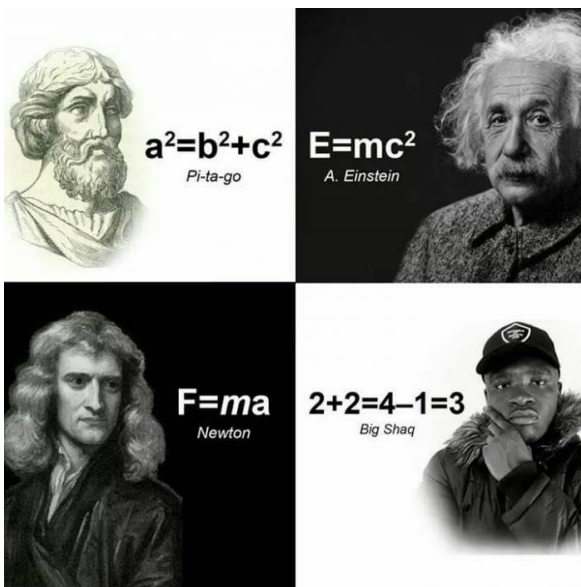
like this. Our shift was a great success and I would like to thank all of those who volunteered their time.

SEI Referendum

A large part of my time in the last section of December was spent finalizing the details of the SEI referendum with members of our team. You will see all of these details outlined in the presentation that Daria Nordell and I will be giving to council.

Choice Memes

As an effort to shake up the usual dry reports (and to reward those who actually read our reports), I will be placing my two choice memes in each one of my reports moving forward. I am an avid meme connoisseur and I hope to inspire others to partake in the wonderful culture of memes.



Roses are red,
Obama is well spoken,
I'm sorry sir,



Cheers,



Robyn Paches